W.E. Staite, an early lamp pioneer. Developed an incandescent lamp in Bristol 1848.
THE EARLY DAYS OF LIGHTING
CHANGES IN LIGHTING AND LAMPS

A HERITAGE GROUP REVIEW IN PICTURES

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1785 (detail from Rowlanson in George: Hogarth to Cruikshank).
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THE LAMPLIGHTER

(Pyne's Book of Costumes, early 19th century)
BLESS ED EFFECTS OF GAS LIGHTING

Cartoon of about 1820 (The Quest for Comfort).
Gas Lighting

We thankful are that sun and moon
Were placed so very high
That no tempestuous hand might reach
To tear them from the sky.
Were it not so, we soon should find
That some reforming ass
Would straight propose to snuff them out,
And light the world with Gas.

Rhyme from Glasgow, c1805

Drawing from Samuel Clegg pamphlet of 1820.
Gas lighting controls (Jeu d’orgue) at the Paris Opera 1875.
THEATRE GAS LIGHTING REGULATIONS

REGULATIONS

FOR THE BETTER

Protection against Accidents by Fire at Theatres,
Licensed by the Lord Chamberlain.

I.

All fixed and ordinary GAS BURNERS to be furnished with efficient Guards. Moveable and occasional Lights to be, when possible, protected in the same manner, or put under charge of persons responsible for lighting, watching, and extinguishing them.

II.

The FLOATS to be protected by a Wire Guard. The first Ground-Line to be always without Gas, and unconnected with Gas, whether at the Wings or elsewhere. Sufficient space to be left between each Ground-Line, so as to lessen risk from accident to all persons standing or moving among such lines.

III.

The rows or lines of GAS BURNERS at Wings to commence Four Feet at least from the level of the Stage.

IV.

WET BLANKETS or RUGS, with BUCKETS or WATER-POTS to be always kept in the Wings; and attention to be directed to them by PLACARDS legibly printed or painted, and fixed immediately above them. As in Rule I., some person to be responsible for keeping the Blankets, Buckets, &c., ready for immediate use.

V.

These REGULATIONS to be always posted in some conspicuous place, so that all persons belonging to the Theatre may be acquainted with their contents; every Breach or Neglect of them, or any act of carelessness as regards Fire, to be punished by Fines or Dismissal by the Managers.

SYDNEY,

Lord Chamberlain's Office,
St. James's Palace,
February 5, 1864.

Lord Chamberlain.

ROYAL ALHAMBRA PALACE

Gas lighting by chandeliers at the Royal Alhambra Palace, London (Heritage Group website)
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Works and Offices—49, Osnaburgh-St., Regent’s Park, N.W.
Show Rooms — 67, St. Paul’s Churchyard, E.C.
188, Piccadilly, W.

LONDON.
WILLIAM SUGG GAS BURNERS

(1905, Christopher Sugg Collection)
Developed the first successful incandescent lamp in 1879.
Patented his incandescent electric lamp in 1878.
SWAN UNITED ELECTRIC LIGHT

The Swan United Electric Light Company Catalogue of 1883.
To avoid British Patent disputes Edison and Swan formed a joint Electric Light Company.
EDISON & SWAN UNITED LAMPS

Edison & Swan "The Only Makers of Incandescent Electric Lamps in the United Kingdom."
ROYAL EDISWAN KING OF LAMPS
NIKOLA TESLA 1856-1943

The Father of Alternating Current
Edison actively promoted the adoption of direct current, but after a bitter battle Tesla’s alternating current proved superior because it could be transmitted over long distances.
PIONEERS OF ELECTRICITY
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Light Up!

KEEP A SUPPLY!
This new lamp reveals new beauty

You will first note the beauty of this new Mazda lamp itself. Pearl gray, chameleon-like in its response to color in its glass, parchment or fabric shade. Then comes the beauty of its light, cool to the eyes, soft and gentle though clear as day. There is new beauty in living where such light reigns, where all things look their best.

Have you discarded old-fashioned lamps for these new Mazda lamps? Their frosting, strange as it may seem, is on the inside of the bulb. They are better, more ragged, easier to clean — and they cost you less than ever.

Put them in every socket — and shade them.

NATIONAL LAMP WORKS of General Electric Co., Nela Park, Cleveland

MAZDA is not the name of a thing, but the mark of a Research Service sponsored by the Research Laboratories of General Electric Company.
The stuff of which memories are made

When the last pillow is thrown, and the last laugh only an echo, they settle down at Her knee—

Through their half-closed eyelids they catch the play of light across Her face, its caress as it touches Her hair—and the picture is etched on their memories forever.

Sensitive films, those childish memories. The pictures they register cannot be changed.

It will pay you to remember that, in the lighting of your children’s rooms. Let sunshine flood them by day, and the light of Edison Mazda Lamps by night. For the light that shines in children’s rooms is magic stuff—the stuff of which memories are made.

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MAZDA LAMPS
EDISON LAMP WORKS OF GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY
EDISON MAZDA G.E. LAMPS

Don't Rob One Socket to Fill Another

Be Sure

We hope Edison Mazda Lamps in all electric sockets in your home. Taking a lamp from one socket to fill another is unnecessary and can easily be avoided.

Edison Mazda Lamps are safely packed in cartons for your convenience. It is the handy way to buy lamps. Keep a supply in your home for use wherever you need additional light.

Edison Mazda Lamps are made of the finest materials available, and with a precision that assures full value of the current consumed. They bring the benefits of every improvement in electric lighting.

When you buy lamps, always look for the name EDISON on the carton and the marks MAZDA and on the bulb.

*MAZDA - the mark of a tested service.
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LAMPS FOR THE ELECTRIC LIGHT
GAS LIGHTS BEFORE ELECTRIC LAMPS

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Victorian Indoor Gas Lighting