

## Knapp-Monarch

Knapp-Monarch was created in 1929 through the merger of A.S. Knapp & Company of St. Louis, Missouri, with the Monarch Company of Webster City, Iowa.

In 1936, Knapp-Monarch acquired Dover Manufacturing Company of Dover, Ohio, a long-time producer of sad-irons. This acquisition set the course of the design of Knapp-Monarch's electric irons, as most of its design patents were filed by the (renamed) Dover Appliance Company's general manager, Russell I. Huffman. Huffman designed an iron for Thomas A. Edison, Inc. in 1934 (see pages 50–51). Huffman then followed his Edison iron with a few more design patents for Dover and in 1937, Huffman patented a "handle structure for sad-irons and the like," his first assigned to Knapp-Monarch.

Knapp-Monarch stands alone among producers of streamlined irons. No other concern matched the variety of their designs. Most of them are distinctive, and a few of them are among the very best.

