My magic coin

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It was 2015 and I was walking on the old railway line (next to the hay field). It was a lovely Autumns afternoon when I saw a shiny, round object. It looked like an old, Victorian coin (I knew this because it looked like the one I had seen in the museum later that day), so I picked it up and as soon as I touched it I fell to the ground and my vision blacked out.

I woke up to the smell of smoke from fire maybe? I could see the hay field but it looked, different. I could still see the houses except they were all terraced houses and they all had smoke coming out of them. So I got up and I saw a mine cart coming straight for me! Luckily I jumped out of the way. Then I saw a weirdly dressed man. He was wearing a flat cap, ripped clothes and a pick axe in his hand. So I followed him. It was to quiet so I asked him "what is your name?" I may have made him jump a little, "oh hi kid. You kind of gave me a scare there, ha," the man said." Oh I am so sorry Sir" I answered, "please, call me Marc, Marc Davies" Marc said.

I followed Marc down a mine (but on the inside my stomach was in a knot). I saw him talk to another man (probably a friend of his), I think Marc said that he wanted a Cambrian lamp but he was only one penny short. I watched him all day long. I watched him open and close doors (because he was a trapper), and I watched the hewer and the thrusher move the mine cart back and forth all day long. "Finally" I shouted "the day is OVER!" "oh hi there, didn't expect to see you here," came a familiar voice. It was Marc. "by the way. I forgot to ask you, what is your name?" "Jayden Morgan-Joyce," I answered. Then he went to go buy some food for him and his family, and in that amount of time I was able to place the magic penny on his doorstep before I ran and hid in a place where I would be able to see him buy the lamp. I watched him buy the lamp and I fell to the ground (again).

I was back in the present but it was, SNOWING!? I dashed to my house ran upstairs (to get the Christmas decorations) and I saw a shiny object and there it was, the Cambrian lamp.