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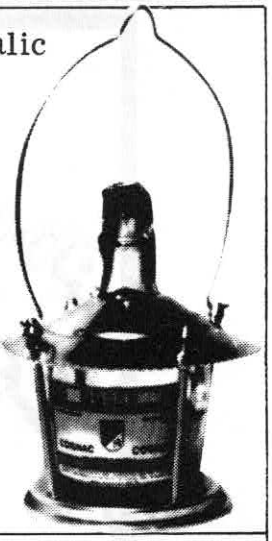
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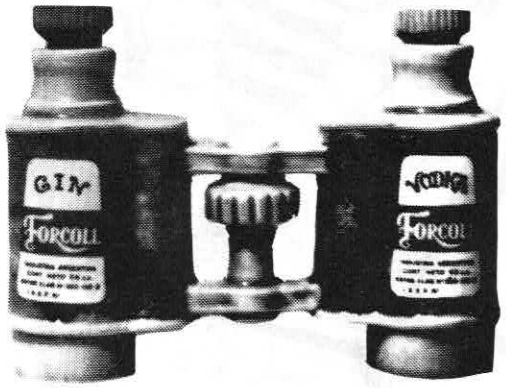




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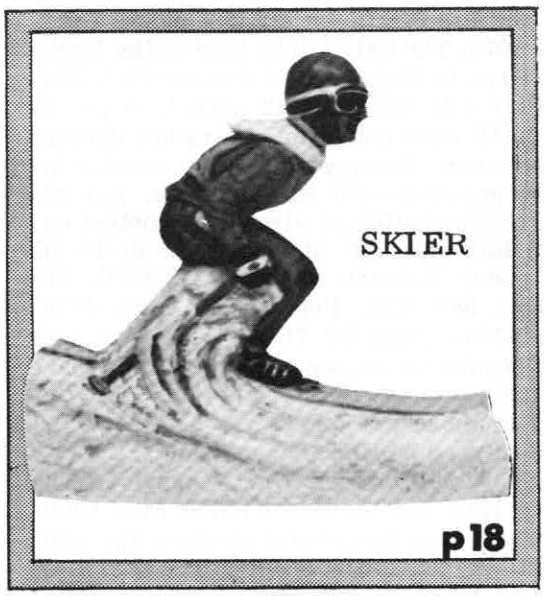
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Our cover this issue highlights a set of six new porcelain dog bottles from Lionstone. With any luck at all, these bottles might be with us in time for Christmas gift giving.

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LET'S TALK

Hope you had a fantabulous summer. I know we did because for the first time we got a complete vacation. Incredible as that may sound, we got a total vacation from everything...except bottles, that is. Now I ask you, how could we ever get away from bottles?

This is an issue with lots of different things going for it. We certainly do hope you're happy with John Sullivan's scotch list. Gad, consider the work behind that list. We also hope you're happy enough to look at your own scotch bottles and see what you've got that isn't there on the list. And then of course, you've got to either write me or John (preferably John) so that we can add to the list.

More glass bottles than ever are shown this time what with the beers, gins, whiskies, and "gag" bottles. I'm particularly fond of these little humorous bottles because our youngest thinks they're the greatest.

This time we've also got a preview of the new Collector's Art bottles which probably won't be out until next year though. The four dogs and two birds aren't shown to their best advantage thanks to the lousy strobe on my camera...anyway, it does give you an idea. If these are as popular as the Collector's Art bulls (which you'll see and read about in our holiday issue), they'll literally walk or fly off the shelves. The bulls have been selling marvelously. In fact, the only thing that I personally know which sold faster was the Grenadier Pancho Villa mini.

Now hold on to your hats. Usually there are 1200 or even 2400 of a ceramic mini made but there were 3600 Pancho Villa bottles and they were all gone from Grenadier within six weeks. Naturally that doesn't mean they are all in collector's hands as many are still in the stores; however, I really think that's got to be a record. And, it's an awfully good omen because you can see the easy acceptance that this bottle got from wholesalers and retailers. Leaves the door open for other goodies, doesn't it? Lest you think that this was all lost on the people at Grenadier, it certainly wasn't. The new large size Pancho Villa bottle will be released in October and the mini of this one will be out next spring. If you think Pancho #1 was good, just wait until you see him on horseback...wow!

A fantastic amount of activity from the two bottle clubs I mentioned last time has occured and since they didn't want any grass growing under their feet, we've got more info for you this time. Those of you who would like to be part of a club and might like to get one started in your area, take lessons from Michigan and Pennsylvania. It seems that "enthusiasm" is the by word and the "let George do it" attitude was thrown out the window.

To start things off, here's the news from the Del-Val Miniature Bottle Club in Pennsylvania. "The Del-Val M. B. C. will host another Mini-Bottle collector's fair on Sunday, October 5, 1975. The Fair will be held at the Lochwood Barn in Skippack, PA (routes 73 & 113). The Fair will run from 12 noon to 6 pm or later. All mini bottle collectors and dealers are welcome. Bring your favorite bottles for display and others for sale or trade. For additional information or directions contact any of the following (all of whom are in the 215 area code): Herman Hoffman 242-1550, Bill Johnston 584-4025, Pete Pregler 338-4734, or Anna Macomber 332-7639." That sure does sound good to me and any of you that can make it certainly ought to because from what I've heard of these get togethers, a fantastic amount of good bottles change hands.

So now we'll move from Pennsylvania up to Michigan and the Great Lakes Mini Club. They had a very successful picnic in the middle of July (gadabout collector Linus Earl managed to be at both the Lilliputian picnic in Southern California and the Great Lakes picnic a week later) and their next meeting is planned for Sunday the 7th of September at 1 pm. This will be held at the home of Chet Hojnicki at 6617 Plainfield, Dearborn Heights, Michigan (call 274-3406). This club is discussing the feasability of putting on a convention and swap meet next summer. That certainly sounds like a great idea but an incredible amount of work, so if any of you have any ideas or can help the Great Lakes Club in any way, I'm sure they'll be more than happy to hear from you.

Haven't heard much from the Bay Area Mini Club up in San Francisco lately but I imagine I will now that I've said "I haven't heard much." C'mon, send us some news, everyone's much more interested than you might think.

I mentioned the Lilliputian Club picnic here in Southern California which was a great deal

of fun. The Club combined with the Glasshoppers Figural Club and the well-known good time was had by all. We will hopefully have more news from the Lilliputs for the next issue also.

Before I forget, did get another letter from Dick Liddle of the Great Lakes Club who has an interesting idea... see what you think? He writes: "So far the magazine has been mostly all bottles but our hobby is not just bottles, it's people and there are many that deserve special recognition. I think it would be nice if you could do a feature story in each issue of a person or a club. The way this could work is to have people submit the name of a person or club that they think should be spotlighted. Recognition by your peers is the ultimate reward and I think that many deserve it." Again, what do you think? I personally think it's a great idea, but I know the amount of cooperation that has to go on. I'm willing to do my end, so come on out there, cooperate!!

Now if you think all this sounds like there's a lot of activity here in the U.S., you're right. However, it still doesn't come close to the amount of interest and activity that goes on in both South America and Italy. And from what I know, Italy must take the honors. Over a year ago, a book by Sr. Franco Zingales, of the Club delle Mignonnettes in Milan, appeared in Italy (selling for about $10 U.S.) and that mini book has already been updated so that a new edition will be on the market there in a very short time. Then in February another book will be printed in Italy selling for about $35 containing at least 10,000 bottles in 3,000 pictures and the information on the bottles will be given in four different languages. The book will be approximately 650 pages... all minis. I'll have more about both books and possibly ways to purchase them in the next issue.

We got several letters and bottle orders from the ad for the two MBC Karate Fighters which were offered in the last issue. Technically they weren't originally MBC bottles but that's the way they ended up. These were to be two of the Isaiah bottles and were going to be sold full of plum wine. However, the best laid plans etc., etc. Through a splendid bit of luck, a gross of each bottle were sent into the U.S. empty and then offered to us. We bought them, got permission from Joe Kaufenberg at MBC to allow them to be included in his series and thus two Japanese Karate Fighters came on the market. You'll notice that the figure mentioned above was a gross of each and that was prior to shipping and breakage. Needless to say, we sold out in three weeks and if you got your cheque back, our apologies.

This is one of those rare times when we were in a position to tell one of our columnists about some bottles instead of vice-versa. Mary Aiken knew nothing about the Karate sets until they were available. Now the next piece of news she already knows about and will tell you more of next time. There will be at least three more MBC bottles issued before the end of the year (if plans go according to schedule). One of them is the MGM Grand Hotel from the Las Vegas Casino series and you already know about that. The other two are a pair of bottles that go together and promise to be the two best items that MBC has ever issued. The only hint I'll give you is to take a long look at the bottles from MBC which have already come out in pairs. Sorry, but you've got to wait two more months... we promised.

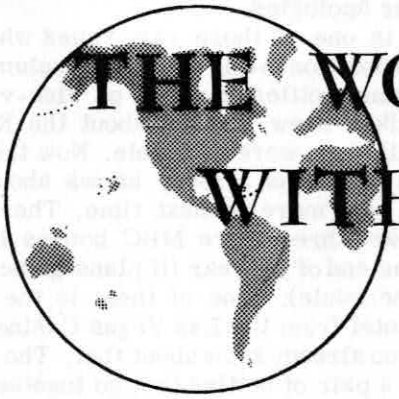
I guess that's about it for this time. The ramblings have to come to an end sometime. So until our special holiday issue, keep thinking small. ...dms...

M.B.C.
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TRAVELING THE WORLD WITH CINZANO



by Alfredo Spinelli

A little of the history

In the city of Torino, Italy, there existed in the second decade of the past century a wine cellar which enjoyed exceptional prestige among the most demanding "tasters" of the country. In this wine cellar there was drunk a very rich, aromatic wine of such delicious taste and high quality that the fame of its excellence increased daily among a number of faithful drinkers (whose number grew regularly with each passing day) at the ring of tables at which they were served.

Managing that famous wine cellar in Torino was its founder and proprietor, Don Francesco Cinzano, discoverer of the formula of the exquisite ingredients and procedures (of the elaboration) that gave to the now famous aromatic wine the characteristics of quality and flavor that led to its growing fame.

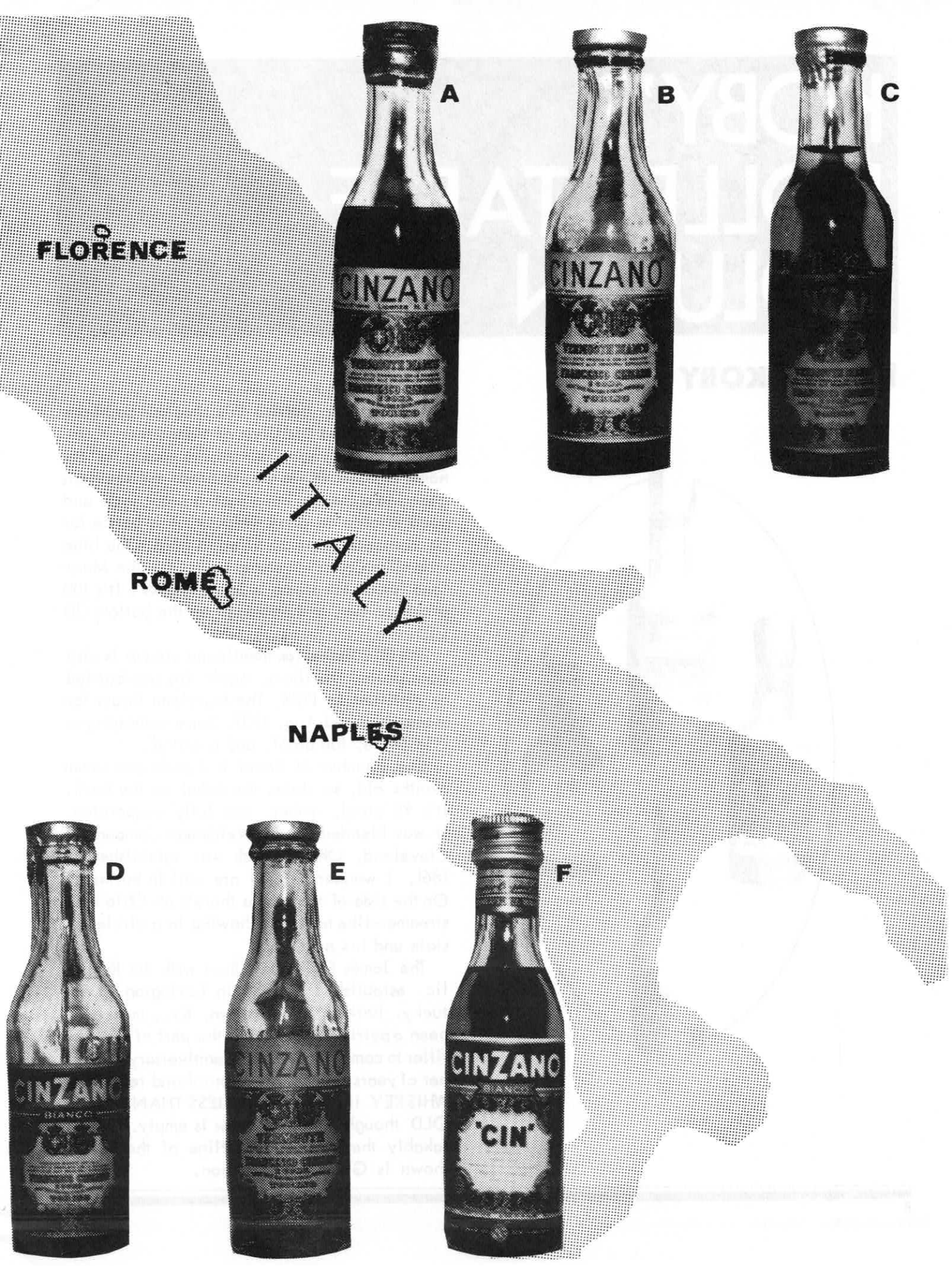
In September of 1816, Don Francesco Cinzano, moved by a consciousness of the great importance attained by his prestigious product, decided to make a decisive move in the direction of obtaining legal protection. With such a proposal, he directed the royal representative of Torino to write down the name and the formula of his famous wine in the state archives. In the yellowed and dusty pages of the old books of this official can still be read today, written in careful and laborious letters, the memorable document that can be considered as the act of birth of Cinzano vermouth.

This is a very short history of that famous vermouth that is consumed all over the world today. The miniatures of this drink are manufactured in more than ten countries. It is our aim to cover (through travel) each of these different countries to show our readers that we can have variations on the same theme.

Today in Italy

Of the great number of variations of this product that exist in Italy today, we'll present three of them to you. The old system of capping with a capsule of lead (photo A) passed to the cap of metal with a tongue or catch over it or to the side. This cap is commonly called "vacuna." (Ed. note: this is translated as vaccine or cowpox... so your guess is as good as mine!) This system of capping is not convenient for miniatures because in the course of time these evaporate (photos B-E). Finally the company is using a "pilfer-proof" cap as much for local consumption as well as for exportation. In Photo F we can see a Cinzano Vermouth imported to the U. S.

--A. S. --


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KOBY'S KOLLECTABLE KOLUMN

by BOB KOBY



My first two bottles this time are bourbons from The United Distillers of Vancouver, Canada. I can only surmise that the reason for the name of Old Dixie was to honor the southern gentry who seem to have such a great taste and good choice in good whiskey. This bottle (or its contents) were distilled in 1928. The blue strip-like Canadian stamp so states. The Maryland liquor tax stamp is Sept. 1, 1937. It's 100 proof, corker, and embossed on the bottom UD LTD.

The Old Tucker (as mentioned above) is also from United Distillers. Again this was bottled or distilled in 1928. The Maryland liquor tax stamp is dated Aug. 1937. Same embossing as Old Dixie, 100 proof, and a corker.

Our Number 31 Brand is 2 years and seven months old, so states the label on the back. It's 90 proof, amber, and fully evaporated. It was blended by the Weideman Company of Cleveland, Ohio, which was established in 1861. I wonder if they are still in business? On the side of the bottle there's an Ohio blue streamer-like tax stamp showing in a circle the state and tax number.

The James E. Pepper, Born with the Republic. established in 1780 in Lexington, Kentucky, bottled in Bardstown, Ky., must have been a patriotic gesture on the part of the distiller to commemorate some anniversary a number of years ago. It's 86.8 proof and reads NO WHISKEY IN THIS BOTTLE LESS THAN 7 YEARS OLD though my bottle now is empty. Unmistakably the shadow or outline of the person shown is George Washington.

The Wilken Family blended whiskey was bottled by a family owned company. It's signed as such on the label and is from Aladdin, Pa. It is 86 proof, 4 years old, and has a Wisconsin green-white-orange 3 1/8¢ tax stamp. It's still originally sealed but almost half of it is evaporated.

Old Methusalem Brand by the Steinhardt Company of N.Y. must be older than the 2000 year old man created by Mel Brooks. We'll have to use our imaginations to conclude why such an odd name for a straight whiskey. It's 92 proof, corker and originally sealed though again almost half evaporated. As best as I can make out, the Maryland brown-like metered tax stamp is dated Aug. 1932.

The Fort McHenry blended straight whiskey, bottled and blended by The Crosse & Blackwell Co. of Baltimore is 90 proof and is 3 years old or more. It is still originally sealed but fully evaporated, amber in color, and has a Maryland brown strip-like metered stamp dated April 25, 1939. The label is blue/white/red. The words Fort McHenry are white against a red background.





Another Crosse & Blackwell straight whiskey is The Green Spring Valley Club. The label is self-explanatory which I am sure was named after a riding club some place in Maryland The label reads (which you'll not be able to see because of the size of the letters) SELECTED by WILLIAM V. ELDER.

The Old James Brand was blended and bottled by Crosse & Blackwell for the James Distillery of Baltimore. It's 90 proof, 3 1/2 years old and has a Dec. 15, 1939, Maryland metered brown strip-like liquor tax stamp.

The Ruxton Reserve blended whiskey which reads THE SIGN of GOOD WHISKEY must have been a private blend or such. The label on the back of the bottle gives detailed explanations as to how the blends were chosen and eventually blended. It's 90 proof, amber, 3/4 evaporated though originally sealed, and blended and bottled by the Baltimore Pure Rye Distilling Company.

That's it for this time, but I might add a small note. All of the above bottles and a number of the collection I found in May 1973 were all dipped in water glass, an egg preserver. Hope you had a nice summer.

--B. K.--

SCOTCHES, SCOTCHES, SCOTCHES, SCOTCHES!

by John Sullivan

Ed. note: We received the following note from John Sullivan recently and think that it speaks for itself. In talking with John a few days after the list and note arrived, he reiterated his desire to hear from anyone who could correct (other than a few alphabetical mistakes) any of the spellings, changed brand names, etc. You can write to John either care of the magazine or at his home address: 871 S. 5th Avenue, Los Angeles, CA. 90005.

I have finally completed a project that I've been working on for over two years (off and on). This is an alphabetical listing of all miniature scotch brand names I could find. Tony Natelli was a great help in supplying many of the brand names here. I have purposely not ventured into the variations of bottles or labels. That can come later...this is only brand names.

I ask that anyone who knows of brand names that I've missed or ones I have incorrectly identified to please write and let me know. Let's find out as much as we can. ...JS...

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1. ABERFOYLE
2. ABERLOUR GLENLIVET-Malt
3. ABBOT'S CHOICE
4. ADDISON
5. AILSA CRAIG
6. AINSLIES ROYAL EDINBURGH
7. ALBANY CLUB-Malt
8. ALWAYS
9. ALLANMORE
10. ALL MALT
11. AMBASSADOR
12. ANCHOR
13. ANDERSON'S
14. ANCESTOR
15. ANCIENT & HONORABLE
16. ANGUS MACKAY
17. ANGUS ROSS
18. ANTIQUARY
19. ARCHERS
20. ARDMAY HERITAGE
21. ARGYLL & SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS
22. ATHOLL BROSE
23. AULD ALLIANCE
24. AULD GEORGE
25. AULD MACGREGOR
26. AULD PETRIE
27. AULD SCOTTIE
28. AULD SHEPP
29. AULTMORE MALT
30. AVERY'S
31. AVONSIDE
32. AYCHENTOSHAN-Malt

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33. BAGPIPE
34. BAIRD'S
35. BALFOUR'S
36. BALGOWNIE
37. BALLANTINES
38. BALLANTYNE STEWART
39. BALMORE
40. BAL VENIG
41. BARREL 5
42. BARREL 22
43. BARCLAY'S
44. BEAVER
45. BEGBIES
46. BELLE OF SCOTLAND
47. BELLOW'S
48. BELL'S
49. BELTANE
50. BEN AROS
51. BENEAGLES
52. BEN BRAGGIE
53. BEN LOCH
54. BENLOYAL
55. BENMORE
56. BENNETT'S
57. BEN ROYAL
58. BENTLEY ROYAL
59. BERRY'S BEST
60. BIG BEN
61. BIG "T"
62. BILTMORE
63. B & L
64. BISSET'S
65. BLACK BARREL
66. BLACK BEAR
67. BLACK BOTTLE
68. BLACK COLONEL
69. BLACK GOUIGAS
70. BLACK HORSE
71. BLACK LABEL
72. BLACKLINE
73. BLACK & MCDONALD
74. BLACK PRINCE
75. BLACK ROD
76. BLACK SCOT
77. BLACK SEAL
78. BLACK SHIELD
79. BLACK SPECIAL
80. BLACK SWAIN
81. BLACK SWAN
82. BLACK & WHITE
83. BLANCO & NEGRO
84. BLADNOCH
85. BLACKWATCH
86. BLAIR ATHOLL
87. BLUE LABLE
88. BON ACCORD
89. BONNIES 1745
90. BONNIE CHARLIE
91. BONNIE LASSIE
92. BOWMORE
93. BRAE BONNIE
94. BROOKES GRESHAM
95. BROWNING'S
96. BRACKTON
97. BRAEMAR
98. BRIG O' BANFF
99. BRISTOL VAT
100. BUCHANAN'S
101. BUCKINGHAM
102. BURNETT'S

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103. C & J
104. C & P
105. CAIRNS
106. CAMERONS
107. CAMPBELL'S
108. CAMPBELLTOWN LOCH
109. CAPTAIN JACK
110. CAPTAIN'S OWN
111. CAPTAINS TABLE
112. CARDHU MALT
113. CARLTON
114. CARNABY STREET
115. CARNEGIES
116. CARSON
117. CATTO'S
118. CENTURY VAT
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133. CLAYMORE
134. CLUB 99
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136. CLUNY
137. CLYNELISH MALT
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139. CORIO
140. CRABBIE
141. CRAIG ATHOLL
142. CRAIGBURN
143. CRAIG CASTLE
144. CRAIG DHU
145. CRAVEN'S
146. CRAWFORDS
147. CREAM OF THE BARLEY
148. CREAM OF GLENLIVET
149. CREAM OF SCOTCH
150. CROWN CHARTER
151. CROWN SEAL
152. CROWN THISTLE
153. CROWN VAT
154. CUMBRAE
155. CURRIES
156. CURTIS
157. CUTTY SARK

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159. DALMENY
160. DALMORE MALT
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179. DUNCRAIG
180. DUNDSDALE CREAM
181. DUNFIFE
182. DUNGLASS
183. DUNKELD ATHOLL BR.
184. DUNTAY

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185. EMBASSY
186. EPICURE
187. EXCALIBUR
188. EXTRA SPECIAL

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189. FAUCHON
190. FETTERCAIRNS 1875 Malt
191. FINCH'S
192. FINDLATERS
193. FINE OLD HIGHLAND
194. FIRVA
195. FISCHLINS
196. FORSYTHS BARLEY MAID
197. FOUR GEORGES
198. FOUR HORSES
199. FOUR LEAF
200. FOUR SEASONS
201. FRANCIS
202. FRASER RED TARTEN
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204. FULSTRENGTH

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209. GAIRLOCH
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213. GILLONS
214. GILMOUR THOMPSON
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216. GLEESDALE
217. GLENBERRY
218. GLENBURGIE MALT
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296. HAROLDS CLUB
297. HARVEST HOME
298. HARVEY'S FINEST

299. HARVEY'S SPECIAL
300. HARVEY MACKAY'S
301. HEATHER DEW
302. HEATHER MIST
303. HEATHER ROSE
304. HEDGES & BUTLER
305. HEDGES HOUSE
306. HENEKEYS
307. HEPBURNS
308. HIELANMAN
309. HIGHLAND 66
310. HIGHLANDER
311. HIGHLAND BROOK-Malt
312. HIGHLAND CAPTAIN
313. HIGHLAND CLAN
314. HIGHLAND FLING
315. HIGHLAND FUSILIER
316. HIGHLAND LAIRD
317. HIGHLAND MIST
318. HIGHLAND CHIEF
319. HIGHLAND NECTAR
320. HIGHLAND QUEEN
321. HIGHLAND PARK-Malt
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325. HIGHLAND STAR
326. HIGHLAND TOWER
327. HIGHLAND VALE
328. HIGHLAND WISKY
329. HIS EXCELLENCY
330. HOLT'S MOUNTAIN CREAM
331. HOOT MON
332. HORSE GUARDS
333. HOUSE OF LORDS
334. HOUSE OF PEERS
335. HOUSE OF RINTOUL
336. HOUSE OF STUART
337. HOWARD MCLARENS
338. HUDSON BAY
339. HUNTERS
340. HUNTLY BLEND

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342. ILISKA
343. IMPERIAL
344. IMPERIAL INSTITUTE
345. INVERCAULD
346. INVERDICE
347. INVER HOUSE
348. INVERNESS CREAM
349. IONA
350. ISLAY MIST

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351. J & B
352. J & G
353. J & T
354. JAMIE O/SIX
355. JAMIES OLD ORIGINAL
356. JAMIE STUART
357. JAMIE O8
358. JAMES GORDON
359. JAMES KINTORE
360. JAMES MACMILLAN
361. JOHN MCGEARYS
362. JOHN O'GROATS
363. JOHNNIE WALKER'S
364. JOHNNY LAUDER'S
365. JOHN WILSON'S
366. JOHNNY WRIGHTS
367. JUNIOR MALT

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369. K.K.C.
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372. KINGDOM
373. KINCAIDS
374. KING EDGAR
375. KING EDMUND
376. KING EDWARD I
377. KING GEORGE IV
378. KING HENRY VIII
379. KING JAMES
380. KING JOHN
381. KING MALCOLM
382. KING OF HEARTS
383. KING OF SCOTS
384. KING ROBERT
385. KING WILLIAM IV
386. KINGS BANQUET
387. KINGSBURN
388. KINGS CHOICE
389. KINGS COUNSEL
390. KINGS CROWN
391. KINGS CUP
392. KINGS GRAND LIQUEUR
393. KINGS LEGEND
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396. KINGS RANSOM
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456. MAC LAGANS
457. MAC LEAY DUFF
458. MAC LELLANS
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461. MAC NIVENS
462. MAC'S FIVE STAR
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546. PARK TILFORD
547. PARLIAMENT
548. PASSPORT
549. PATERSONS
550. PAUL VERDIER
551. PERFECTION
552. PERTH ROYAL
553. PETER BEATHIES
554. PETER DAWSON
555. PETER GREEN
556. PETER PRIME
557. PETER MAC KENZIES
558. PINWINNIE ROYAL
559. PIPER
560. 100 PIPERS
561. PLAID WHISKY
562. PLUS FOUR
563. PREMIER
564. PRINCE OF WALES
565. PRESIDENT (Pinch)
566. PRINCE CHARLIE
567. PRINCE OF SCOTLAND
568. PRIORITY DELUXE
569. PRIVATE CELLAR
570. PROUD CAVALIER
571. PURPLE HEATHER
572. PUTCHIESIDE

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574. QUEEN ANNE
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576. QUEEN ELEANOR
577. QUEEN ELIZABETH
578. QUEEN'S CASTLE
579. QUEEN MARGARET
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581. QUEEN'S OWN
582. QUEEN'S REALM
583. QUEEN'S TOWER

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589. REAL MAC TAVISH
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595. RED ROVER
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597. REGENT
598. RELIANCE
599. RIFFARDS
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601. ROBBIE BURNS
602. ROB ROY DELUXE
603. ROBERTSON'S
604. RODERICK RHU
605. ROGER GRAYSONS
606. ROSS'S
607. ROSS & CAMERONS
608. ROTHSAY
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611. ROYAL BLEND
612. ROYAL CASK
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635. SAM'L DOW'S PIGEON
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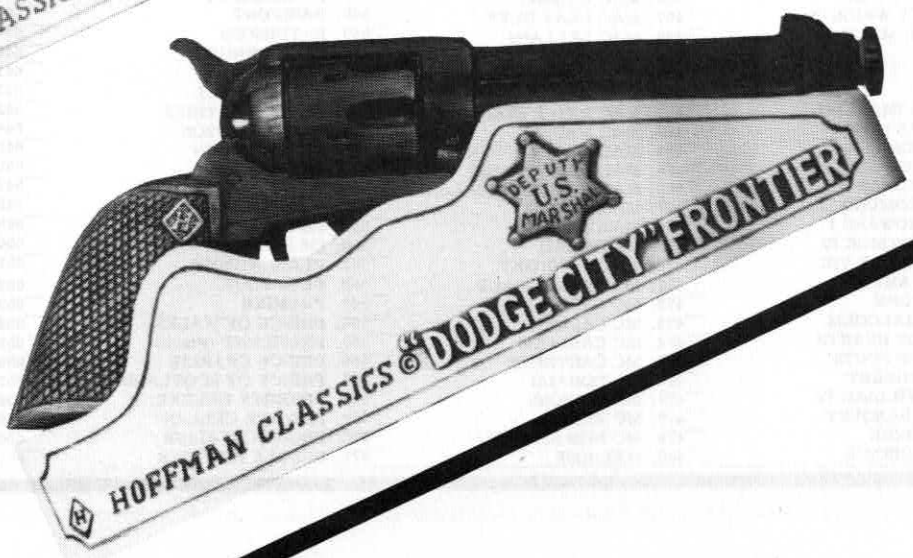
Presenting the first miniatures from the Hoffman Distilling Company of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. These four bottles comprise the miniature decanters in the set of six known as the Pistol Series. It should be pointed out that the bottle and base are two separate entities and only the pistol itself will contain bourbon. These may also be sold in some states with wine contents depending upon local liquor laws.

In the future you can look forward to seeing (and adding to your collection) a set of two known as the Generation Gap, the Mr. Lucky Leprechauns, and others. A tip of the Miniature Bottle Collector's hat to the Hoffman Dist. Co. for entering the miniature market and producing these quality minis.











by bill odell

Having recently returned from the Jim Beam International Convention in Sacramento where I enjoyed meeting so many people that I had corresponded with, such as your editor Dave Spaid and his wife Mary, Bob and Jeanne Fugina, Al Halpern, Al Cembura, Les Avery, Harold Goetz, and many others, I have decided to start with a California beer.

Acme was a big name in West Coast beer for many years following Prohibition. Starting in 1933, Acme opened a brewery in San Francisco and sometime later in the Thirties another plant at Los Angeles (Vernon).

Picture #1 shows a 4 1/4" decal label beer. This one, which reads Acme Lager Beer, California Brewing Assoc., San Francisco, is the oldest of the Acme miniatures and one of the scarcest. This should probably be in the $8-10 class. The second picture shows two paper labeled bottles, one 4 1/4" and one 4" tall. These are relatively common and should be in the $5-6 range.

Most common of all the Acmes are the stubbies, but many people fail to realize the variations that abound in this size. In picture #3 we see the most common Acmes. They are 3" decal labeled bottles: one says San Francisco and the other San Francisco-Los Angeles. These bottles should be in the $3 range.

Next in #4 we see a pair of stubbies. The first obvious difference is in the top. These tops are found on 15%-20% of the mini beers you will find. Under the word Acme you will see (in very small print) the wording (non-fattening). In the Los Angeles bottle you see (Vernon) after the L.A. These are in the $6-7 range.

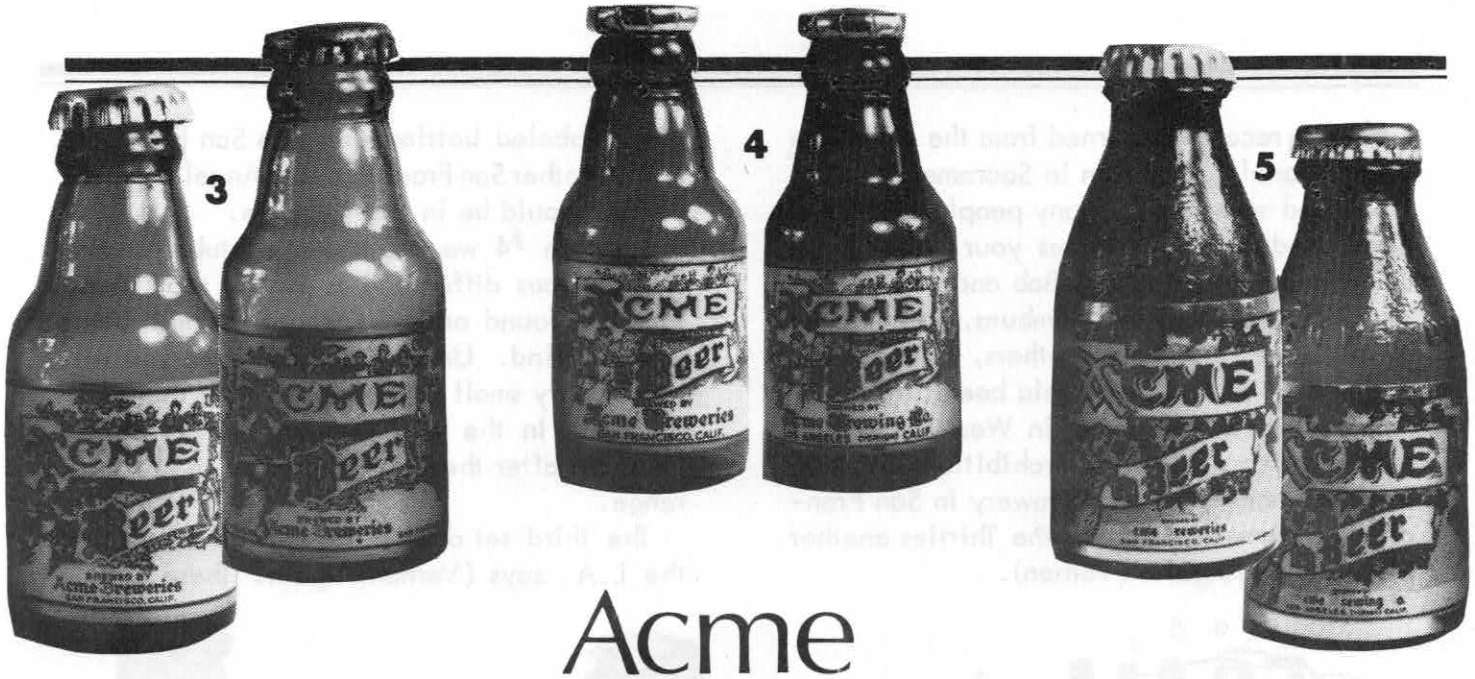
The third set of stubbies are foil labels and the L.A. says (Vernon) again. These bottles



are shorter necked and have a pebbled surface and are embossed NO DEPOSIT, NO RETURN. These are a little easier to find than the above pair and should run $4-5.

The last of the Acmes is another stubby and this is the very small necked, small capped variety. These bottles are not marked on the bottom and I know of no one who knows who made this series of bottles. They were made in the period shortly after World War II.

I know of seven different labels on these bottles and they are all scarce or very rare. The Acme Gold Label and the Eastside from



Acme

Los Angeles are the most common but still rate as scarce. I would rate this in the $9-10 class.

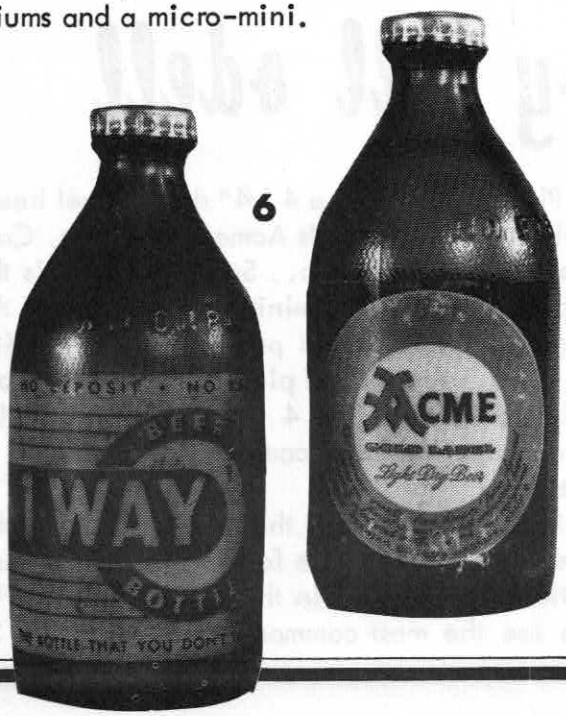
The other bottles I know of in this shape are: American, Krueger, John Wielands, Ebling, and Hyde Park. The Krueger, Ebling, and Hyde Park all have to be considered very rare as only one or two are known. I would like to hear from anyone who has any others. I will picture the Eastside, Hyde Park, and John Wielands in future articles but at this time I do not have the other ones.

Acme stopped producing beer in the late Forties or early Fifties. Only last year did the Acme Breweries start up again and after a little better than a year with General Brewing Company doing their brewing, they have now switched to Blitz-Weinhard. The new can is considered by most of the people who have seen it, as the best looking new beer can in the U.S. Acme is growing in popularity in California and let's hope it regains its one-time share of the West Coast market.

For our second beer of the month, we will go to America's largest selling beer, Budweiser. Anheuser-Busch Inc. started in St. Louis in 1852 under George Schneider. He was followed by Hammer and Urban and in 1860 the facility was taken over by Eberhard Anheuser and called E. Anheuser & Co. In 1879 it became the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Assoc. In 1876 the firm first marketed Budweiser beer which has been their major product ever since. Michelob was introduced in 1896 and Busch Bavarian in the 1950's.

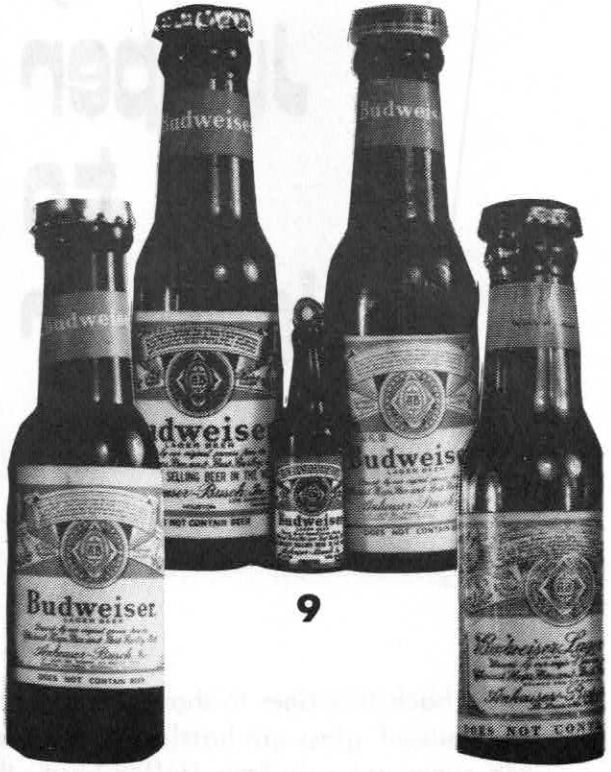
In picture #7 we see two 4 1/4" tall bottles. These are both paper labeled and I think the one on the right is the older. Neither bottle is very difficult to find and they should rate in the $4-5 range. In #8 we see three 4" mediums and a 3" stubby.

The medium next to the stubby is a decal label and the most difficult of the mediums to find. The first two should be in the $3-4 area with the decal at $5-6. The stubby proved quite difficult for me to find and I would rate it at $5-6. In picture #9 we see four more 4" mediums and a micro-mini.









Budweiser

The second bottle from the left was currently available in 1971, the right hand one (which is plastic) in 1972-73 and the one next to it with the plastic cap is currently around and is marked Taiwan on the bottom. The first one is around $3-4 with the others at $1-2 or less. The micro-mini was a little key chain and should go for around $1.

There are more Budweiser's than those pictured. They are the most difficult bottles to separate when you are looking at them as there are such minor differences. One I passed up and missed is a medium that has Budweiser Lager beer on the nexk label. I'll be glad to trade with someone who has an extra.

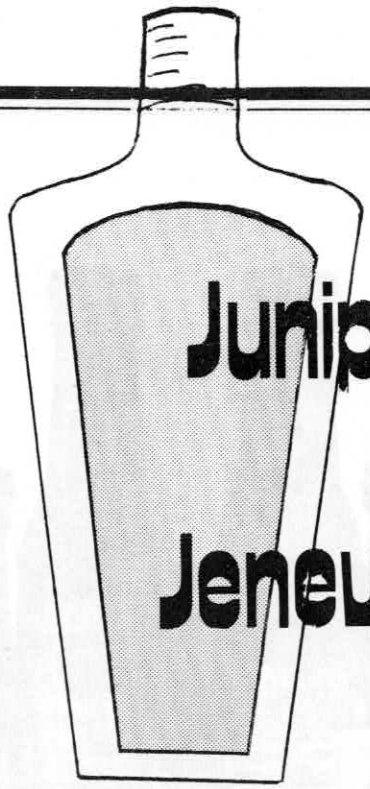
In picture #10 we have Busch Bavarian matches and micro-mini $1-2, Budweiser opener $3-5, micro-mini $1, Salt shaker can $2-3, lighter $5, stubby micro-mini $1, key chain can $2 and lighter $3-4, Michelob key chain $1-2, and flashlight $2.

That's all for now, see you next time.

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Photos by
Don Bogucki



Juniper to Jenever

by HARRY FORD



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I'm back this time to show you some more of my unusual glass gin bottles. This time you'll see some not only from Holland but other European countries.

Across the Channel in England, the British quickly became very fond of gin as the taste had been acquired from all the sailors who had visited Holland. Here are two of England's more famous gins, Gilbey's and Gordon's.

The Gilbey's is a clear glass bottle blown in a mold. It has a simple label with no ounces or other standard designations usually seen. This is a very old bottle.

The Gordon's gin is truly an unusual bottle though. It has a flip type top similar to many old British Scotches. It is embossed "Gordon's Special Dry London Gin, Established 1769, Reg. 610617," and it has a dragon's head embossed on the bottom of the bottle. This is certainly a glass bottle with a lot to it.

Next we go back across the Channel hoisting a "white flag" - they symbol of Suprex's Special Dry Gin. This old bottle has a kickup similar to a French cognac. However, this is not too unusual when you consider that this is indeed a French Gin.

Next we cross the Pyrenee's and see a scene of a bull fight on our label. This of course is a dead giveaway for El Toro Dry Gin by the Molleulleda Co. This thick glass bottle is embossed "Dry Gin" on the back.

We now make our way back to Holland for an unusual bottle by a famous company. This plastic capped corker is Pearl Dry Gin from the Simon Rynbende Company. This Dutch gin is quite different from most of my other glass gins as you should be able to tell in the picture.


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The next four bottles are all examples of Dutch "case" gins. Before I have shown you many of the green glass ones but this month we have the clear glass ones. The first contains Regular gin and is by the B.A.J. Wittkampf Co. of Schiedam, Holland. The stag deer on the label is a beautiful trademark for this company.

The following three case bottles are of a kind rarely seen in old gin bottles. Obviously the clear glass case bottles were made for a purpose and I conjecture they were produced that way so that you could see the "Citroen Jenever" or Lemon Gin inside. These bottles were rarely imported into the U.S.

The label on the first bottle is in English but was by adrianus Van Den Eelaart of Schiedam, Holland. (Doesn't the name say it all?) The "swan" trademark and picture of the distillery may both be found on the label. The last bottle is by Duys and Co. of Schiedam. It shows a very distinguished man holding up a glass. The trademark says "Fijn Proever" or Connoisseur.

I hope that you're becoming a "connoisseur" of these gins and have enjoyed a look at a few more with a little international flavor this time. More later. ...h f...

Ski Country by Ruth Jones



MOUNTAIN GOAT



WHITE SWAN

I think that the Cigar Store Indian is going to plague me for the rest of my life. I don't know how it got on the list again, but it isn't out and won't be out for sometime, maybe never. Now watch them make a liar out of me...but don't hold your breath.

Italked to Mr. Harrison at Foss Company on Monday the 7th of July and told him I knew even less this time than last, and this is pretty bad. So he said he would let me in on a little secret. The Wild Turkey is supposed to be out in September right after you get the news here in the Miniature Bottle Collector. The eastern wild turkey originally ranged through Canada and the United States except for the state of Florida, and, it became the North American symbol of Thanksgiving. The wild turkey is not only swift of wing but it can outrun a fast horse. Wild turkeys spend most of their time on the ground in search of food -- nuts, seeds, insects, grasses, berries, etc. However, at night they roost high in trees, preferably evergreens.

One thing I failed to mention was the fact that the new skier comes in two colors, blue and red. Some people want both, so for those of you that want both, you better get with it. It's a very popular bottle. And that, folks, is unfortunately all the news I've got for you this time. Let's hope that our year-end issue will find us with lots of new information. --R. J. --

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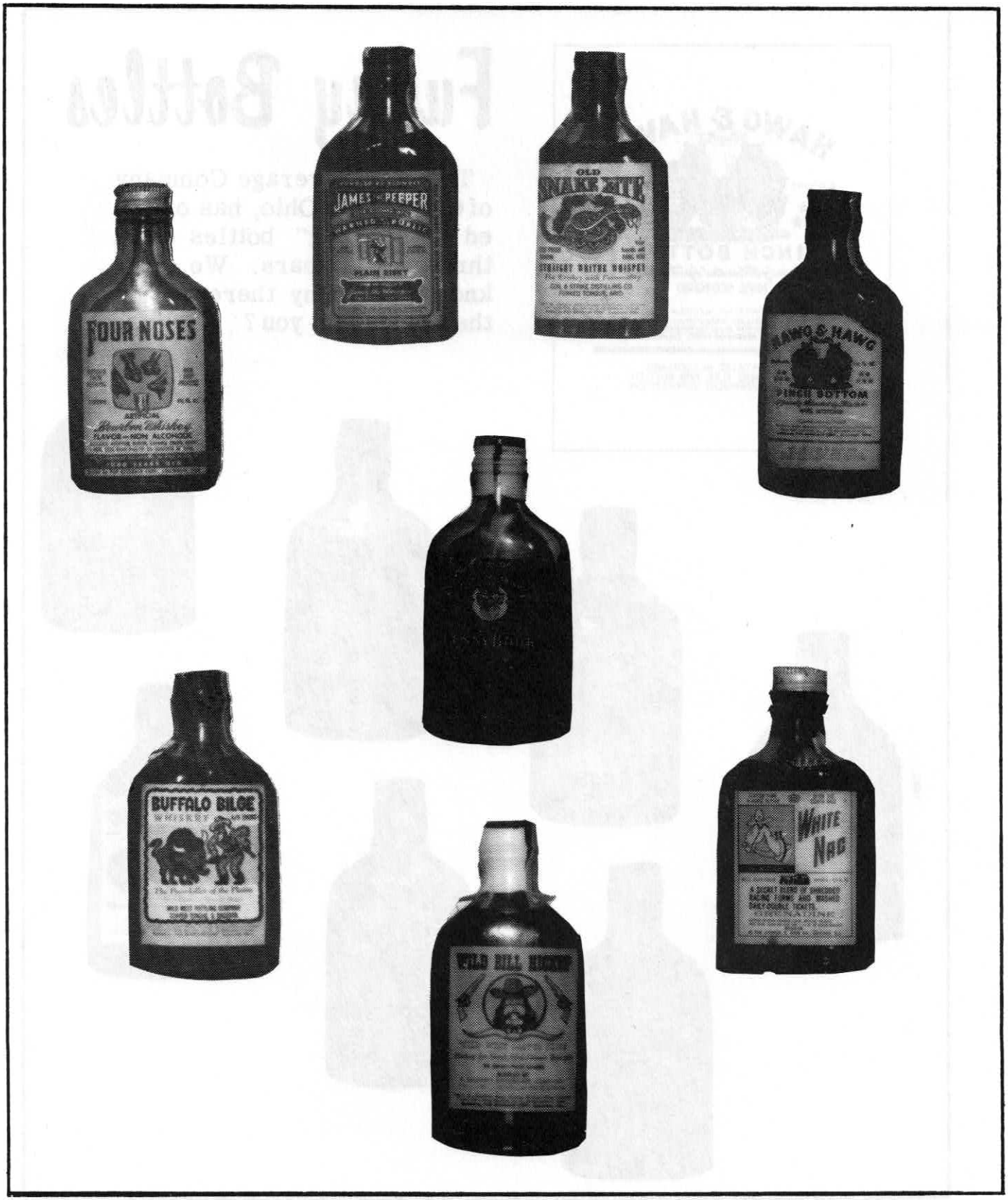
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___2. SNOWY OWL
___3. PEACOCK
___4. GILA WOODPECKER
___5. RED SHOULDERED HAWK
___6. RAM
___7. LEADVILLE LADIES
___9. CALIFORNIA CONDOR
___10. GOLDEN EAGLE
___11. MALLARD DUCK
___12. CANADIAN GOOSE
___13. PEACE DOVE
___14. COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES BURRO
___15. ELEPHANT ON A DRUM
___16. FOX ON A LOG
___17. HARPY EAGLE
___18. AMERICAN OSPREY
___19. GREAT GREY KANGAROO
___20. OREGON CAVE MAN
___21. THE RINGMASTER
___22. CLYDE
___23. AUSTRALIAN BLACK SWAN
___24. RED-HEADED DUCK
___25. CLOWN BUST
___26. SAGE GROUSE
___27. GREAT HORNED OWL
___28. BONNIE
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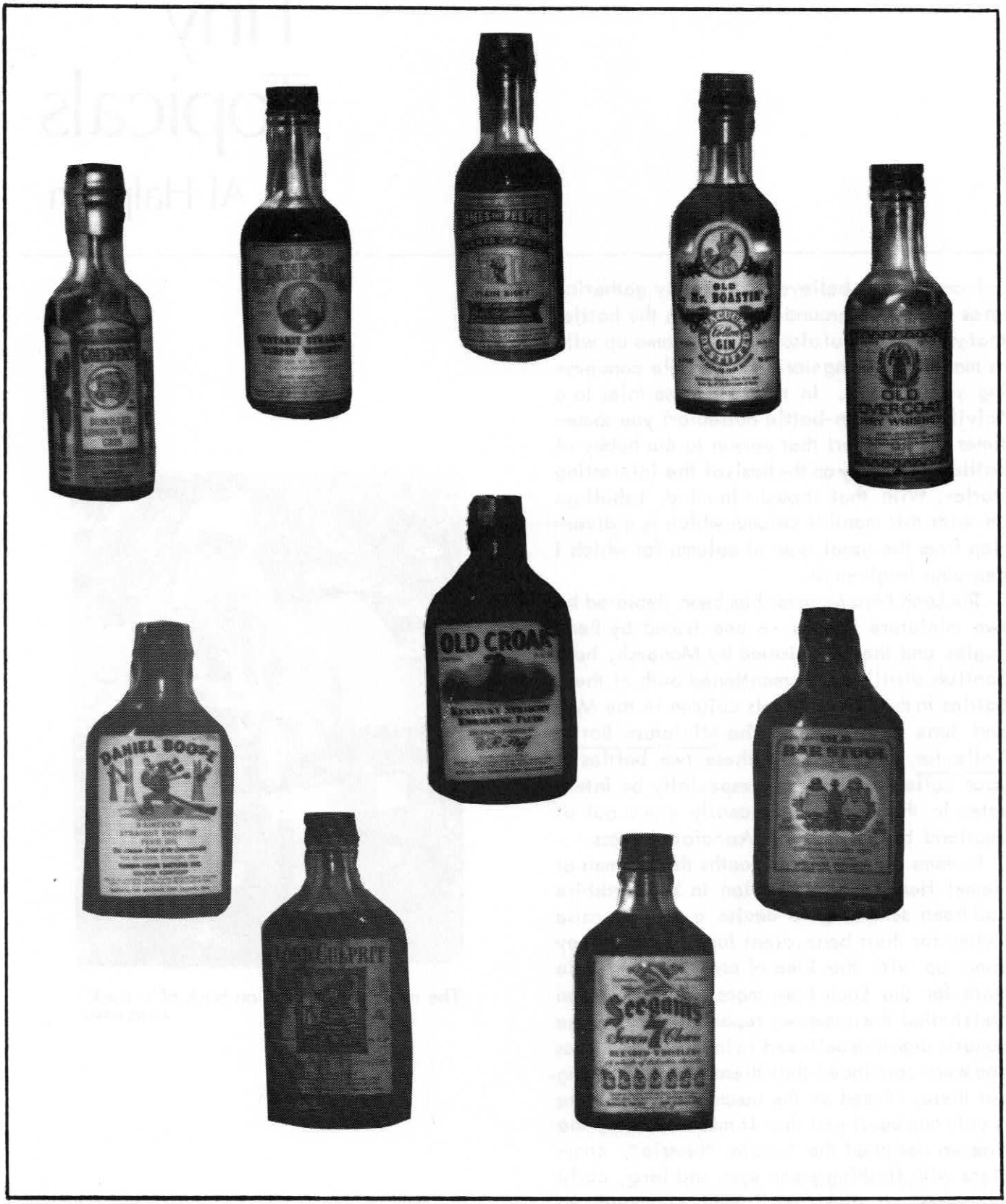
Funny Bottles

The Par Beverage Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, has offered these "gag" bottles down through the years. We don't know how many there are in the series, do you?






FOUR NOSES
JAMES PEEPER
BUFFALO BILGE
WHITE NAG


OLD
Mr. BOASTER
OLD
OVERCOAT
OLD CROAK
DANIEL BOONE
OLD
BARSTOOL
Sequoia

Tiny Topicals

by Al Halpern

I am a great believer in not only gathering up as much background material on the bottles that you collect but also that you come up with as many interesting stories as possible concerning your bottles. In relating these tales to a "civilian" (a non-bottle collector) you sometimes can convert that person to the hobby of bottle-itis merely on the basis of the interesting stories. With that thought in mind, I shall go on with this month's column which is a diversion from the usual type of column for which I beg your forgiveness.

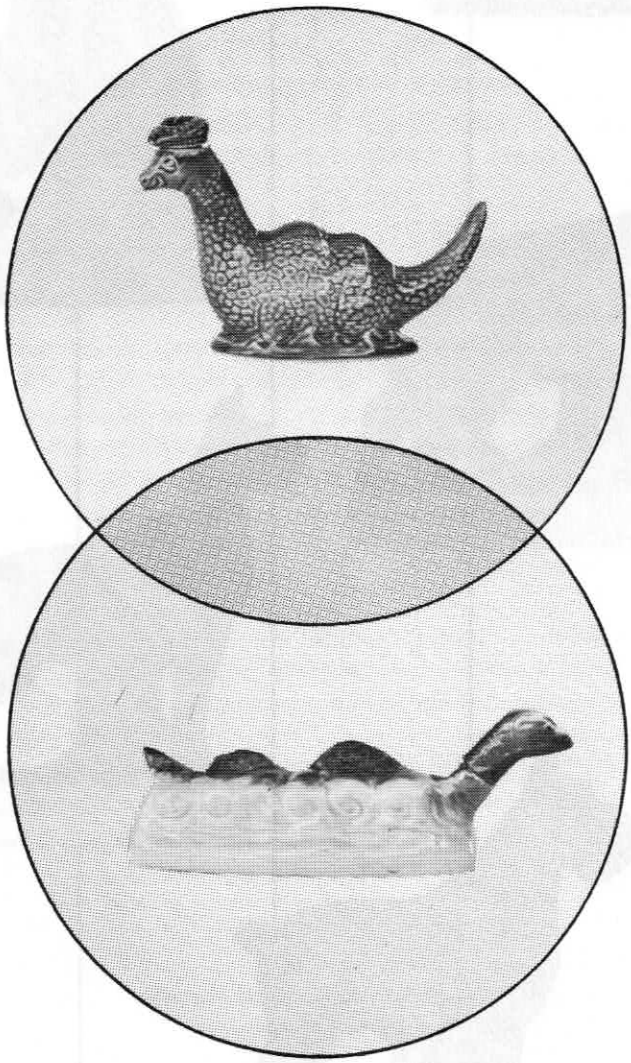
The Loch Ness Monster has been depicted by two miniature bottles -- one issued by Beneagles and the other issued by Monarch, both Scottish distilleries. I mentioned both of these bottles in the Tiny Topicals column in the May and June 1975 issue of The Miniature Bottle Collectar. If you have these two bottles in your collection you may especially be interested in the story that recently came out of Scotland by way of the Associated Press.

It seems that for many months the firemen at Hemel Hempstead firestation in Hertfordshire had been scheming to devise a way to raise money for their benevolent fund. Finally they came up with the idea of providing a female mate for the Loch Ness monster. The firemen had studied the numerous reports of the strange aquatic creature believed to inhabit Loch Ness and were convinced that there was "something out there." Based on the assumption that there is only one beast and that it must be male, the firemen designed the female "Nessie", complete with flashing green eyes and long, curly eyelashes. It took the firemen six months to build the papier-mache female effigy around a



The monster's "mate" on back of a truck.
AP Wirephoto

This Month: The Loch Ness Monster



frame of wood and wire that would float on a raft of oil drums. Powered by an outboard motor, Nessie snorted water vapor and was fitted with an electronic monster mating call. Two firemen would sit inside of Nessie and would navigate her by periscope. They would have cameras just in case the monster did turn up.

The 30-foot effigy was loaded on the back of a truck and set off for Loch Ness to sound a "mating call" on the murky lake after six fund-raising stops at fire stations enroute. The truck caused a big traffic jam as it started out and it was necessary for two bagpipers to clear the way as passersby stared -- and donated money to the cause.

For years minisumarines, sophisticated sonar gear and underwater cameras failed to turn up the Loch Ness monster, but the firemen joked that the "world's oldest trick" might lure the monster from the depths.

"And if the monster isn't a male, it won't matter," said one firefighter, "she won't be able to resist coming up for a peek at the opposition."

For three hours Nessie cruised the lake, emitting mournful electronic "monster mating calls" and clouds of vapor as thousands watched. But it was to no avail.

At the end of the effigy's love cruise, the firemen reported already having raised $2,200 and said they hope to raise more on their way back to England. They admitted that the "mate-a-monster" project was less in the interests of science than in raising money for their charities.

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