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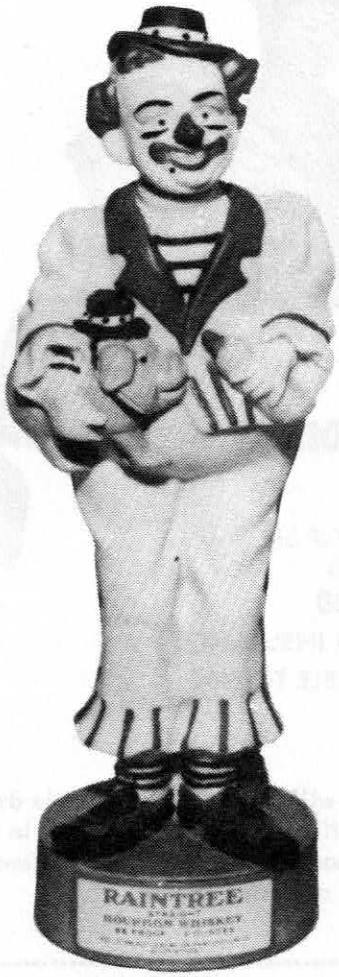


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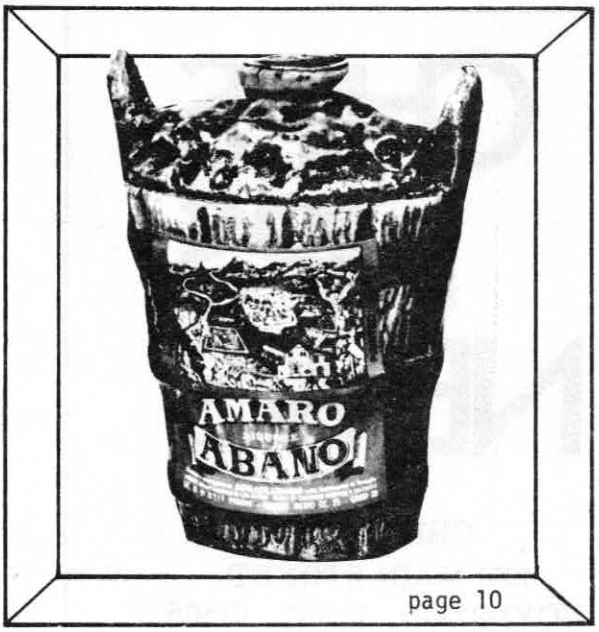
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## OUR COVER

The three figural bottles shown for your enjoyment on the cover are probably almost totally unknown to all collectors here in the U.S. These bottles appeared in Europe some time ago and were snapped up quite quickly. They contain Leabank Scotch Whisky and come from W. Shepperd & Co., London. Reportedly these and several other Leabank bottles (set of six houses, same as those sold here by Garnier and a Mushroom) actually come from Switzerland.....

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# CHIPS NIPS NEWS

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**Hi!** Hope you all had a marvelous summer. It was a great experience for me - my first as a teaching golf professional - just great! First of all, I must apologize to anyone who was kept waiting for a shipment. What started out to be more or less of a part-time thing went hell-bent for election into overtime, and I was taken completely by surprise. Consequently, packages that usually go out in a few days were necessarily delayed until I could bring my thoughts, actions and "excess" time together. However, things should be better from now through the winter months for nippers. No more excuses.

Let's start right out with a new Argentine special. How about the Gaucho Boot which is normally $10 a bottle? We'll cut that price down to $7.50 delivered, and hope it will result in a few more satisfied customers. Are you one?

Alfredo Spinelli, my Argentine cohort, was here in the spring and brought many bottles from both Spain and Italy. These were listed previously, but since we received more I would like to list them again for you:

Duca D'Asti Monuments: Piazza San Pietro, Roma Arca Di Tito, Roma Fontana di Trevi.
Valenti Monuments: Modena, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Firenze, Roma, Napoli, Genova, Bologna, and Bari.
Valenti Animals: White Stallion, Giraffe, Fish, Monkey, Bear, Sea Horse, and Penguin.

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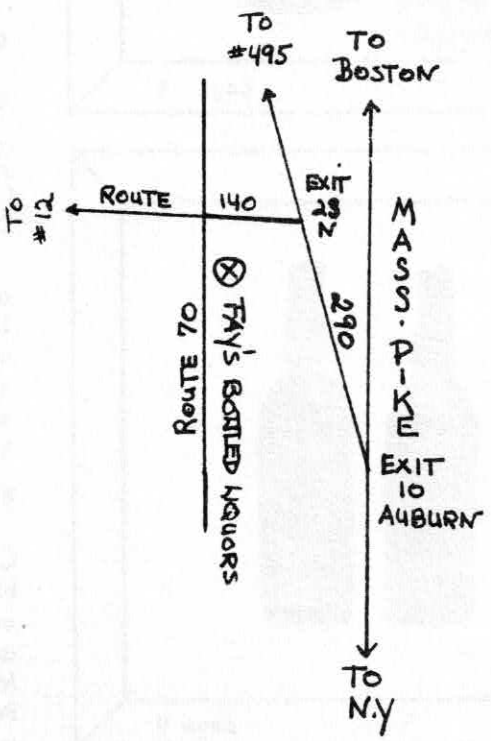
Jon-Sol continues to bear the flag of the collector into battle and keeps coming up with more and more excellent bottles for your collections. We will give them all the cooperation we can so they may continue their march. You will find their bottles on our shelves at all times.

Incidentally, I just found pictures of the Valenti bottles back in the March-April issue from this year.

There is absolutely nothing in the "new bottle" department through our normal liquor channels. This, of course, is the meat of our mini business - plus the Argentine line. We had high hopes of some new figurals, but they have not yet arrived. Of course, we have the Cyrus Nobles, the Hoffmans, and the Wyand-Focking hand-blown glass animals. Possibly by next issue something exciting will have happened. Have fun, and let us hear from you. You just can't tell what we might be able to come up with. --Ginny Fay--

Remember, on Argentine figurals:

$30 order - 10% off
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# LET'S TALK

Here we are back again in the old place....with at least a page this time. Was the summer as fast for you as it was for me?

I knew summer was over when I got the notice from the Del-Val mini club that they will be having their semi-annual bottle fair and show in October. Here's their news: "The Del-Val Miniature Bottle Club will once again host its Fall Mini-Bottle Collectors' Fair and Show on Sunday, October 10, 1976, at Bill and Janis Johnston's Lochwood Square Dance Barn. The Lochwood Barn is located in Skippack, Pa., on route 73, just west of route 113.

"The Mini-Bottle Fair and Show will run from noon to 6 pm or later. All mini collectors and dealers are welcome. Bring your favorite bottles for display and your duplicates for trade or sale. For additional information and directions contact: Bill Johnston, phone (215) 584-4025.

"Once again as an added attraction for the show the club will supply the hot dogs, baked beans, and all the fixings as well as hot coffee and cold sodas. There will be no charge for these goodies.

"Membership in the Del-Val Miniature Bottle Club is open to anyone and dues are only $5 per year, which includes your spouse. Applications for membership are available on request."

Let's turn now to what I mentioned last time. First of all is a little bit of information and a picture from Ed Fitzgerald of the Jon-Sol Co. Ed writes: "I am sending you a photo of a rather unusual miniature. I was a member of the first U.S. Curling Team which visited Scotland in 1952. We were, of course, hosted by a number of the Scottish whisky blenders, including Dewars, in Perth. Lord Forteviot, the Chairman, was very gracious and, at the end of our trip through the plant, gave each of us a mini of their whisky, which he autographed for us."

I'm certain this has all of you scotch collectors out there drooling. Our thanks to Ed for sharing with us what has to be a prime bottle for any collection.

Last time I also mentioned about a list of stores in your local area or any area in which you've traveled. So far we've received exactly zero letters. Evidently in the true spirit of collecting, everyone wants to keep their sources secret. I was told personally that minis are now sold in Indiana through a change in the laws there. So, Indiana collectors, start educating those liquor store owners.

Finally, in the column to your right is an ad which was found in American Airlines magazine. The bottle may be sold only on planes as it's not available in Nevada, Florda, Illinois, Wisconsin, New York, or Massachusetts.

Til next time, think small.

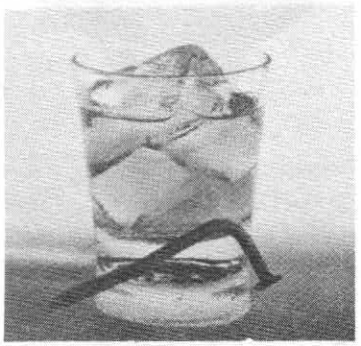
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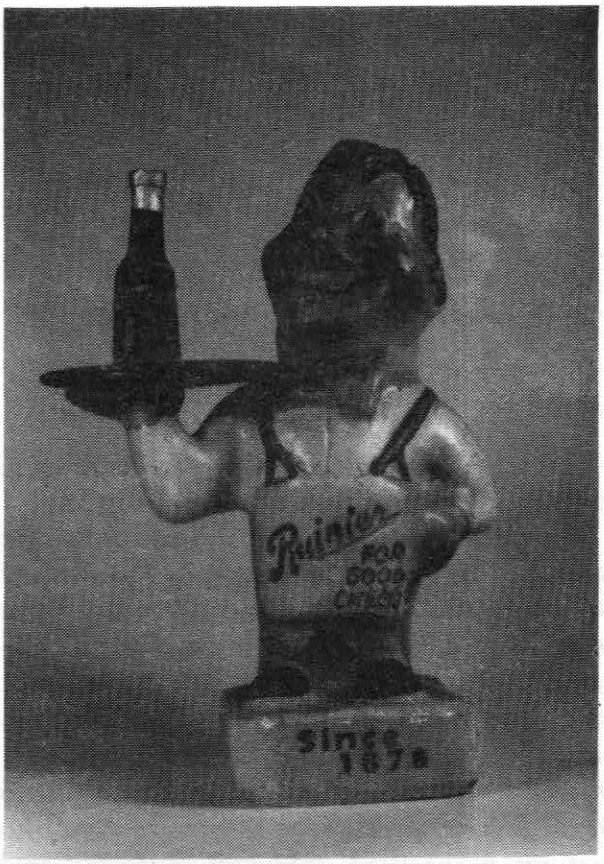
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had them made in Taiwan copying recent bottle labels from each company. They were made without the permission of the breweries who upon learning of their presence had cease and desist orders issued against the wholesaler so as to preserve their copyrights. They are new bottles but a very interesting addition to anyone's collection.

Also from Rainier is this 6 1/2" chalkware man carrying a one inch Old Stock Ale bottle on his tray. This is the first one of these I have ever seen and it was brought to me by a friend in Minnesota (see picture 3).

In Volume III, Number 2, on page 9 I showed a miniature beer can from Burgermeister of the San Francisco Brewing Corp. Up to a month ago this was the only version of this can I had ever seen. At the B.C.C.A. West Coast first Beer Bust and Trading Session, I found not one but two different variations. These two variations are copies of the next two can variations that Burgermeister turned out.

As you can see in picture four, it is a true reproduction of the original except for the net







contents label at the bottom. In picture five we see the three variations. From left to right we have: the fairly well-known can at 4" tall, the second which is actually the third variety and is a paper label over the first can. The third can then is the second variation and is a true metal can. All of these have bank tops. The two new variations I would place in the $5 to $10 category.



# MICROMINIS

## Vic Visalli

This month's article features four more microminis, three of which are from Gold Seal.

The first bottle is a 3 1/2 inch authentic replica of a French champagne by the name of Pol Roger & Co. This Gold Seal mini has a white label with black writing and has a copper colored seal in the center. A detailed neck label is white, gold, and black, featuring the name Pol Roger on either side of the center, in which appears the entire name plus "Extra Dry." This emerald green glass miniature also features a speckled gold and white foil seal over an apparently wired down cork. The "kick up" is visible in the picture.

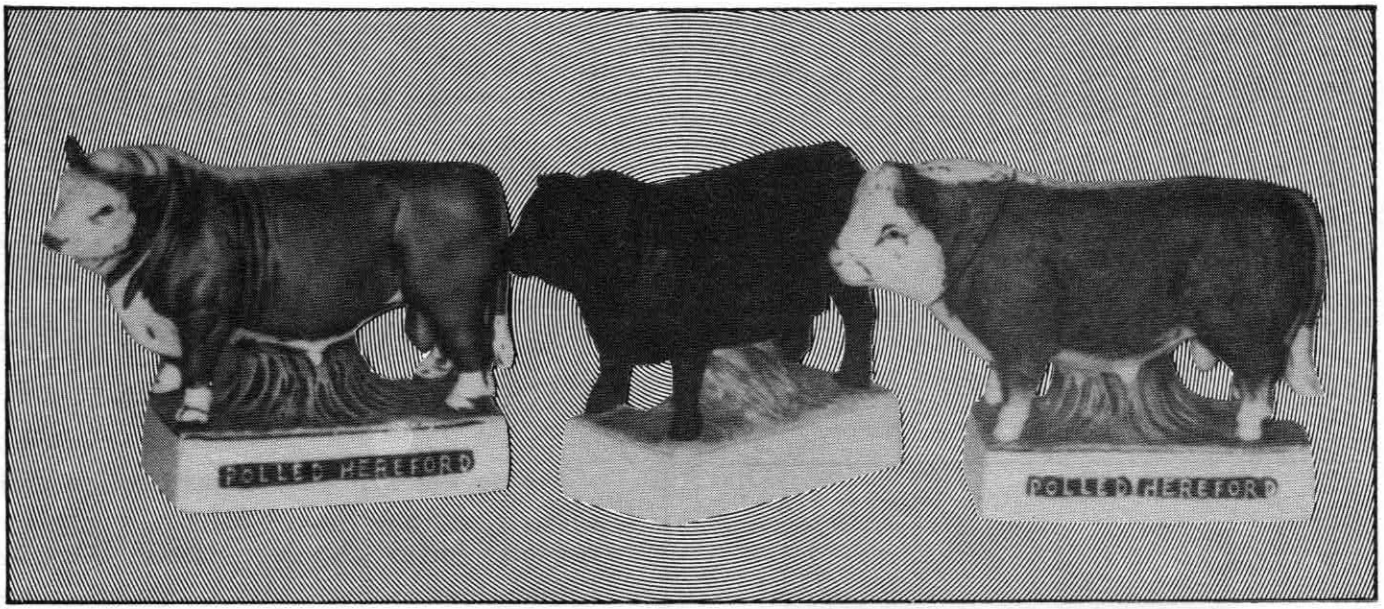
Next is a much smaller micromini, also produced in England, but not of the Gold Seal family. It stands 2 3/8 inches high and is made of brown glass with a gold foil cap. The colors of yellow, green, gold, brown, and black make a colorful label which reads "Babycham Champagne Perry, Extra Dry, Special Deluxe." Perhaps this bottle was a commemorative of a 200 year Anniversary of the company, Showerings Limited of Sommerset, England. The following is written on the bottom of the label: "Makers of Champagne Perry since 1750, winners of every first prize in 1950." The figure of what appears to be a baby lamb or goat is pictured on the label. Evidently "cham" is an abbreviation for chamois (shami), "a goat-like antelope of the mountains of Europe," thus giving the champagne its name.

Gold Seal minis Pimm's Cup No. 3 and No. 4 complete the picture. The contents are olice green in color, and it is interesting to note the numerical calibrations from 1-7 embossed on the back of the bottle which denote that "each calibration is sufficient to make one pint by adding lemonade." An "Original Rum Sling," the vanilla colored label with black and green writing advocates the use of some lemon flavoring to achieve optimum taste. The 3 1/2 inch bottles carry green metal caps and neck labels and are made of clear glass. Number 3 is the "Original Brandy Sling" and the name is the only thing which differentiates the two.




That's all for now. Until next time...

--V.V.--




# Collector's Art BULLS

Here are the last three (probably for 1976, that is) of the new Collector's Art bottles by Bud Hastin. The first set of five bulls (which included the Hereford, Brahma, Charolais, Mexican Fighting Bull, and Texas Longhorn) were pictured for you in the last issue of 1975. These five proved to be an immediate sellout thus prompting this new set of three.

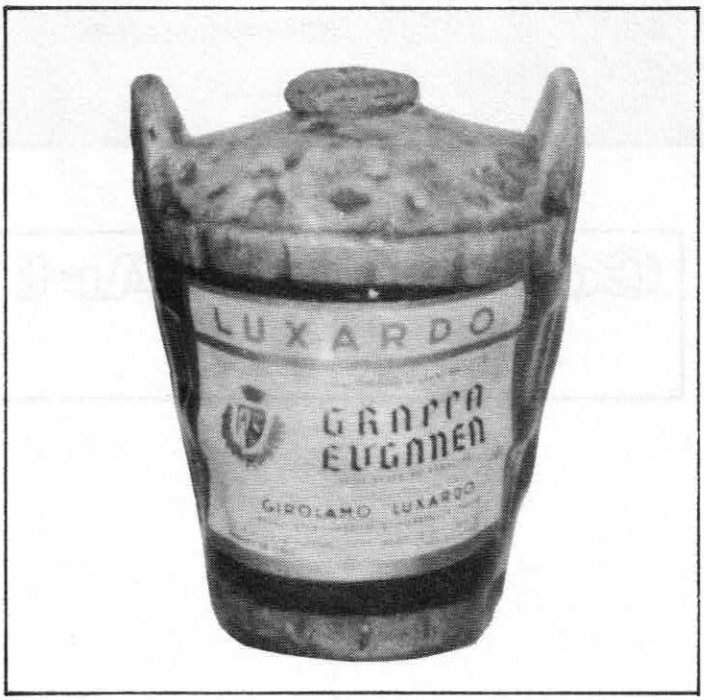
Many of you are possibly looking at this picture and saying to yourselves, "but there are two Polled Herefords." You're correct, of course, but one is the old style and the other the newer style of Polled Hereford. Some collectors feel there are only two new bulls in this selection, but there are the two variations plus the Black Angus.

They are available now full in several markets across the U.S. or you may write for complete details and a free brochure from Collector's Art in care of Bud Hastin Enterprises, P. O. Box 9868, Kansas City, MO 64134.

# FROM LUXARDO

# A Third Mud Bucket

TONY NATELLI







During the first year of publication of the MBC, I wrote a figural column, including a two-part series (March-April and May-June 1974) on the history of Luxardo figurals. I have not paid you a visit since then due to a number of reasons, mainly because David and his writers have given you plenty of information and I've been busy with my own miniature newsletter, The Miniature Bottle Mart, which I hope most of you are familiar with.

The Luxardo Company has been quiet since those days, but I think I have something of interest for you collectors now.

Back in 1973, Luxardo produced two extremely attractive mud buckets in a very limited edition of 250 bottles each. These were etched "Abano Terme" and "Monte Grotto Terme," honoring thos e areas where the mud supposedly has medicinal or healing qualities. These well-made figurals proved very popular with the very few collectors who were lucky enough to obtain a specimen.

A very few more collectors may be happy to hear that there is now a third mud bucket, identical to the first two beauties, except it is etched "49 Adunata Nazionale Alpini, Padova 1976" which roughly translated is "Meeting of National Mountain Soldiers or Mountain Climbers." That, as they say, is the good news. The bad news is that 1) only 500 were produced 2) it was sold only on one day, March 19, 1976 in Padova, only, and 3) being a commemorative it was obviously purchased as a souvenir by many non-collectors, taking them permanently out of circulation.

The bottle contains Grappa Euganea and would be a welcome and rare addition to any Luxardo figural and/or mini bottle collection... if you can find one! --T.N.--

*Alfredo Spinelli*

In this new section, we will try to show some miniatures which will be little known to you readers. It is possible that many collectors will already have them in their collections or are acquainted with them. However, we think they are little known and for that reason it is worth the effort to show them to you.

The miniature pictured for you this time comes from Holland and was produced in a Delft ceramic. It represents a plate that has a painting of a typical country scene on the front.

We do not know the exact quantity of these miniatures that the Rynbende Distillery had produced. We only know that they were a very limited quantity and sixty of these were imported into Argentina in 1970 and today they are found in private collections.

On the back side is a cork and also a hole for putting a string and hanging it onto the wall. There are five different scenes known and all that were imported contained Creme de Cacao. The diameter of the plate is five and one half inches.

Next time we'll look at a Roma Wine-Coronet Brandy bottled for Schenley for the U.S. Navy. Sounds rare, doesn't it? --A.S.--




# Do you know this bottle?



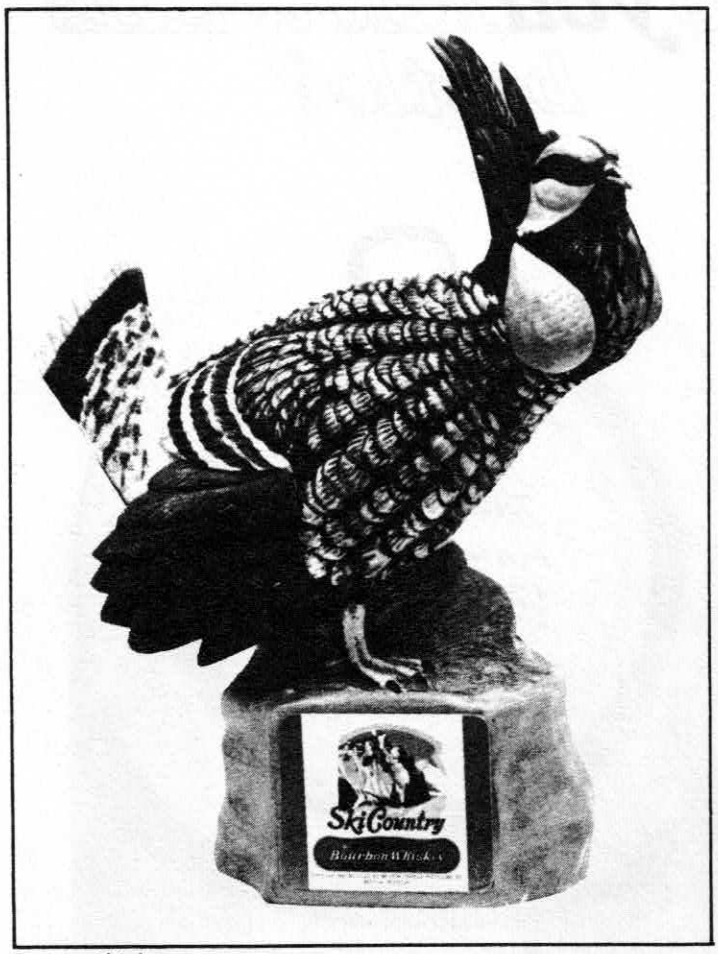
# Ski Country

RUTH JONES



Finally Ski Country has gotten changed over to the new distillery, at least four bottles came in at the same time, and I understand that the brown trout is in. The Birth of Freedom and the Submarine plus the politicals will have to be in before you see this in print. The four that came in are the blue-winged teal, spectacled owl, the black-footed ferret and the P. T. Barnum.

The day the black-footed ferret came in there was an article in the paper that one had been sighted in northeastern Colorado. A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman said Monday that the last sighting in the nation was in August 1974 in south-central South Dakota, an area that many wildlife biologists believed harbored the last black-footed ferrets in existence. A man was hired by the Division of Wildlife to stay at the last sighting for two weeks.




Prairie Chicken

Ferrets feed on prairie dogs, mostly at night. The state-hired observor has been outfitted with expensive "starlight scopes," night-seeing telescopes that amplify the light from the stars and moon. He will attempt to photograph the ferret.

In the meantime, a team of CSU researchers already in the area will conduct day observations. Should a black-footed ferret be confirmed, federal law could require that an area as large as several miles in diameter be declared off limits to humans.

The most recent confirmed black-footed ferret sighting in Colorado was in 1966 in the Comanche National Grassland in southeastern Colorado. Many wildlife experts see little hope that the black-footed ferret can survive. Thought never to have been plentiful, they

# guide

___1. MAJESTIC EAGLE
___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. CANADA 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. MOUNTAIN LION
___20. GREAT GREY KANGAROO
___21. OREGON CAVE MAN
___22. THE RINGMASTER
___23. CLYDE
___24. AUSTRALIAN BLACK SWAN
___25. RED-HEADED DUCK
___26. CLOWN BUST
___27. SAGE GROUSE
___28. GREAT HORNED OWL
___29. BONNIE
___30. TOM THUMB
___31. INDIAN DANCERS (6)
___37. RACCOON
___38. WOOD DUCK
___39. SKIER (2)
___41. TIGER ON A BALL
___42. LION ON A DRUM
___43. JENNY LIND (2)
___45. CIGAR STORE INDIAN
___46. WILD TURKEY
___47. CONNECTICUT ROBIN
___48. MOUNTAIN GOAT
___49. LIPIZZAN
___50. PALOMINO
___51. BABY SNOW OWL
___52. BLACK-FOOTED FERRET
___53. BLUE-WINGED TEAL
___54. BROWN TROUT
___55. SPECTACLED OWL
___56. P. T. BARNUM
___57. DONKEY POLITICAL
___58. ELEPHANT POLITICAL
___59. BIRTH OF FREEDOM
___60. PRAIRIE CHICKEN
___61. SUBMARINE

fell victim to federal and private efforts to poison thousands of prairie dog villages. Prairie dogs are thought to compete for grass with cattle and sheep.

The blue-winged teal is one of the common teals in North America. They are all surface-feeding ducks, and never dip more than a few inches beneath the surface for food. They live mostly near ponds, streams, and marshes. Unlike diving birds, they keep their tail feathers completely out of the water when they swim, and can take to the air immediately when frightened. Teals usually breed in Canada and the northern United States, and migrate south in winter, often to Mexico.

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



# Vodka

by Michael Rosen



The following is a list which attempts to enumerate all the vodkas I know of. Possibly many others might be added to this list and in the future may be.

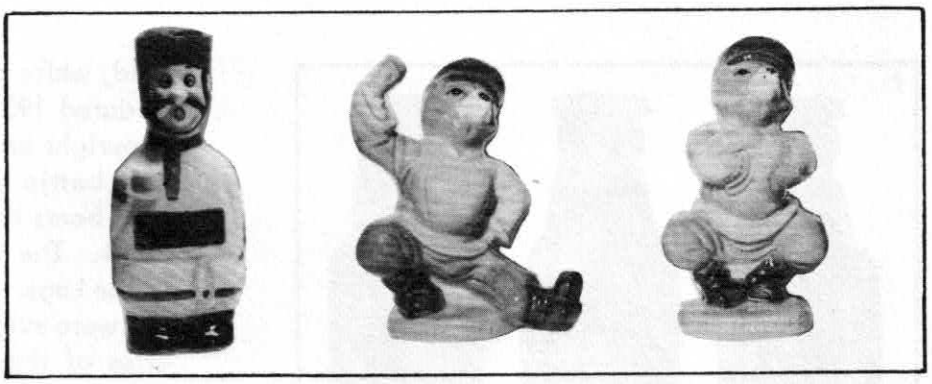
My own collection is now in excess of 580, of which there are the 224 brand names listed here. No mention of proof or label variances has been made. Also, such items as martinis, bloody mary, and different cocktail drinks have not been included. I hope this list is of help to all straight glass collectors. --MR--

(Ed. note: Some spellings have been changed to approximate the actual pronunciations of names. For example, numbers 159 and 160 are written Pocchhckaя and Pozacbиhbя respectively. For pronunciation, you might remember that F and V are almost interchangeable and that B is usually soft, like a V.)



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| X | 1. ABC | U.S.A. |
| | 2. ALICE | Japan |
| | 3. APOSTOLSKA | Italy |
| | 4. ARROW | U.S.A. |
| | 5. BACZEWSKI | Poland |
| | 6. BALALAIKA | Bahamas |
| | 7. BALTIC | Finland |
| | 8. BALZAN | Iran |
| | 9. BANOVICH | Mexico |
| | 10. BARCLAYS | U.S.A. |
| | 11. BARDINET KIPRISKY | U.S.A./ France |
| | 12. BARDINET | Mexico/ Spain |
| | 13. BARVOK | England |
| | 14. BLANCKENHAGEN | Holland |
| | 15. BODKA | Italy Russia |
| | 16. BOLS | Holland/ Argentina |
| | 17. BOLSHOI | Canada |
| | 18. BOLSKAYA | Holland/ Argentina |
| | 19. BOOTHS | U.S.A. |
| X | 20. BORZOI | England |
| | 21. CALDWELL | U.S.A. |
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| | 27. COSMONAUT | U.S.A. |
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| | 31. CROWN RUSSE | U.S.A. |
| | 32. CUCCHI | Italy |
| | 33. CZAR ALEXANDER | Holland |
| | 34. CZARINA | U.S.A. |
| | 35. CZAROV | Mexico |
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# MINIATURE MEMORIES



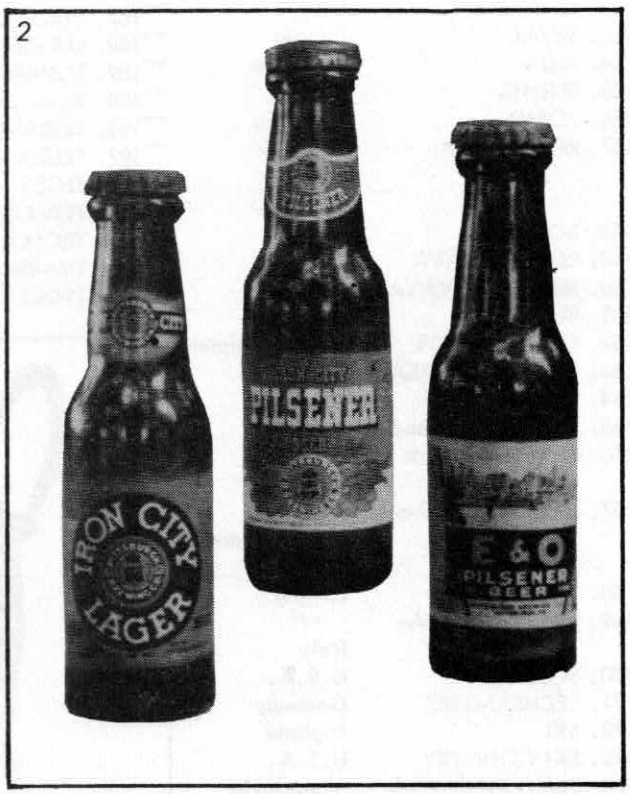

LARRY MARTINSON
TOM PAUL

With this article we move to the East Coast for a look at some of the harder-to-find beers.

In picture one, we have two different 3" stubbies from the Camden County Beverage Association of Camden, New Jersey. The Camden Pilsner beer has a yellow, red and black decal label, while the Lord Camden Ale has a red, orange and black decal label. These two bottles are to be considered quite rare and much more difficult to find than the 4" Camdens. The Camden Brewery opened shortly after prohibition ended and closed sometime close to 1950.

Also in picture one, we have a very rare Langs 3" miniature. This bottle has the same red, black and yellow decal label as the 4 1/4" Langs bottle. The Lang Brewery operated from the 1850's until nearly 1950.

In picture two, we have three scarce bottles put out by the Pittsburgh Brewing Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The first bottle on the left is the Iron City Lager. This has a red, gold, white and black decal label. The Lager is dated 1935, while the Pilsner has a 1934 copyright on it. Last is the E & O Pilsner. This bottle is one of the few American 4 1/4" mini beers that were never issued with a neck label. The E & O has the same basic colors as the Lager and Iron City Pilsner. These bottles were evidently put out by the branch breweries of the Pittsburgh Brewing Company as E & O was plant N. 2 which closed in 1952, and the Iron City branch plant closed in 1955. The Pittsburgh Brewery still operates today as many beer can collectors will tell you.



In picture number three we have the 3" Good Host mini from the North American Brewing Company of Brooklyn, New York. This brewery opened in the 1930's and closed in 1945. This bottle has a rather plain red, white and black and gold decal label. It is a rare beer as is the Doerschuk stubby which is also from the same brewery.

In picture four we have three rare decal labeled medium beers. First off is the Stoeckle from the Diamond State Brewery Inc. of Wilmington, Delaware, which closed in 1954. It carries a red, gold, blue and black label.

Next in line is the Atlantic Ale from Atlantic Company of Charlotte, North Carolina. It has a red, green, white and black label. This brewery also closed in the mid-1950's. The Atlantic Company also made a 4" Atlantic

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beer that has a foil-type label and is especially hard to find in good condition. A mint one would be a real prize.

Last we have the Old Dutch Cream Ale from Eagle Brewing Company of Catasauqua, Pennsylvania, which closed its doors in 1963. This bottle has a very pretty green, gold, black and red label. This beer is also a tough one to find in good shape as the label has a high lacquer finish applied over it.

Picture five shows three 4 1/4" decal labeled mini beers from Esslingers, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This company also had a branch plant which closed in 1935, the other in 1963. Two of these bottles are nearly alike except one is Repeal beer, while the other is Esslingers Quality beer and also has some differences in the bottom print. Both have a yellow, orange and black label and are fairly scarce. The third bottle is the Little Man Ale which has a pink, black and white label. This beer is somewhat easier to find than the two yellow ones.

Remember the good beers are still to be found as a good friend of ours out East recently acquired a Doerschuk stubby for 75 cents at a local flea market. With a little patience and persistence, we can all add some good beers to our collections. So 'til next time, Happy Hunting! --L.M. & T.P.--

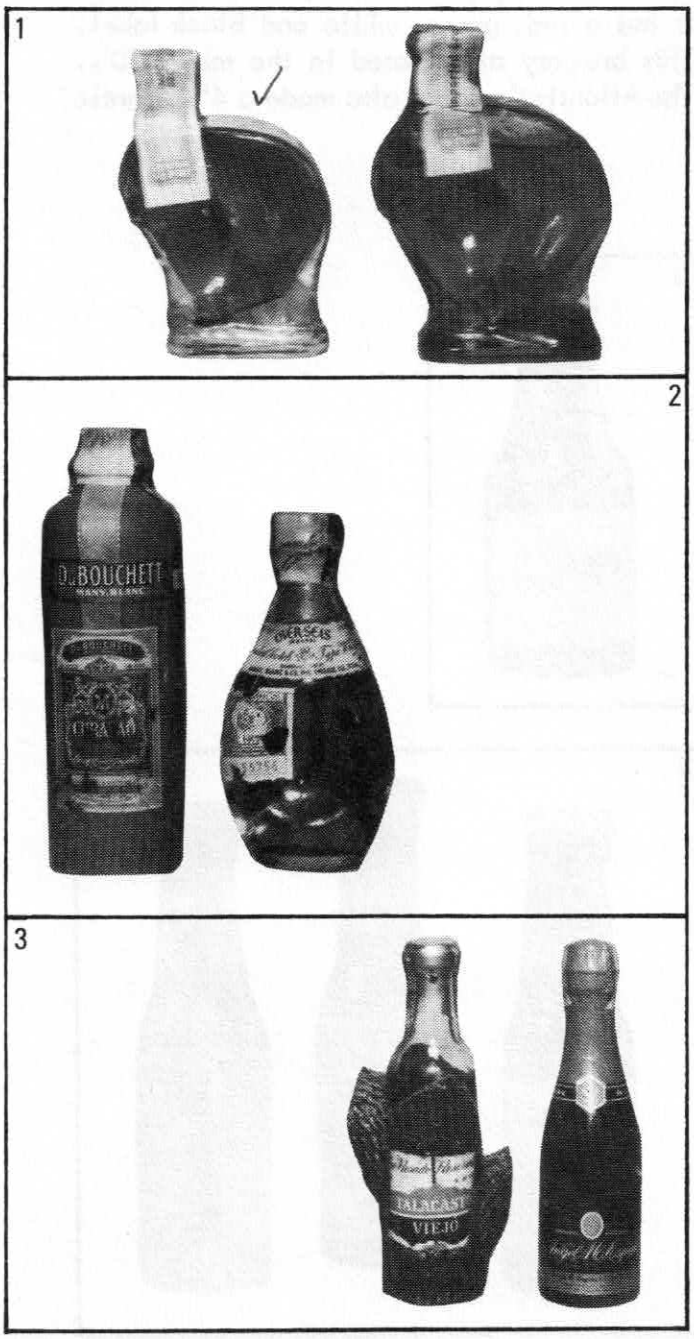
# KOBY'S KOLLECTABLE KOLUMN

by BOB KOBY

Now that I've used up my vacation time for 1976, it's time to catch up on future articles for MBC. Again this summer (1976), we traveled to Florida but with almost zero luck in finding new straights. As per usual, the store owners were very rude and very uncooperative in getting any bottles or any information on straight minis. The only exception was a small liquor store in downtown St. Pete. I'd like to give him a plug but lost his card and cannot remember the store name and address. His location is about three blocks from the Hilton and about two blocks from the bus depot. If any of you happen to travel to St. Pete, give this guy a break. He did tell me that he will enlarge his selection of minis this summer.

Our second vacation consisted of a few days spent in Montreal. Great city and the greatest food to be found anywhere. My wife and I had the pleasure of meeting Pierre La Salle and Ray Hoare and his wife and son. Naturally we were able to see both of their collections. Considering they have been collecting for about three years or less, their collections are great. I must admit though that Pierre's collection is somewhat larger in number and has a large number of figurals.

We spent two days as tourists in that Pierre showed us around the city and acquainted us with some tremendous restaurants. One day my wife and I toured the city on our own. Old Montreal is a must place to visit if any of you ever get there. One half day we visited with Ray and gabbed about bottles and more bottles. Publicly we'd like to thank Ray and especially Pierre for a most wonderful two days. If you ever get to Detroit, we hope to be able



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to repay the hospitality here as you did for us in Montreal.

Now back to some potpourri of minis. Before I conclude the series on rye, I thought you might enjoy a sampling of some odd minis.

The first is a comparison of size of the Kord Horse Heads. The larger one I acquired during the 19 inch snowstorm we had here a few years ago. The person who had that bottle lives 30 miles from here and it took me about 3 hours to cover that distance because of the snow... but I had to have that mini.

The DuBouchett cylinder and the pinch, which is "A Blended Scotch Type Whisky", I found in a 160 bottle collection last December.

Picture three features two minis from Argentina. These two plus 16 others were brought from down south by a doctor with whom I play bridge. The night I picked them up from him, I defended a six spade contract by him in which I doubled him and he was vulnerable and I set him one trick. Afterwards he told me that he had some bottles for me.

The next two minis are two versions of one of each of the flat Cossack and the very old round Arrow which I understand are somewhat hard to come by.

The following three straight bourbons most of you will agree would be a nice addition to any collection. Most of us most likely already have the flat Crab Orchard. However, I wonder how many have the round Birchbrook and especially the Nevada Centennial?

This time I decided to tell you some of the circumstances I remember about getting these bottles. Remembrances always add a great deal to the meaning of the bottle. --rk--

# House of Rocher

by Ron Souza



"Rocher Liqueurs are produced at La Cote-Saint-Andre (Isere), a small town near Vienne, where the last spurs of the Alps meet the Rhone Valley. Here are found some of the most famous orchard lands of France from whence come all the luscious flavoured fruits.

"Since 1705, eight successive generations of the Rocher family have ensured without break the production of these liqueurs which are now sold throughout the whole world.

"Quality has always been the hallmark of the House of Rocher, the most ancient of French distilleries, which was founded more than 250 years ago during the reign of Louis XIV.

"Each year, therefore, this House selects for its products hundreds of tons of fresh fruit to make the liqueurs which are internationally known and appreciated."

"The L'Abbe Francois Liqueurs are distilled in La Cote-Saint-Andre, a delightful little town not far from Grenoble. The distillery was founded in 1830. It's here in Dauphine, set against the Alps and leading to the Rhone Valley that are found the age-old orchards considered among the best in the whole of France. The delicious fruit is picked here. Here also are gathered the plants which, when treated in the centuries old cellars of the L'Abbe Francois establishment, will be transformed by long maturation into the marvelous liqueurs renowned and appreciated the world over."

These two short "blurbs" were from the Rocher Freres and L'Abbe Francois (which is now owned by Rocher) brochures. I thought some of the readers would like to know this, no matter how sketchy, and also to see a picture of the Rocher Freres glass St. Peters. -R.S.-




# A Visit To Boozeville

Lloyd McLeod

Each year Boozeville hosts the County Fair. This year's event is shaping up to be a real wing-ding.

The Saturday night street dance always draws a large crowd of onlookers and dancers.

Shown here are two of the dance-bottle styles: Apache and Matchitche. The Apache is the most common of the dance bottles. This figure is made in three sizes but the smallest size is not a bottle. It is a vase or match holder as it has a pocket in the back and no place for a cork. The Apache was made in all brown, all green, all blue, and in multicolor as shown here. Some have printing on the base. One reads "Apachentanz". Another reads "Apache Dance." The large size is 6 1/4 inches. The middle one is 5 1/4 inches and the small one is 4 inches tall.

The Matchitche shown here is all brown color but there must be others in multicolor. This is the only one I have seen. It is modeled in the "Castle Walk" style but has "Matchitche" printed on the base. The German workmen who produced these probably didn't know one name from another, as some of the styles did get their names mixed up.

If anyone has any information on this subjetc or pictures of a multicolor Matchitche, please let me know. I also need a picture of "The Waltz" and "Ragtime".

Come on now, everybody have fun at the street dance in Boozeville Saturday night.

--L.M.--

# tiny topicals

by Al Halpern

There is one topical subject for the collector of miniatures that is sort of a "catch all", in a way. I call it "Things You Have Around The House" -- and it's amazing what things some people have around the house!

There are several bottles issued by McLech that would fit into this category. There is the small Table Lamp in which the actual glass bottle is shaped like the base of a lamp and the fluted plastic shade is a screw-type cap. I have seen the shade in numerous solid colors, variations of red, pink, green, blue, and yellow. All of the ones I have seen contained Scotch Whisky but you will find that McLech fills its minis with various kinds of spirits so it's not unusual to see the same bottle with Scotch in it or with Mead, Cream Sherry, or Brandy. And some of the glass McLech minis also pop up at the perfume counters. (Ed. note: there is also a ceramic McLech Table Lamp.)

In the library or family room of your house, especially if you are of Scotch descent or a lover of poetry, you may have a bust of Robert Burns as depicted by McLech's all white bottle, also containing Scotch. There are also a couple of hats for the hat rack -- a blue Scotch tam with a red pompom on top of it, and a Welch Hat that almost looks like the same hat you might have found in Salem during the days of Witchcraft. Another McLech item that you would find around the house is the Toby Jug or Mug.

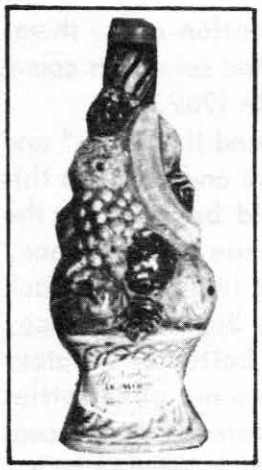
There are several different bottles that are concerned with providing light for the house. The Rynbende Candle Holder and Oil Lamp bottles are in this group. These are made of Blue Delft and are extremely popular with collectors of delft as well as with bottle collectors. Several years ago these Rynbende Blue Delft bottles were rather plentiful but they have been difficult to find of late. The Borghini Lamp with the genuine wax candle as a part of it certainly fits into this group too.

In a more modern light (pardon the pun) are the glass Evelt Light Bulbs. In my collection, I have these with four different contents -- Sambuca, Genzianella Chantal, Genepy, and Cherry Brandy Chantal. But, frankly, this is one of the few glass bottles that truly looks better empty than it does full. For one thing, the contents look like colored water and have that phoney look. Aside from that, when they are empty the look like real light bulbs.

Rutherford Scotch has issued a series of oval-shaped wall plaques with pictures of various types of Scotsmen on them in various poses. The designs match those on the Rutherford McRae's Whisky Punch Jugs. We have seen these wall plaques mostly with a brown border but occasionally with a white border. The opening for this bottle is on the back -- consequently, when it's hanging on the wall it is difficult to convince anyone that it is truly a bottle. A word of caution -- don't try to hang the bottle on the wall using the "hanger" provided by the bottle-maker. It just won't work. If you want to hang it, you'll need to add a "hanger" of some sort and because of the glazed finish of the bottle it's difficult to get something that will "stick". So be careful with this one.

For the shoe closet, Rynbende has made the Blue Delft Dutch Shoe, especially necessary if your house happens to be located in Holland. The shoe is an old stand-by design for Rynbende that pops up every several years or so but usually a new run of the bottle brings with it a slightly different design painted on the bottle. I have seen three different designs on these shoes and I am certain there are more than that.

Another set of books has been issued by Mc-



## Things Around The House



Rynbende
Snowman

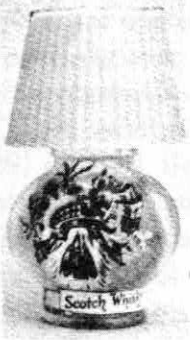




Rutherford Wall Plaque



Robert Burns



Glass Lamp



Scotch Hat



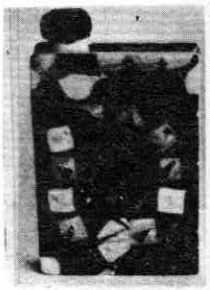
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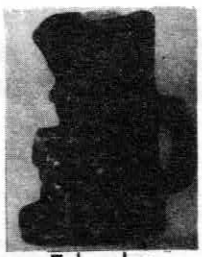


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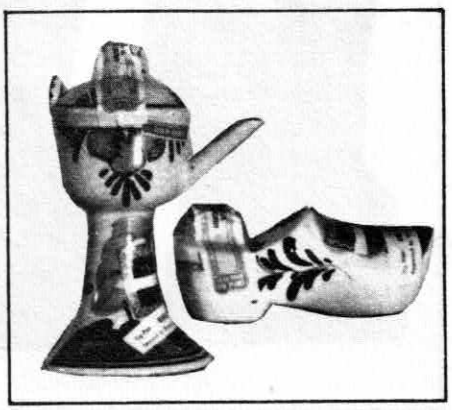
Evelt
Light Bulb



Toby Jug



Rynbende
Chimney Sweep



Lech, these not so sophisticated as the Rutherford issues. These are called A Nitch of Burns and have different poses of bikini-clad pin-up girls at the beach on the front covers of the books. From St. Croix in the Virgin Islands comes a miniature bottle from the Delatour Company that looks like a box of chocolates. Called BonBon Royal, it contains a 60 proof chocolate liqueur.

While there are some who are against having a gun around the house, for those who are not, there is the replica of the 1851 Civil War Colt pistol issued by Hoffman. According to the legend on the separate porcelain base on which the gun rests, this cap and ball revolver was the most famous and widely-used sidearm of both Union and Confederate forces in the Civil War. Another set of guns was issued in Italy some years back by the Sarandrea Company.

For the fireplace we have the Cherry Log bottles issued by Drioli back in 1969 but still available in many stores. There is a large number of vases, urns, and pitchers available too that would be suitable for this type of collection. Too numerous to mention all of them, but probably the most varied selection comes from Drioli, those issued in 1969.

Let's take the term "around the house" and think of it in a literal sense and place in this collection items that would be found in the areas that surround the house. For instance, in this category you might include the black tree trunk bottle issued by Sapins of France, and the brown tree trunk bottle of Delatour from St. Croix. Both of these are glass bottles covered with a bark-like material that causes them to appear to be a part of a genuine tree.

Two final bottles -- both from Rynbende. If you live in a wintry climate, you may have a Snowman sitting in your yard as well as a Chimney Sweep standing there getting ready to do his number on your chimney. These bottles are glass, covered with raffia and quite novel. They have been known to contain various spirits. The two in my collection both contain, of all things, black currant gin!

That wraps it for this session. See y'all again soon. ...ah...




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Their first federal issue of uniforms was then the dress uniform of the Regular Army: a nine-button, knee length blue wool frock coat, sky blue trousers, and the black felt Hardee hat which was a tall crowned affair trimmed with a blue hat cord, black plume and looped up at one side with an eagle crest pin. Extra issue of white leggings and white gloves were not at first very well accepted, but after adverse comments and catcalls from other units, the Wisconsin men decided they liked what they saw -- after all, the Brigade was something special -- the only all-western infantry outfit which fought in the Eastern Armies of the Union.

The respect of the other units was soon earned when the 6th Wisconsin and the rest of the Brigade went into action and the names of Gainsville, Second Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam and Gettysburg were sewn to the Regiment's battleflag. The name of the "Black-hat Brigade" gave way to the nickname "The Iron Brigade" earned by stout fighting. The reputation came at a stiff price at such places as the brutal standup fight against Stonewall Jackson's men at Gainsville and in the cornfield at Antietam, or at South Mountain where the commander of the Union Army, George B. McClellan watched the brigade as they advanced under stiff fire. He asked a subordinate, "Who are those men? They stand like iron." Later in correspondance to Wisconsin's Governor he wrote: "these men are equal to the best troops in any Army in the world."

At Gettysburg the Iron Brigade was the first Union Infantry on the field July 1, 1863. They won special mention that first morning for a charge in which a portion of a Confederate brigade was captured. The Regiment's casualties at Gettysburg were 30 killed, 116 wounded, and 22 missing of the 340 men taken into the fight.

Although badly battered by the hard service, the 6th Wisconsin served at the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Petersburg, Gravely Run, Five Forks, and finally at Appomatox.

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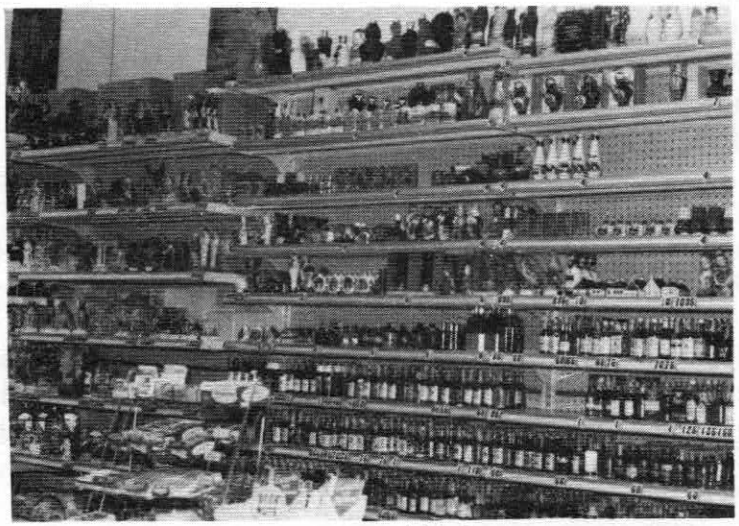
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