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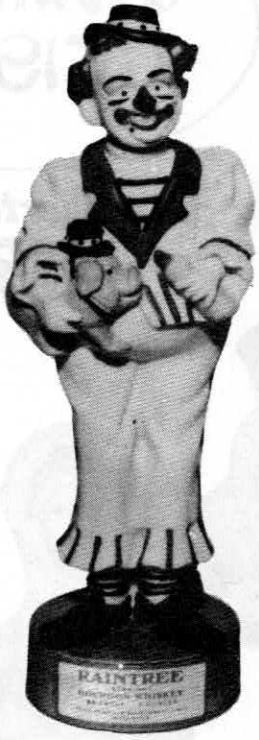
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LET'S TALK

Since this is always the last column which is written and set up, I don't usually do it until just a day or two before we scoot off to the printers. And, this time it's a good thing that we're running a bit late because we have some news about the Wrangler bottle on the front cover.

It seems that even though the Wrangler was promised for delivery prior to March 1st, we're still waiting. And, wait we shall. The new delivery date is June. We received a letter from Japan from which I quote: "At present, in Japan, manufacturers of ceramic dolls have accepted too much orders, and been pressed with work. In our company, we have full orders until next March. We still can't deliver some products which we accepted their orders last March. Almost all manufacturers of the same profession are in the same condition as we are. This the reason for late delivery."

So no matter what ads you've seen, if you've sent your money, it's being held and you'll get the bottle shortly after we take delivery. 'Nuf said!

Last time we ran a puzzle which I guess drove a few of you absolutely bananas because there was a typing mistake on one line. Anyway, you'll hear from Jean Davis about this and I hide my head in shame for the mistake.

Anyway, Jean has a new puzzle for all of you this time. A prize will be awarded for the 1st three correct replies received. Write Great Lakes Mini Bottle Club, P. O. Box 245, Fair Haven, MI 48023 care of Ms. Jean Davis. So now, unscramble the mixed up words, then unscramble the circled letters in those words. Get out the old thinking cap now!

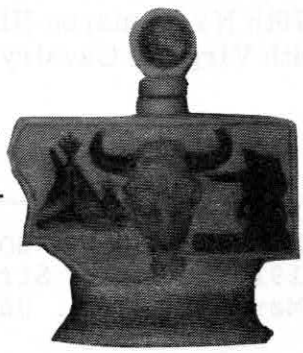
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TANNAHMAT ⊖----⊖---

Finally, the bottle which you're looking at here is one of the Lewis and Clark bottles which was released in Montana only. It's available in both large and mini...but just try to get that mini. In the near future we'll picture the first Lewis and Clark bottles so that you can see them the way they were meant to be seen.



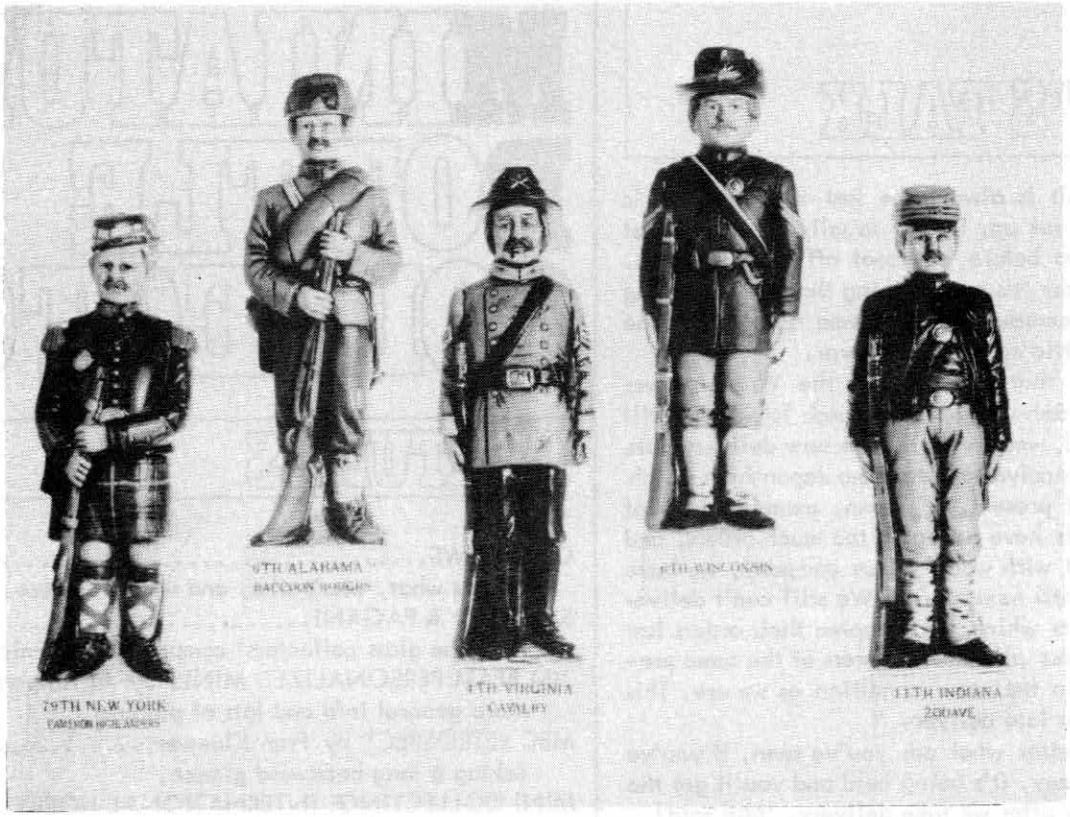
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OUR COVER

The bottle on the cover is our pride and joy. This is the miniature Wrangler which has been a long time in the planning stages and has yet to be delivered. This is one of the two Anniversary bottles (the other being the mini Bronc Buster) for our sister publication, Pictorial Bottle Review. We don't often get the chance, but this is one time we're blowing our own horn!

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Do you believe that heading? I almost didn't myself until I realized there was just too much Club news to go in that little Let's Talk column. I think you're going to be really amazed at some of the things you're about to read.

Let's begin by going up north of the border to our friends in Canada. The Montreal Club now officially has a name and at last count, 80 members. That's 80 members at $15 a membership and that ensures that some good things are going to be done. Often clubs set their goals a little low and then are forever trying to climb.

The name of the club is "The Mini-Barman Collectors Club." Or as they say in French up there, "long live le club mini-barman." For all interested parties, the club's mailing address is: P.O. Box 126, Rosemont, Montreal, Quebec H1X 3B6, Canada.

We'll move on down to Pennsylvania now where big things are happening. The Del-Val Club is at it again with their semi-annual delight. But let's let them tell you about it: "It's that time again that all mini bottle collectors have been waiting for. The Del-Val mini bottle collectors Fair and Show on Sunday, April 17, 1977, at Janis and Bill Johnston's Lockwood Square Dance Barn. The Lochwood Barn is located in Skippack, PA on route 73 just west of route 113.

"The mini-bottle Fair will run from noon to 6 pm or later. All mini bottle collectors and dealers are welcome. Bring your bottles for show, trade, and sale. We have been told that some collectors have found bottles at the Fair that they've been searching for for several years. Come see for yourself and stay and enjoy the hospitality of the club. There will be hot dogs and rolls, baked beans, sauerkraut, and that liquid gold, 'hot coffee' and cold sodas. Be our guest, there's no charge for all these tummy stuffers.

"Membership is open to anyone and dues are $5 per year for you and your spouse. See you at the Fair."

The mailing address of the Del-Val Club is 11912 Templeton Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19114.

Now we'll move west but we won't have to go too far. Up until a couple of weeks ago, I didn't even know of the existence of the Kiski Mini Bottle Club, but they sure do exist and have been around for some time now. Just so I don't forget, their mailing address is: R.D. #2, Box 483, Leechburg, PA 15656. The President is Ed Medice and the bulletin editor is Mrs. Donna Fisher.

They sent me an eight page bulletin that any club, large or small, would be proud to have and even though Donna Fisher would scott at the idea, she's done a darn good job. For those of you who collect the personalized Jim Beam minis, I think you'll be able to buy the Beaver Valley Jim Beam Club mini through this new club.

We'll move on to the west coast now and start at Portland. The Northwest Mini Bottle Club, c/o Ms. Kathy Comstock, 8824 N.E. Eugene Street, Portland 97220, is primarily a group composed of collectors from just Oregon and Washington...but they certainly wouldn't pass on members from out of the area. Can't tell you too much about this club except that they're avid collectors.

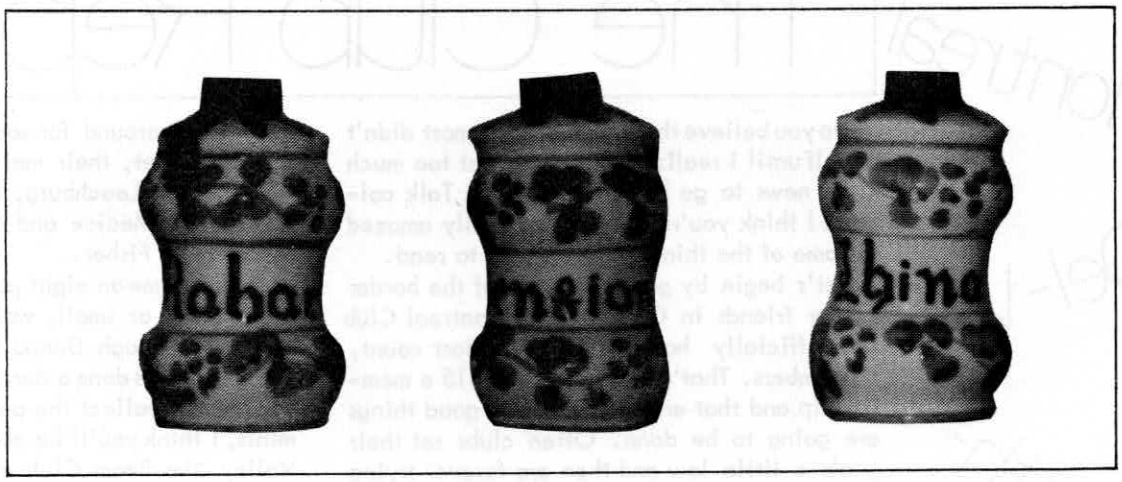
When we move down to California we have our only sad news to report. It would appear that the Bay Area club in the San Francisco-Oakland area is now defunct. I think everyone knows what it's like when you have too many braves and no one wants to be chief. It certainly is a shame though and if the club isn't out of business, please write and tell us.

The Lilliputian Club has gone through its problems but is certainly on the right track because there were people involved who really cared...cared enough to take offices and get involved. And that's exactly what it takes... involvement. The Club already has its picnic for the summer planned and you'll read about that here next time. For more info on this club, write to Mrs. Pat Beard, 5119 Lee St., Torrance, CA 90503.

And now just in case you hadn't heard, there is a second club in Southern California. This is the Orange County Mini Club and it meets in members' homes on the first Sunday afternoon every other month...the even numbered months to be specific. For more information here, write to Mr. Dick Francesconi, 836 Carob St., Brea, CA 92621.

Now if you're involved with just a handful of people and would like to have us publish your news, drop us a line. If you hide your light under a barrel, it'll never be seen!!

Sassano & Pagani





Once again we visit Italy for bottles from the Sassano and Pagani Company of Milan. Previously we've pictured only their most interesting glass bottles...because they only made glass. However, last fall the company issued the twelve bottles seen on these two pages plus several others which we'll picture in a future issue.

As you can tell, there are plainly two different sets. The nine busts compose one set while six apothecary jars comprise the other. Only three of the jars are being shown because all six bottles are essentially the same...differing only in the names on the bottles and the colorings. These are considerably smaller than the more familiar Luxardo jars and are more attractive. Shown here are China, Rabarbara (Cream of Rhubarb), and Genzian. Menta and Anice complete the group.



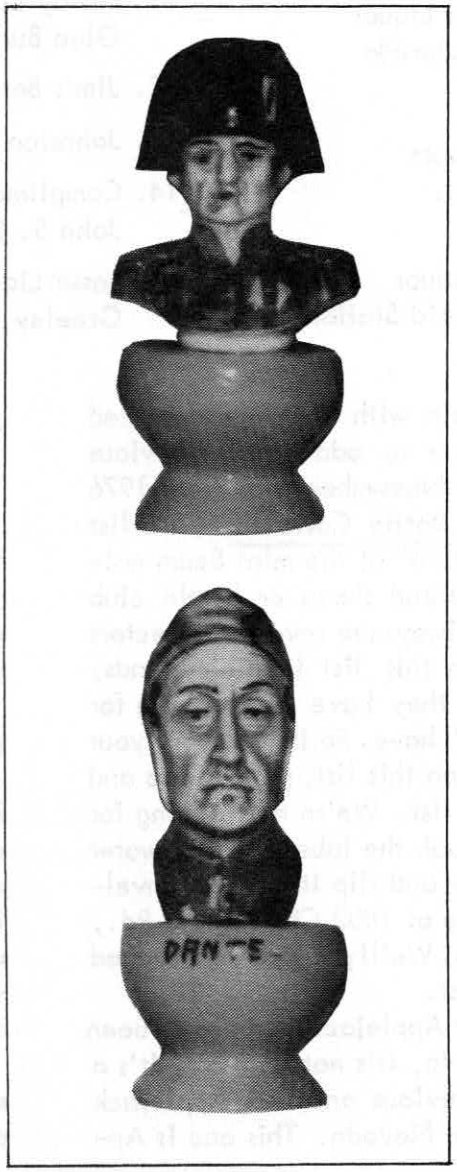


The busts are most unique, for a number of reasons. One, they contain Italian whiskey which is not at all common. Next, this is the first time to my knowledge that musicians have been honored. And, only the base of the bottle contains the liquor.

It is surprising that not all nine of the bottles were named. Naming seven and leaving two seems rather strange. Naturally the one is Napoleon while the other is simply a Grenadier or Soldier. If you're wondering about V. Bellini, I've been told he was a well-known Italian violinist.

If you'd also like to know, some of the bottles are in a high glaze finish while the majority are bisque.

Sassano and Pagani have plans for many other series of ceramics and you'll see them here when they're released.





PERSONALIZED Jim Beam MINIATURES

by AL HALPERN



Beam White Label

___1. Applejack Liquor

___2. John & Alice Arthur
Seasons Greetings

___3. Big Spur
Broken Butt Saloon

___4. Buffalo Hills Liquor
Sterling, Colorado

___5. The Casino

___6. Crofton Liquors
Crofton, Md.
261-6373

___7. Drive Inn Liquor
Your Thirst Aid Station

___8. Gordon's Liquor Mart
Greeley, Colo.

___9. Happy Birthday
Boulevard Liquors

___10. Harry Hoffman's

___11. Hiway Liquor Fair
Glen Burnie, Md.

___12. Jim's Bottles

___13. Johnston Liquor

___14. Compliments of
John S. Koontz

___15. Lasso Liquor
Greeley, Colo.

___16. Limon Liquor
Pete & Jean Newsom

___17. Mint Hotel

___18. Norman's Liquor
Lakewood, Colo.

Here we go again with more personalized Jim Beam miniatures to add to our previous list published in the November-December 1976 issue of Miniature Bottle Collector. This list is becoming the "bible" of the mini Beam collectors. When I attend shows or bottle club meetings, I almost always see several collectors chasing about with this list in their hands, checking off what they have and looking for that which they don't have. So if you want your personalized label on this list, send us one and we'll add it to the list. We're not looking for free bottles, just soak the label off (hot water will do it), let it dry and slip it into an envelope and mail it to me at 1802 Chanticleer Rd., Anaheim, CA 92804. We'll get it photographed and add it to the list.

You will note that Applejack Liquor has been added to the list. No, it's not an error. It's a new label. The previous one was Applejack Liquors (plural) from Nevada. This one is Applejack Liquor (without the 's') from Colorado. The Mint Hotel and The Casino, both in Las Vegas, have new labels.

Please note also that there are now three different Crofton Liquors labels...two on the previous list, plus one now with the local phone number. And there's a fourth one on its way, still different from the previous three.

Many Beam bottle clubs now have their own personalized label but may I say to all such clubs that there won't be any demand for your bottle outside your own club members unless others are aware of the bottles' existence. A good way to publicize your personalized label is through this column. So let's hear from all of you. These labels are coming out faster than we can keep track of them but we'll keep up to date if you will help.

The bottles pictured this time are a representation of some new and old labels. We'll do a complete, alphabetical update soon.

--A.H.--



__19. Old Town
Albuquerque, N.M.

__20. Park's Drive In Liquors
Deale, Md.

__21. Patterson Liquor
Colorado Springs

__22. Queen Mary
King of Clubs

__23. Sunbeam's

__24. Union Liquors
295 S. Union Blvd.

__25. United Travel Service
Seattle

__26. Wayward Wind Liquor
Ft. Morgan, Colo.

__27. Western Liquor Marts



Beam's Choice Green Label

__28. Jimy's Beams
Spokane, Wash.

MBC RETROSPECT

by FRAN KLUEWER



VASES 1977

This is the first MBC column in exactly two years as the last time they were covered here was in the March-April 1975 issue. Since that time a great deal has happened and MBC is now totally different in appearance and in concept.

One of the things which might interest you is that originally the MBC bottles and the miniature magazine came into being at about the same time and were in no way connected... except that the magazine often featured the bottles. Many letters were received which asked about this so now the matter has been aired and settled.

The initial concept with the bottles as outlined sometime back by Joe Kaufenberg (who owned and backed the bottles) was that ceramics would be created locally and marketed locally. Thus MBC bottles were only sold in California and Nevada and were made in Torrance, California, a Los Angeles suburb.

However, this all changed when other bottles became available and thus MBC released a whole series of bottles which originally were



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planned for either other individuals or companies. The Amana Couple were the first in this group and were later followed by the Peddler, Banker, Revolutionary War set, Western characters, and many others. The Revolutionary War set originally was known with Mogen David labels while the western characters had Lionstone labels; however, neither set was ever filled with those products.

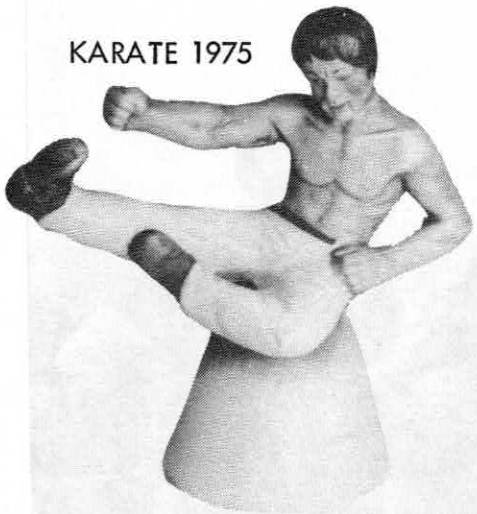
This then is the first part of an MBC retrospect to familiarize many new collectors with some bottles of the past because MBC has plans to introduce a great many bottles starting with this new Wrangler which will be available in July. Some of these bottles will be entirely new in both design and concept, while others some of you will remember having seen with other labels a few years back. These naturally will be bottles which were never marketed in the U.S.

The MBC story will continue next time with more bottles from the past and more news of the future.

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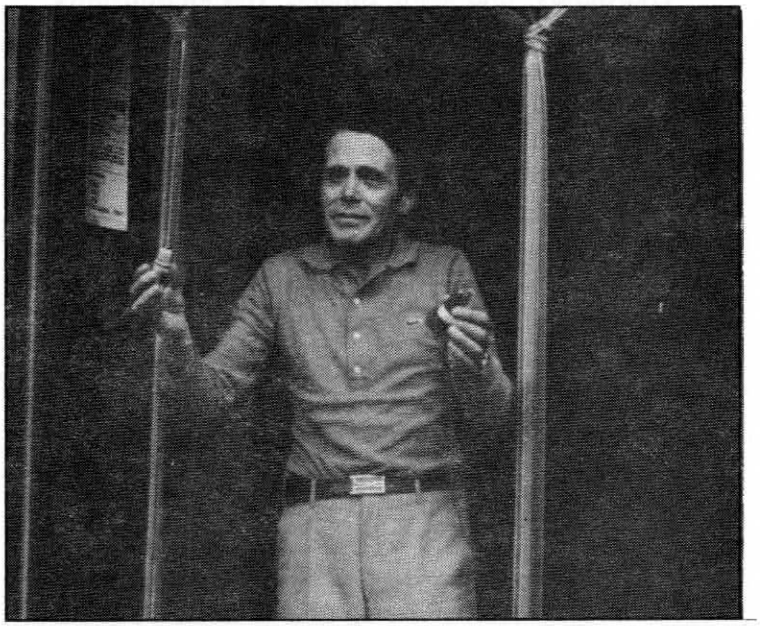
Miniature Bottle Collecting: An International Hobby

Three Collectors From Italy

Last time we ran the article on the Club delle Mignonnettes in Italy and in the very short time since that publication date, we've had more interest shown in that article and the Italian book than can almost be imagined.

There's really nothing more that can be said about the book, MIGNON di tutto il mondo (Miniatures of all the world). It's published in Milan and should be generally available in any book store.

Since there was so much enthusiasm about what's going on in Italy, we thought you'd also be interested in seeing some of the people who are greatly involved in collecting there.



The gentleman holding a bottle in each hand is Giuliano Pratolini. He is standing in front of his bar, Bar Trieste, in Consuma. This is a little town high in the mountains about Florence. We'll guarantee you'll be doubly impressed with both Giuliano and his incredible collection of bottles. And, on your way to Consuma, you'll pass the huge Ruffino Winery which would also be worth a visit.

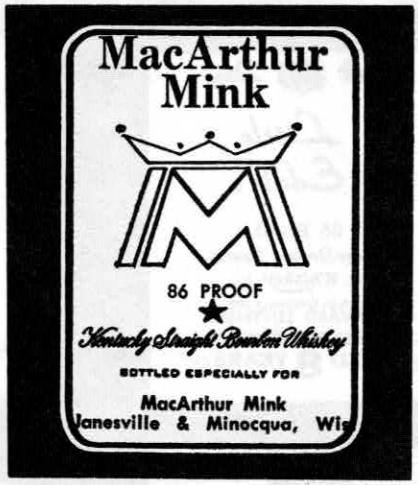


The other two gentlemen are (l - r) Luciano Pattone and Elvio Alessandria. If you've wondered where the name Alpa came from, wonder no longer. Take the first two letters of Alessandria and Pattone and there you have it. Presently the Alpa Company is best known here in the U.S. for the Warner Brothers characters which they produce. Unfortunately we just received word that Mr. Pattone died before the end of the year. He had been in failing health for some time.

From time to time we'll present more information about Italian collectors and collecting.

Personalized Bourbons





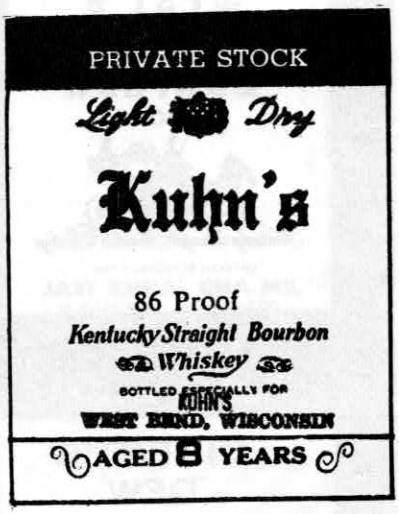


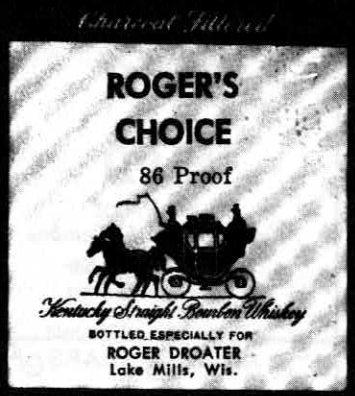


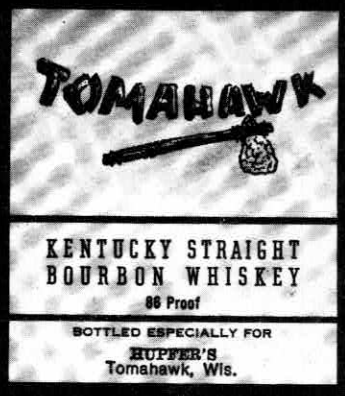
Down through the years, a mainstay in the liquor industry in certain states has been the personalized bourbons. Department stores, grocery chains, small liquor stores, etc. could all have a different brand as the rectifier would get label approval and viola, a private brand would be born.

Seeing the potential in miniatures, the Edward P. Fitzgerald Company of Milwaukee made scores of personalized labels for private individuals. Most all of these go back a good many years so don't expect to find more than a couple if you start searching. In fact, if you find more than one just consider that you've stumbled onto a very seldom seen bottle!

The ones shown on these pages are only a small portion of what was once done. As far as can be determined, no complete count was ever done as to the total produced.




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Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey
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Lake Mills, Wis.

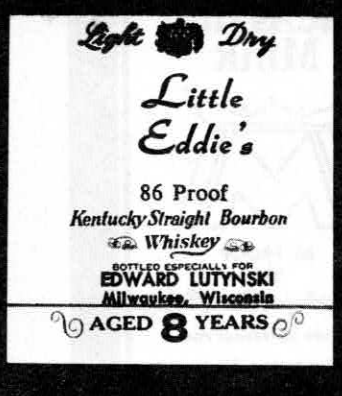

TOMAHAWK
KENTUCKY STRAIGHT BOURBON WHISKEY
86 Proof
BOTTLED ESPECIALLY FOR
HUPFER'S
Tomahawk, Wis.


PRIVATE STOCK
Light Dry
JIM BEAM
&
EZRA BROOKS
BOTTLES
86 Proof
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BOTTLED ESPECIALLY FOR
J. C. JORDON
Streator, Illinois
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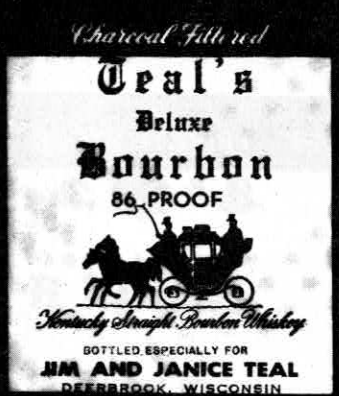

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Oconomowoc, Wis


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EDWARD LUTYNSKI
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
AGED 8 YEARS

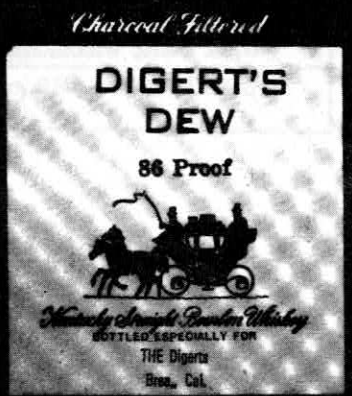

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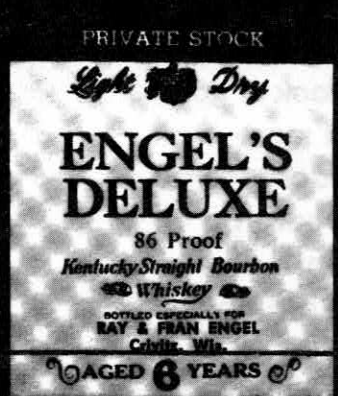

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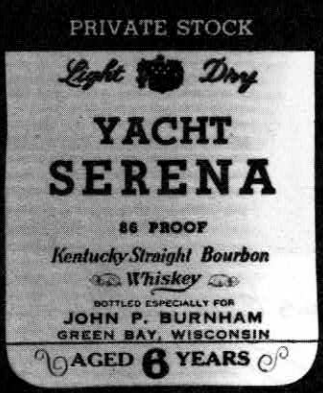

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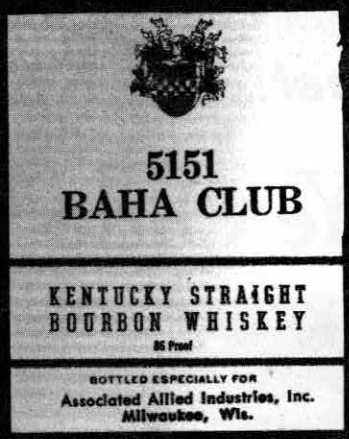

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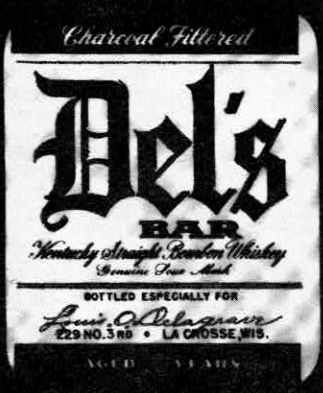

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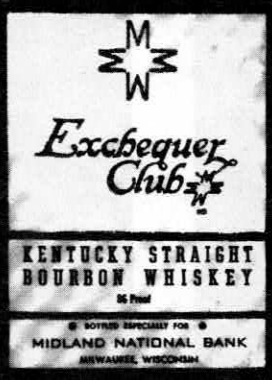

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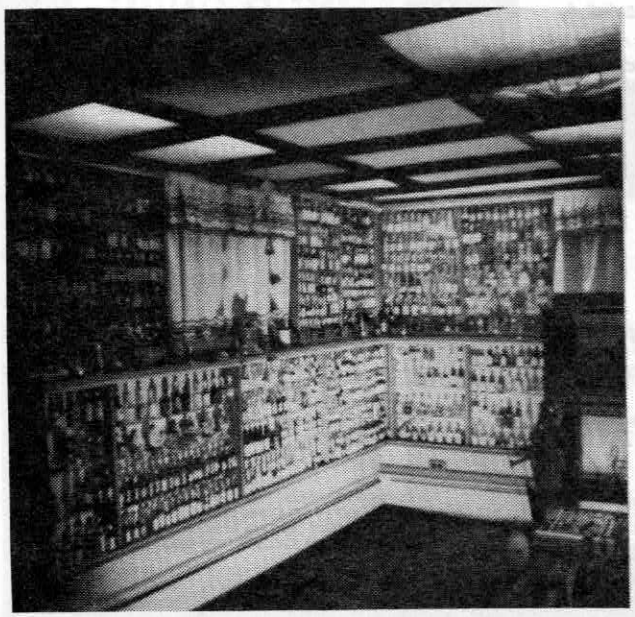


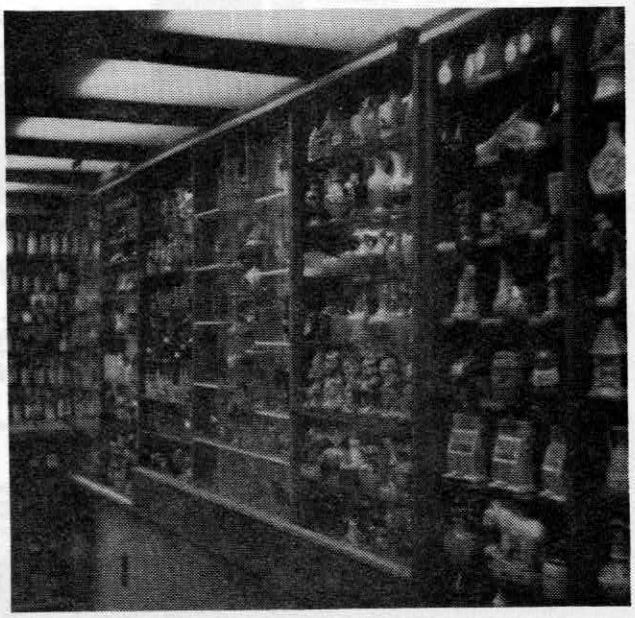
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Edward D Ryan

Meet... Ed Ryan and "Ye Olde Mini Bottle Museum"

Our collector this month is Mr. Ed Ryan of Washingtonville, New York. Ed is one collector who has more than taken his collecting seriously and has actually started "Ye Olde Mini Bottle Museum." I know that sounds as good to you as it does to me. Let's let Ed tell his own story though now.



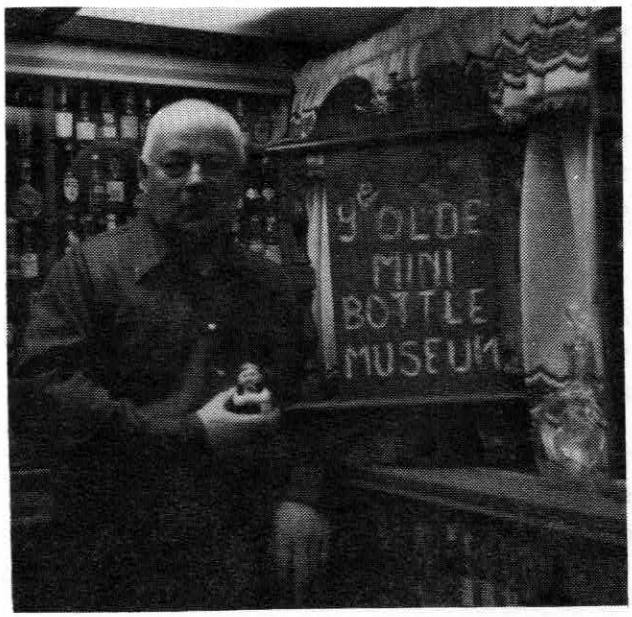


"I started collecting in the '60's. We were on vacation in North Palm Beach and I had an attack of bursitis. It was a Sunday and after hunting around for a doctor finally found one and he gave me a prescription. While waiting in the drug store, my wife surprised me with three mini straights. I was hooked! We went back to the store and bought more.

"I made up my own rules - keep the tax strip, don't empty the bottle (no problem since I only drink once in a while), and keep the bottles 2 oz. or under. I didn't know at the time other people were doing the same thing.

"Then I started making my own cabinets. I had them all over the house and that naturally got a little out of hand...so, I added a room onto the house. I built the room myself and it's about 18 feet long with two entrances. One is from inside the house while the other is to the outside looking out on a babbling brook that runs through our property (and years ago ran through our house when we had a hurricane up this way).

"I turned the room into a Museum this past summer because I would like to share the collection with other people. Everyone enjoys seeing the bottles and are amazed to see so many different types. There are over 2500 on display of which approximately 700 are figurals. There are very few duplicates. I never went in for extras because I just didn't figure there were other people out there doing the same thing.



"One of the reasons I really enjoy this hobby is that when I travel I have something to look forward to. Just over the hill may be a new surprise. At one time the Remy Martin Louis XIII Baccarat bottle was my goal. That was back in the '60's and have now managed to acquire two of them.

"At this time I'm not dreaming of anything special, but I do enjoy the real pleasure of going to a flea market and finding a Giveaway or an old straight. Actually the flea markets are new to me. Since I'm retired there is a good feeling of satisfaction in finding an oldie but goodie most times at a nice price because when you retire you are limited.

"Another reason for the Museum had to do with people disposing of collections. Sometimes people have to break up a collection and have some on hand that they just can not get rid of. Rather than have them throw the bottles away they can send them to the Museum. Naturally we pay the shipping costs.

"I even heard of one person who had a collection of a few hundred bottles and just threw them away because he 'got religion'. He wrote and told me that his religion did not permit whiskey in any form...handling or otherwise.

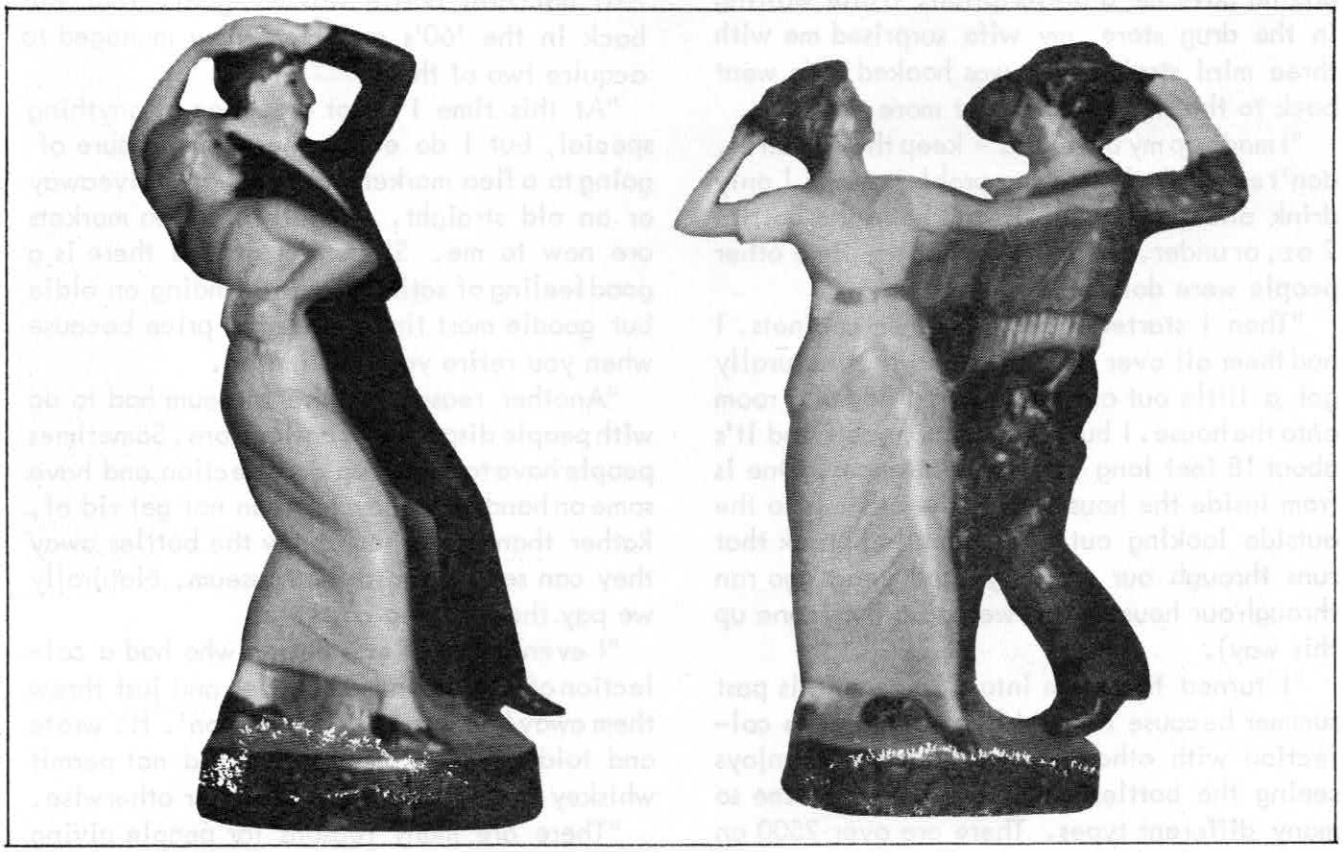
"There are many reasons for people giving things away and a gift to this Olde Mini Bottle Museum will not be lost. My wife Marian says it will continue even after I have gone to that Great Mini Bottle Heaven in the sky.

"The pictures show just some of the bottles and cabinets. I put in over 12 four foot double tube flurescent lights in the ceiling and 14 single tube on the sides. Yes, I do all the dusting. It's not really so bad as each one of the cabinets has a glass or plastic cover. My TV bottles are on the lower shelves so our grandchildren can enjoy them...and believe me, they do."

Just in case you're wondering, Ed is enjoying his retirement from the N.Y.C. Transit Authority and has nineteen grandchildren to keep amused when they come to visit. Ed's final note is that no bottles will be turned away and that all gifts are duly noted and permit the donor unlimited gawking privileges in the Museum. You can write to Ed at Lazy Days, Mountain Lodge Road, Washingtonville, New York 10992.

A Visit To Boozeville

Lloyd McLeod



The residents of Boozeville have just enjoyed a nice quiet Saturday night. Just about everyone attended the big dance at the Pavilion. They danced two new dances that are in vogue this year, the "Castle Walk" and the "Grizzly Bear". Everybody had a wonderful time.

The Castle Walk bottle was made in two sizes. It has the wood grain back with the cork there, neatly out of sight. The taller one is 6 1/4 inches while the shorter version is just over 5 inches. The man has red hair, a black suit and black shoes. She has yellow hair, a light purple dress, and red-orange shoes. The base is orange with the words CASTLE WALK impressed in black.

Grizzly Bear is an interesting giveaway. The one shown here has printing (done by hand) on the back which reads: Compliments of / The Old Crow / Zappettini Bros. Prop. / Redding Cal. This has been done under glaze on the wood grain back. The man is dressed in a cowboy outfit with a dark green hat, blue handkerchief, orange jacket with yellow waistband, black pants, dark green chaps, and black shoes. Her hair is red, blouse white, skirt yellow, and shoes reddish orange. The base is orange with GRIZZLY BEAR imprinted in black. Made in Germany is printed on the bottom along with the crown mark and # 9299. This giveaway bottle is six inches tall. I'm not sure if it has a smaller version as I've not seen one.

With the printing on the back we can tell where this bottle was given out and by whom. All we need now is the date. Anyone know when the Grizzly Bear dance first became popular?

Our thanks to the Zappettini Brothers for leaving this little momento of the past for us to enjoy. Think I'll have another snort now... oops, it's empty! --L.M.--



MICROMINIS

By VIC VISALLI

Beers continue to be in the picture for 1977, and I'm going to present five more of the Gold Seal micromini beers.

The first four that are going to be described are all just under 2 1/4 inches high and are all made of brown glass.

John Courage Ale tops the list, picturing a silhouette of a man with a wig. The top label bears the date of 1787 and also pictures a rooster. I assume that this beer is named after a famous English patriot. If anyone knows, please let me know. The label is black, white, yellow, and orange while the bottle cap is yellow.

The second bottle, and perhaps the most desirable of the five, is Watney's Red Barrel Best Pale Ale. Gold, green, red, black, and white colors make up the label and very tiny print reads "Stag Brewery, London." This ale has a green cap.

Next is a Toby Ale, on the label of which a squire sits. His coat is blue, pants are red, and shoes and hat are black. It also has a green cap and the rest of the label is black, gold, light green, dark green, and white. Along the sides of the label it says "Brewed and bottled by Charrington & Co., Ltd., Anchor Brewery, Mile End, London".

Mackeson Stout is the fourth bottle pictured. A lighthouse shaped figure is in the center of the black, silver, and white label, and the words, "The Original and Genuine" cut across the original trademark. The bottom of the label reads, "Brewed in Great Britain". A blue cap adds a finishing touch.

A beer familiar to most of us finished the article. This Bass & Co. Pale Ale is 2 1/4 inches high. Not visible in the picture is a red triangle, which is the trademark. Very minute writing surrounds the red, black, and white label and says, "This label is used by permission of Bass Ratcliff & Gretton, Ltd. Brewers Burton-on-Trent 'Triangle' trademark". Can you imagine all this on a 3/4" by 1/2" oval label!

Before closing...I would appreciate hearing from anyone sharing an interest in microminis...

--V.V.--

KOBY'S KOLLECTABLE KOLUMN

by BOB KOBY

By the time this article appears in MBC (I'm typing this in May 1976), I will have already disposed of all my straights and have started collecting all over again. It's fun to begin again and see some old, familiar faces.

Our first two bottles I want to look at this time though are from Argentina. Remember my bridge playing opponent doctor? Well, he's responsible for my having this tear-drop covered Capitan De Castilla which contains Licor Crema de Banana. It stands 4 1/2 inches high and the cap is covered in silver tin foil.

Not being well versed in Spanish, I imagine Envasado en Mendoza might be the distillers. (Ed. note: It's the place where they're made.) The label proclaiming its contents reads Tunquelen Tinto. It stands 3 1/2 inches high and the doctor told me that it's covered with real lava dust particles.

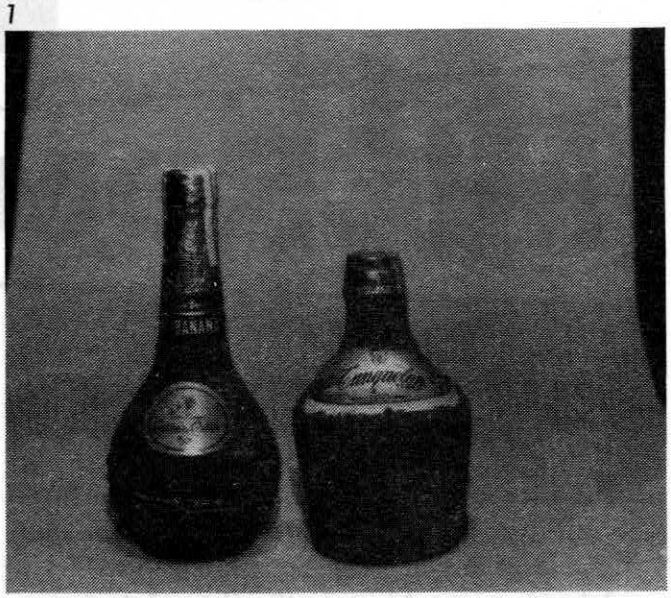
I might as well continue with a few more foreign minis. This syrup or beaker type bottle is from Spain. If you look closely at the letter A you'll spot a miniature saw. I imagine it's to be used to cut the beaker and consume the Moscatel contents. Again, I'm sure there are a few of this mini floating around in the U.S.

The green peppermint is from Portugal... Destilacao de Svena. It's corked with silver tin foil around the neck, in a duck pin shape and stands 4 1/2 inches high.

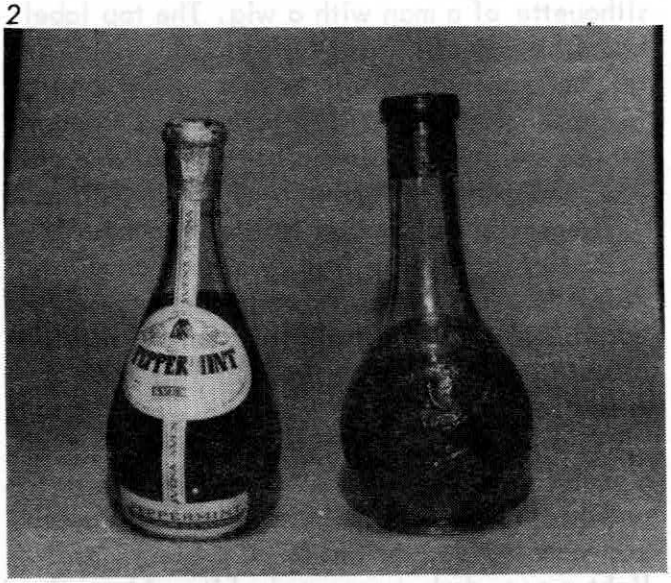
The Creme de Roses is from the good old U.S. and is embossed on the back RHEINSTROM BROS., CINCINNATI USA. It's clear glass, 4 3/4 inches high, tear drop shape, corked, and has an applied gold painted eagle. Three opinions placed the age of this mini at around 1890.

I hope you enjoy the three versions of Milshire's "Pot Still Gin". Take notice of the old label which reads Heublein's Since 1875 and

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sports a 35¢ price tag. On the back there's a New Mexico 1942 postage size green 1 1/2¢ tax stamp.

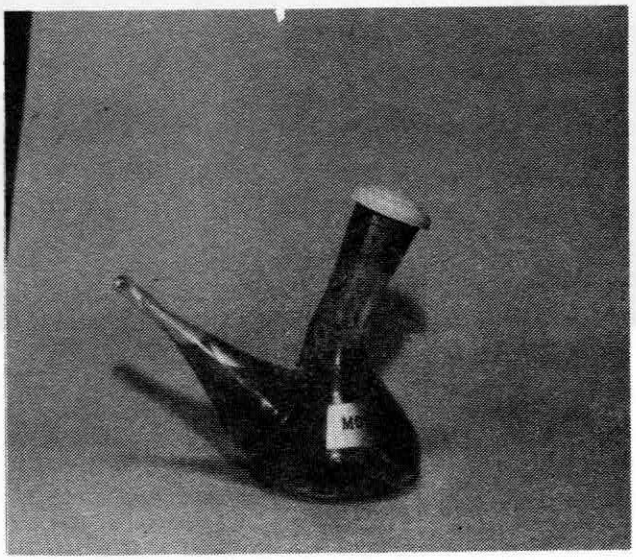
Let's move on to three versions of Pete Hagens. The 100 proof Bourbon Liqueur is colored with caramel. The round blackberry liqueur is of the recent issue. The Pete Hagen's apple brandy is twelve months old as stated on the bottom of the face label.

My last three minis are samples of shapes used by DuBouchett or Many Blanc of Chicago. The common round, lady's leg and tear drop are the three different versions.

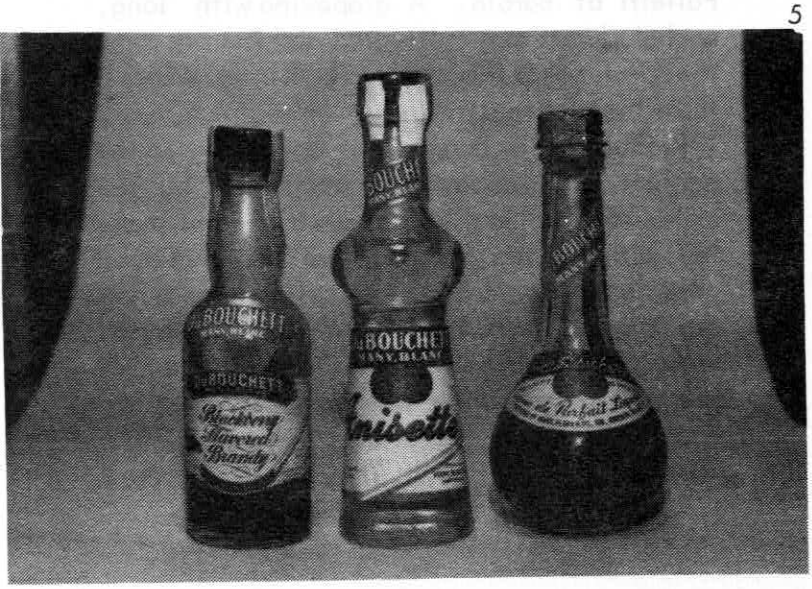
I hope you enjoyed this little travel log through some of my minis and I'll see you next time. --R.K.--

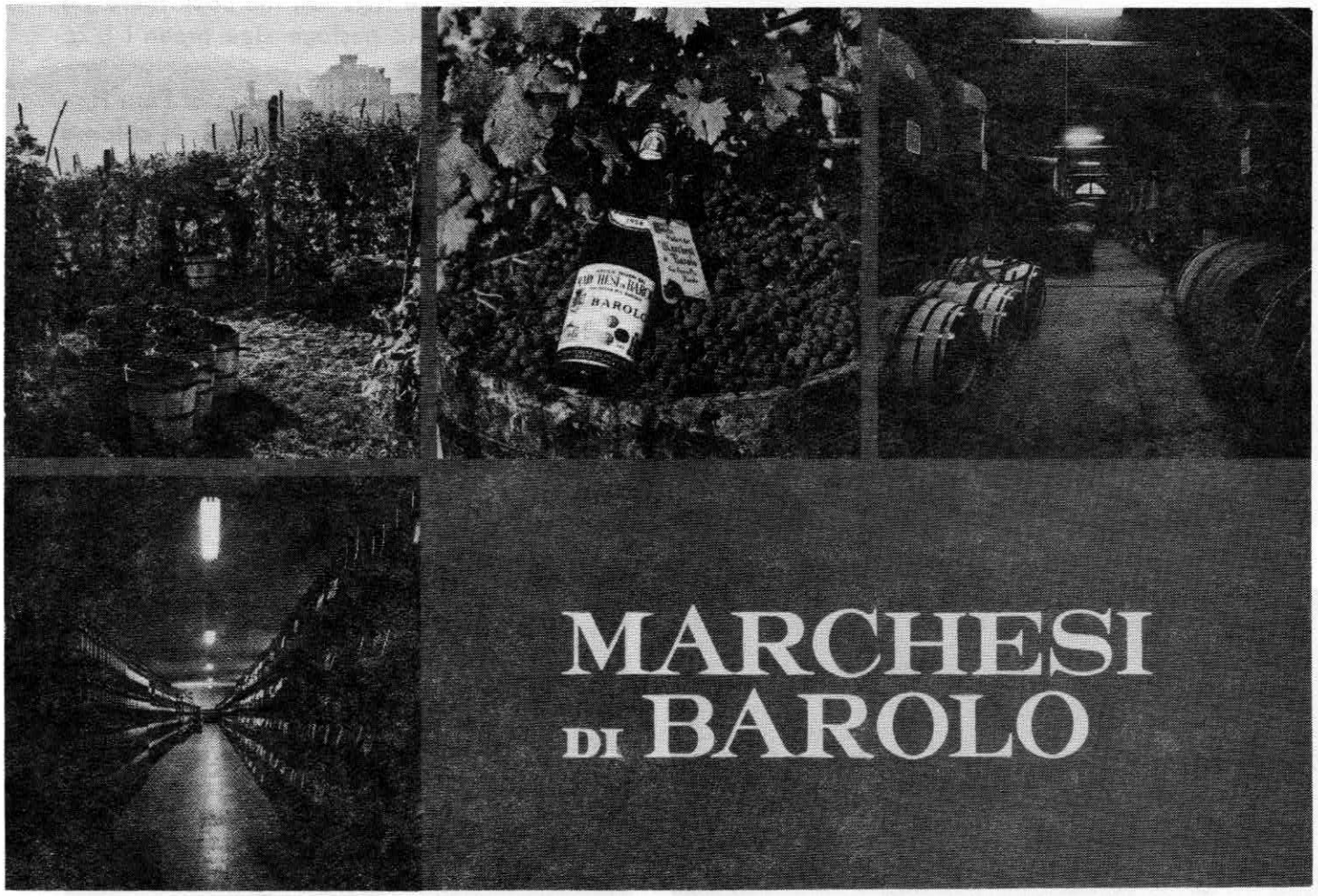
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Ski Country





The bottles appearing on these two pages are soon to be issued in miniature size after achieving "sold out" status in the 4/5th size. The Drum Eagle is a noteworthy follower in the eagle tradition which Ski Country has already established; however, it's a most spectacular bottle in its own right.

The Great Spirit was the first of the Indian on horseback bottles and looks to be even a bit more popular in miniature size than it was in the larger size. The End of the Trail was the second in this possible series. It's possible that all three of these bottles will be released this Spring. At least two are scheduled for late Spring release...so keep your fingers crossed.

Sometime in the future you may look forward to the release of three more fish: the Landlocked Salmon, the Largemouth Bass, and the Muskie.



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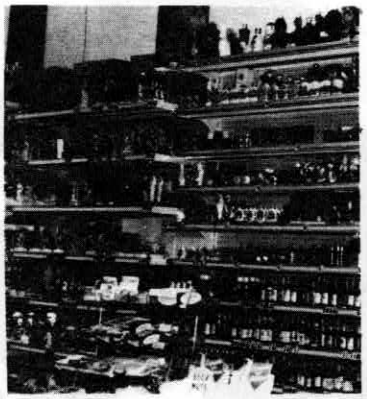
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For this issue, I would like to add that in the Sept.-Oct. '76 issue of MBC, Al Halpern had an article on "tiny topicals." Outside of the Rynbende shoe and the Rutherford wall plaques, we have all these bottles, plus most all of the Beneagles, Aidees of Torquay, and McClech bottles. As a matter of fact, we have been offering these at a 10% discount for the last month. I will continue the discount until this article reaches print - instead of the usual Argentine "special." So this would be a good time for you to pick up any of these you are missing. What we have is all listed in our current guide, so send along $1.00 and an SASE and we'll get it off to you right away.

--Ginny--



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