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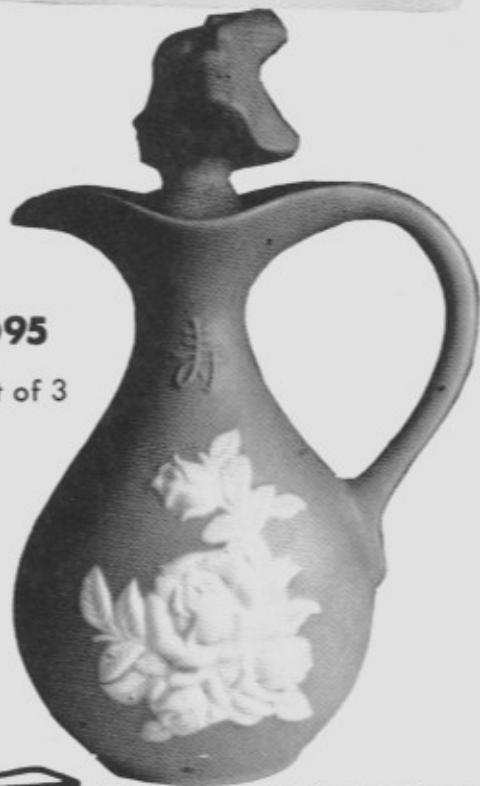
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This is a photo of the finished product of the miniature Wrangler and is the 1977 Pictorial Bottle Review Anniversary Bottle. In a few months the miniature Bronc Buster will be released thus completing all of the Anniversary bottles in both 4/5th and miniature sizes.

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LET'S TALK

Gad how quickly two months goes by...seems like one issue is hardly to bed before we start on the next. I hope you notice quite a difference this time. If you've grumbled in the past about not being able to see what some of the pictures are because of the printing problems, we're hoping that the grumbles are all in the past.

We've had some questions about the puzzles in the last couple of issues, so here's the word from Jean Davis, the originator. "For the first puzzle, I presented the "M and J Sales 1976 Greetings: personalized mini to Daryl Spackeen of Flagstaff, Arizona. The puzzle had an error (Ed. note: Sorry, 'bout that, but you know typewriters. they've got a mind of their own.), but she figured it out anyway.

"This last puzzle had very good response and I am sending bottles to the following winners: R.W. Latulip, Torrance, CA; Darlene Sandstedt, Boring, OR; Alan Sutton, Greenwood, NB; Mary Struthers, Tempe, AZ, and Mrs. R. L. Williams, Miami, FL. And, once again, Daryl Spackeen answered the puzzle correctly."

One of the columns I wanted to start this issue never made it because of space limitations. Anyway, look for a "What's New" column in the next issue or as soon as humanly possible. I've seen samples from several companies of their new goodies and before the year is out, you're really going to see some great bottles.

In any case, the two bottles pictured here have been released in the last few months and not many collectors know about them. The Surfer is from Hawaiian Distillers of Honolulu and contains Okolehao. The Guitar was a specialty item made by O.B.R. (they bottle Ski Country) for B & G Distributing of Nashville, Tennessee. It comes in five different colors, including gold...which is a knockout!

See you in the heat of the summer. --DMS--



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OUR COVER

The bottles on the cover this time are the new set of Indians from Ski Country. These are the North American Indians and represent the Crow, Arapahoe, Pawnee, Blackfoot, Iroquois (she's the squaw), and Sioux tribes, or nations as they are also known. You can read about some of the other new Ski Country bottles on page 12. There certainly are some beauties in the offing.

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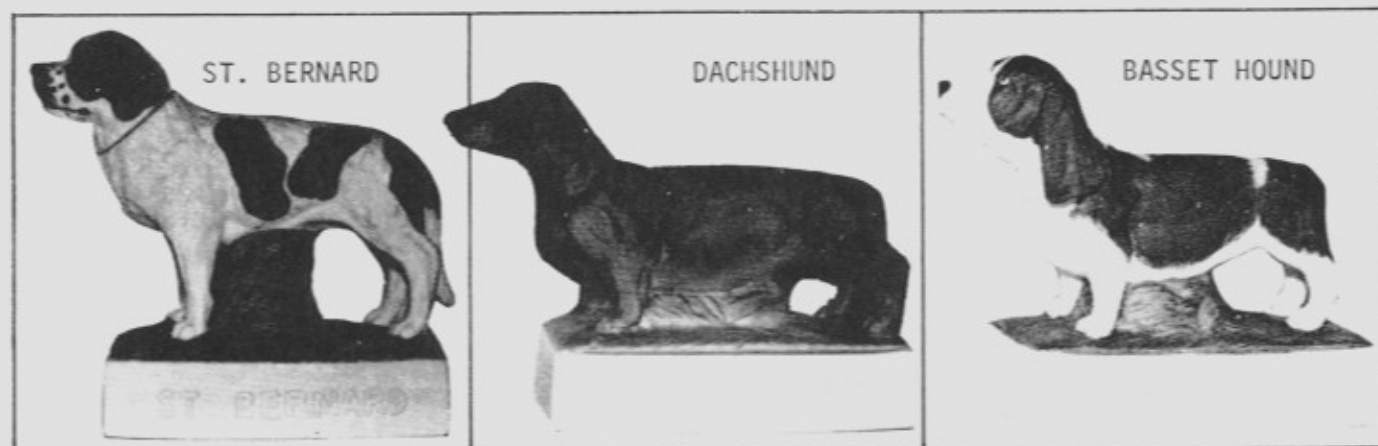
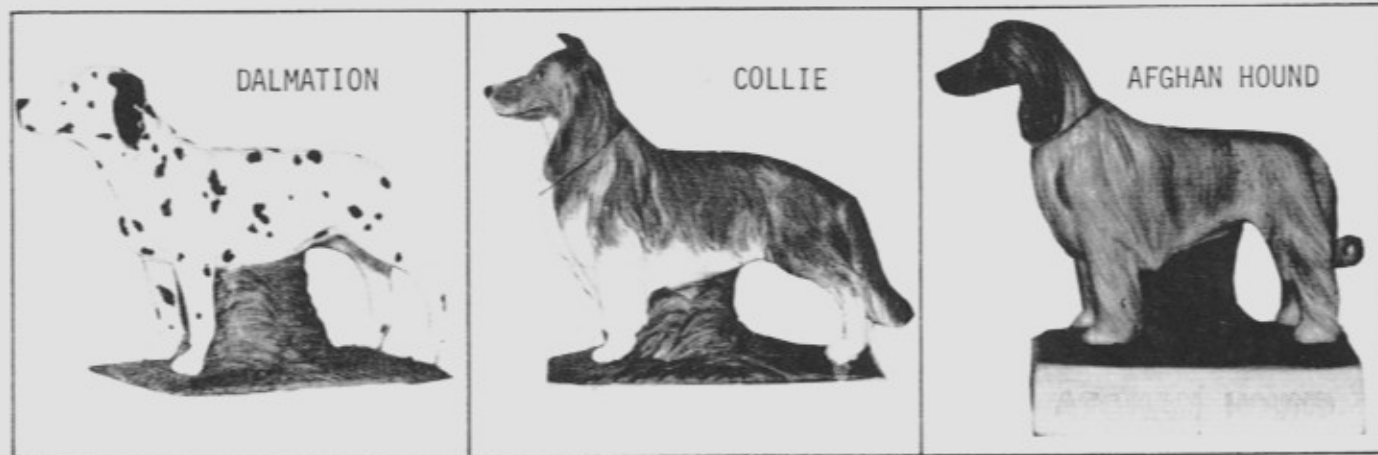


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CUMBRAE SUPPLY CO.

by Lew Kamann

While traveling abroad last year, I came upon the products of the Cumbrae Supply Co. And then I was fortunate enough to get this brochure which both pictures and lists all their bottles and novelty items.

I'm certain most of you Scotch collectors are familiar with a few of these items; however, I don't believe the majority are too well known. Take particular notice of numbers 39, 40, 41, and 46 in the figural bottles. Previously a bust of Robert Burns and a Loch Ness Monster have been seen, but these are two new versions.

It will be interesting to see now if other traveling collectors are able to find these bottles.

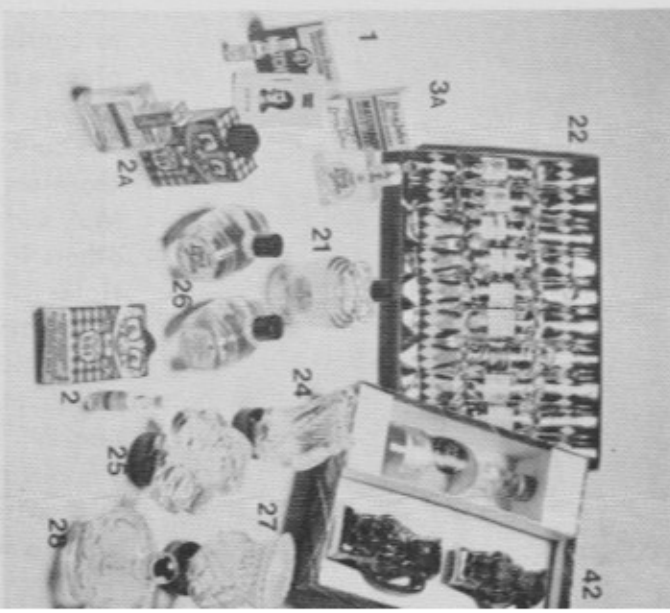
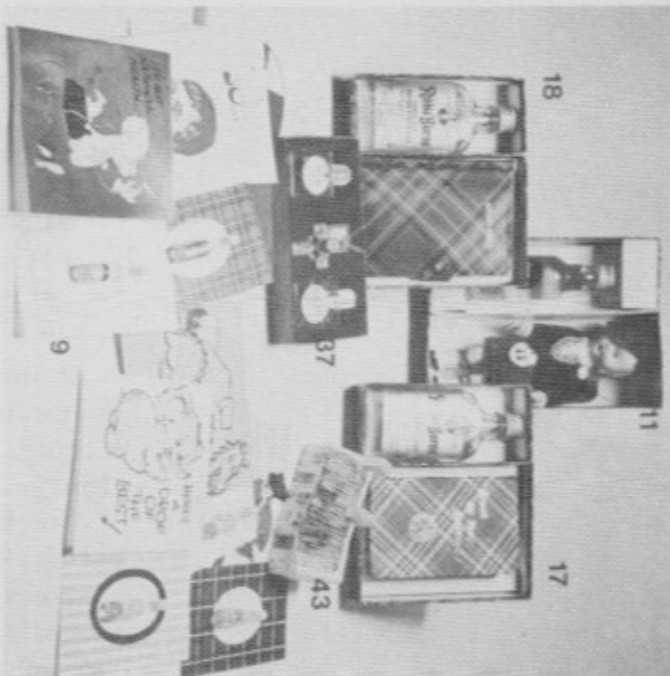
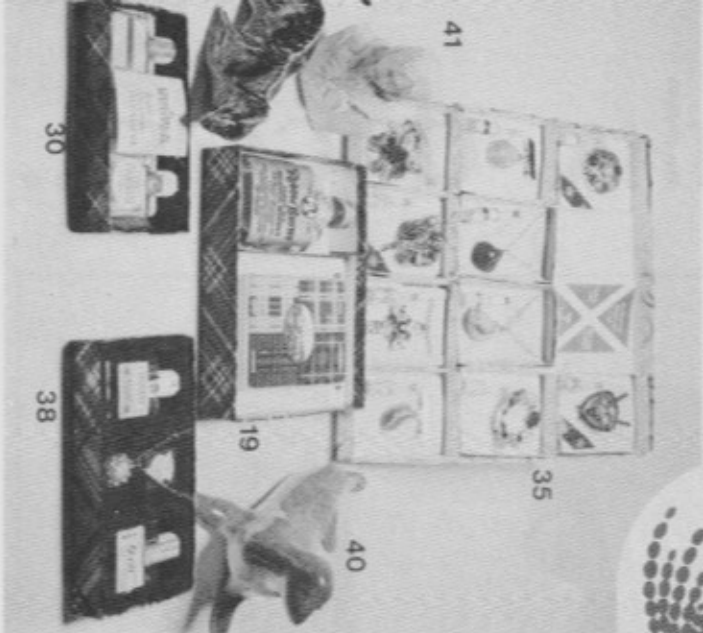
--L.K.--

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- 3a Branded whisky in a matchbox & 10cc bottle
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- 8 Thistle carton & Smallest Bottle/whisky
- 9 Greetings cards & Smallest Bottle/whisky, boxed singly
- 10 Burns poem pack & 12/3 min. of whisky
- 11 7"Scots doll pack & 12/3 min. of whisky
- 12 Car badge pack & 12/3 min. of whisky
- 13 Key ring holder & Smallest Bottle of whisky
- 14 Scotland book pack & 12/3 min. of whisky
- 15 Horse brass pack & 12/3 min. of whisky
- 16 Car kit pack & 12/3 min. of whisky
- 17 Birthday book pack & 12/3 min. of whisky
- 18 Tartan address book pack & 12/3 min. of whisky
- 19 Tartan playing cards pack & 12/3 min. of whisky
- 20 Crystal dish pack & 12/3 min. of whisky
- 21 Twin handled jug
- 22 Party crackers & Smallest Bottle, boxed in tens
- 23 Westminster dish pack & Smallest Bottle
- 24 Glass harp/Scotch whisky
- 25 Glass shamrock/Scotch whisky
- 26 Glass barrel/whisky
- 27 Glass thistle/whisky
- 28 Glass crown/whisky
- 29 Hair of the Dog novelty whisky
- 30 Double Scotch novelty, 2 10cc bottles/whisky
- 31 His & Hers novelty/whisky & gin, 2 10cc bottles
- 32 Golf ball on green base/whisky
- 33 Double Scotch in novelty dice carton, 2 10cc bottles
- 34 His & Hers/whisky & gin dice carton, 2 10cc bottles
- 35 Special boxed jewellery & Smallest Bottle
- 36 Display card of 10 jewellery items & Smallest Bottle
- 37 Double Scotch jewellery, 2 10cc bottles whisky
- 38 His & Hers whisky & gin, 2 10cc bottles, jewellery in tartan box
- 39 Small seal/whisky
- 40 Large seal/whisky
- 41 Robert Burns bust/whisky
- 42 Double mini toby jug pack/whisky
- 43 Robert Burns cottage/whisky
- 44 Pottery jars/whisky
- 45 Hanging flask/wine
- 46 Loch Ness Monster/whisky
- 47 Curling stone/whisky



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HOW MUCH IS THAT DOGGIE...

by DAVID M. SPAID



At the risk of sounding like the corniest writer in captivity, I couldn't resist the use of that title.

After looking at a great many bottles, I realized that one of the areas not really covered was that of dog bottles. Al Halpern did some very interesting articles on topical collecting, so in this particular instance, I'm going to continue on in that vein and picture a good many dog bottles for you in the next few issues.

You can expect to see the Garniers, Collector's Art, Droz, M.A.B., Bal Tabarin, and many others in this short series of articles.

This time we're going to look at seven different bottles, six of which are from different companies. Some of these bottles I'm certain you're already familiar with, but others might be quite a surprise.

To begin, let's turn to the pair of bottles from the same company...Teith Mill. This pair was never sold here in the U.S. but was found in Europe about four years ago. The terrier on the left comes in brown while the Scottie is in grey. Of all the different dogs in our collection, these two are favorites.

Next we come to the Cazanove from France. This fellow looks like he just as easily could bring in the evening paper as well as that bone in his mouth. Interestingly enough, this bottle was not imported; however, it still seems to turn up now and then in flea markets and garage sales. He comes in brown and is filled through the hole in the end of the bone.

Since we're still in Europe, let's take a look at the Rynbende black poodle from Holland. This one is about as easy to add to

your collection as getting the occasional set of hen's teeth. Sometimes seen with a white companion piece this is a most interesting bottle. You see, it like all the rest of the bottles here, are bottles in the true sense of the word. And, this one is probably more interesting because it's completely free standing. Notice how all the rest of the bottles are seated dogs and how so many things being made today are simply a ceramic piece attached to a base which holds liquor.

We'll look now to the last non-import bottle of the lot. This is the Barsottini dog who sits perched on the dog house. This bottle came out originally in the late 1950's but was re-discovered with the Italian and American mini bottle boom a few years back. The picture of the dog is a 3D representation and he'll move back and forth as you move the bottle.

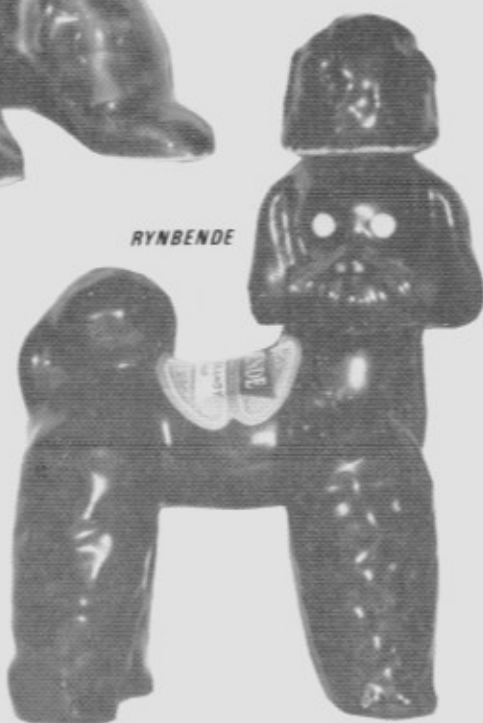
Next to last is our semi-import from Italy. I call this one a semi import because only a very few were brought into the U.S. There is also an IDA dog which most collectors would say was identical...but it's not! This Luxardo can be spotted (no pun intended) because it has black spots, while the IDA has dark blue spots. This one was produced in 1959.

With regard to this bottle, I want to relate a story which may show some of you to what lengths I (and many friends) will go to locate a particular bottle we can't live without.

Ten years ago the first Jim Beam collector's club began in the Bay area of northern California. Since I've always had a few large bottles in the collection, I naturally had to join this new bottle club.



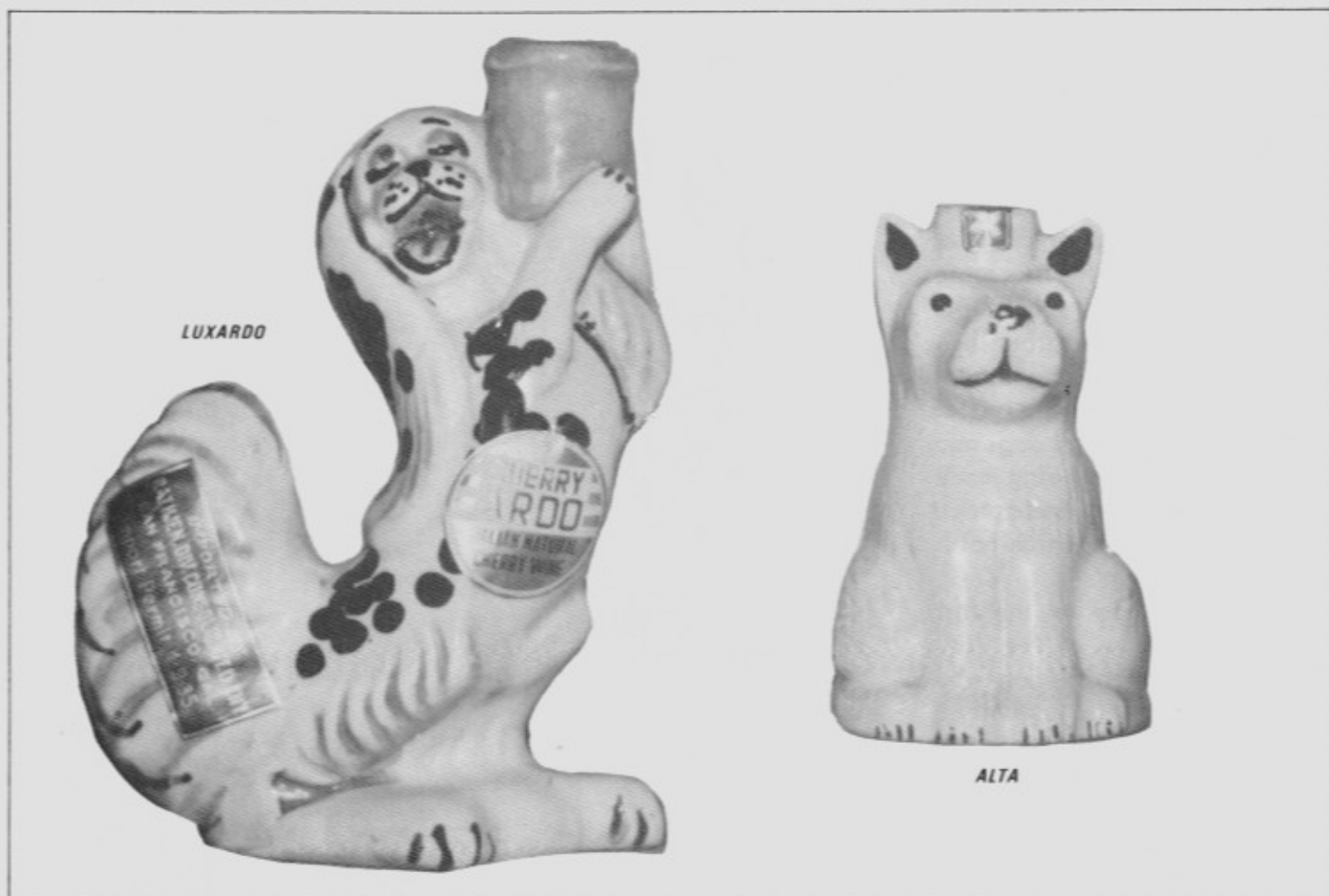
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BARSOTTINI



Well, in the late 1960's, the Luxardo representative, Mr. Hans Schoenwald, gave the Beam Club some miniature Luxardo chess pieces and dogs to be used in the door prize offerings. So I quite diligently waited until each bottle had been given away in the drawing and then by using a club roster wrote to each person who received a bottle. In this way, I was finally able to trade for two of the Luxardo chess pieces as they were won by individuals who were not interested in miniatures (hard to

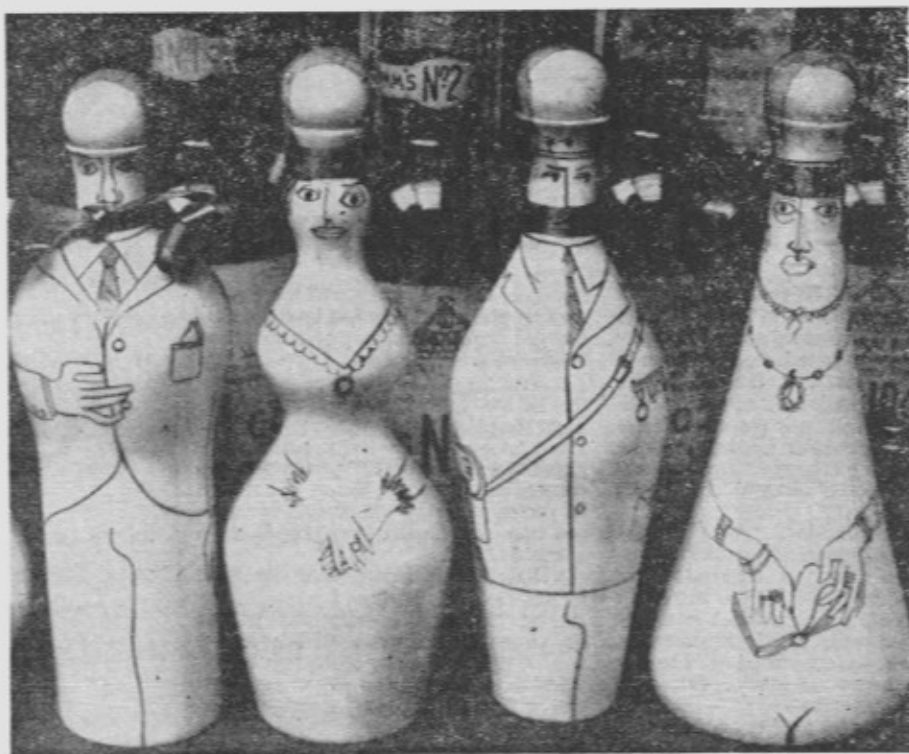
imagine, isn't it?). But months passed and I never had an answer to any of the letters to winners of the dog bottles.

Finally about eight months after I had initially sent out my letters asking about a possible trade, I received a package in the mail. Opening it, I discovered the Luxardo dog and a note which stated, "I'm sure you'll enjoy this much more than I." I have really no idea about the person who sent the bottle; however, I can say that he or she was probably correct...I surely

have enjoyed that bottle down through the years.

Let's move now to the last bottle for this time. This is the true American bottle. This dog is from the Alta Winery and Distillery of Dinuba, California, and was released in 1935. He is all white except for the highlights which are all black but for the mouth which is red. There are scores of Alta bottles, but this one is a stranger to almost all U.S. collections.

--DMS--



Fancy 1920s gin bottles — all dressed up and no place to go but a museum shelf.

Behind the Red Door

by CLINT SWIFT

At 12 Jose Antonio, one of the main thoroughfares of Madrid, stands a landmark that goes unmentioned in the official brochures. It's Pedro Chicote's bar and bottle museum. Pause over a red wine there, then inquire of a waiter.

Shortly you'll fall in behind a guide swinging a ring of keys and a 12-year-old youth in brown and gold uniform watching your every move. Trot out the revolving door, turn left, down the stairs, through the wine cellar to a locked red wooden door with gold handle.

The nine-foot walls of the inner cellar are laden with bottles — 23,000 of them, most filled with their original contents, some said to be more than a century old. Many of the donors are names known around the globe: Cantinflas, De Gaulle, Onassis, Selassie, Tyrone Power, Ava Gardner, Hemingway.

Light bulbs filled with red, blue and clear concoctions are

gifts of the giant Phillips electric corporation of Holland. A pair of canes above one portal carried liquor in the U.S. during Prohibition. Communication is maintained with the bar above through a cask-mounted telephone. For patrons who failed to slake a parched throat upstairs, a flintlock pistol music box chimes, "How dry I am."

"In 1930, Senor Chicote worked in the Hotel Palace across from the Prado," said Jose Luis Bueno, a 12-year-employee and one of only two men who have keys to the red door. "People used to bring their own bottles to drink from. One day a friend told Chicote, 'No, don't serve it. Keep it.' That's where it began."

Chicote, 77, worked there until last year, when he became bedridden with rheumatism.

A large number of the bottles have come from heads of state who visited Chicote's, Bueno said. "People who come here

go home and send a bottle." Among the latest additions are three bottles from Mexico and two from Santo Domingo.

Arranged by country from Abyssinia (Ethiopia) to Zaire, the bottles come in every size, shape and color. No respecter of politics, Chicote includes contributions from Cuba, East Germany, Russia, and other points east of the Iron Curtain.

The shelves boast bottles in the shape of a zebra, Mount Rushmore, a rocket from Cape Kennedy, a Japanese woman in kimono, an ivory Scotch terrier, an amber African mask, a belly dancer, and a blue dragon from the Orient.

To Bueno, the most interesting is an 1811 Cognac Napoleon; the most expensive probably an 1820 Johnnie Walker Red. He places the latter's worth at about \$2400.

The value of the collection, still private although willed to the state, is incalculable, Bueno said, and well insured.

The bottles can be viewed daily from 8.30 am to 2 pm and then from 4.30 pm to 8 pm.



Miniature of Winston Churchill flashes V for victory.



SKI COUNTRY

by Ruth Jones



MAJESTIC EAGLE

The following information is an article I found regarding the Majestic Eagle (don't you all wish you'd picked this up when it was one of the cheapest Ski Country minis around) and the landlocked salmon that we call kokanee. The landlocked salmon will be issued sometime later this year.

"Seldom is anyone privileged to view anything that can compare with what takes place each year from mid-October to mid-December in the western part of Glacier National Park, Montana.

"At that time, the kokanee salmon and the bald eagles migrate to Lower McDonald Creek. The salmon, as is their nature, arrive to spawn in the sparkling mountain stream.

"The rare bald eagles come to feast on the salmon.

"The landlocked kokanee salmon, smaller than the saltwater variety, were first planted in the area in 1916 and have flourished since. According to the National Park Service, as many as 75,000 to 150,000 salmon migrate 60 miles from Flathead Lake eastward to McDonald Creek. The salmon also live in Lake McDonald, to the east.

"Traveling in large schools, the salmon migrate to the spawning area in their fourth year. They prefer to spawn in a fast-flowing stream, with gravel bottom, about 6 to 18 inches deep. The temperature of the cold mountain stream is ideal - from 42 to 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Shortly after arriving at the spawning bed, the female salmon deposits about 650 eggs in a shallow depression she digs in the creek bed with her tail. The male fish fertilizes them by releasing milt. Two or three weeks later the parent fish die. The eggs hatch the following spring, in late March or early April, giving the "fry" time to migrate downstream before spring runoff brings high water.

"Although there are believed to be fewer than 20 resident bald eagles in Glacier National Park, the salmon-spawning season attracts ma-

ny more. In 1969, 373 eagles were seen in one day. In 1963, rangers reported 352 bald eagles - more than ten percent of the entire bald eagle population in the 48 contiguous states.

"Although they roost as far as two miles from McDonald Creek, the eagles are usually at the site a half hour before sunrise. As soon as there is enough light, the eagles swoop down over the water to pluck salmon from the stream with their outstretched talons. Younger birds that lack fishing skill often will attempt to steal fish from other eagles, resulting in spectacular aerial combat.

"Both young and old eagles will also eat dead or stranded salmon.

"As the eagles get their fill, they retire to the branches of nearby trees. Occasionally they leave the tree to fish or bathe in the stream's clear water. The National Park Service claims that an eagle often will eat as many as six salmon during the day.

"The bald eagles found in Glacier Park are part of what is known as the 'northern race.' They weigh about 12 1/2 pounds and have a wingspan of about 85 inches. Their distinctive white plumage on head and tail does not appear until the birds are fully mature (about 7 years old). Immature bald eagles sometimes are mistaken for golden eagles.

"The rare eagles, protected by federal government, are easily frightened and every precaution is taken on their behalf. The area around the spawning grounds is closed to humans except for designated viewing areas. The public may view the eagles from Apgar Bridge, about a half mile from where the eagles congregate."

The hawk eagle (or ornate eagle) is now available. The 4/5 size was made several years ago, and was a very good looking bottle so the mini should be very popular. Also available recently have been the Rainbow trout and the pheasant. 'Til summer..... --R.J.--



PHEASANT



My Favorite Beers

by SCOTT SPAID

(Ed. note: Nepotism starts in the home so we not too humbly present Scott's first article.)

I have been asking when I could do an article and now it's time. You know I am the son of the Editor of this magazine. My dad gets me beers whenever he can and he gets my brother the little pops.

I have collected beers for four years since I was seven which now makes me eleven. I wanted to show you some of my favorites. I now have 212 beers. I like stubbies and ones which are funny sizes. The two statues of the Drewry's Man and Bartender Joe I like very much. The two big beers belong to my dad's friend, Harry Ford. Sometime I want to get those too.

I hope you like my beers.



BEER NOVELTIES





MICROMINIS

By VIC VISALLI

Another interesting aspect of collecting is the Scotch category, and this month's article of course is for everyone, but mainly for the Scotch collectors.

The micromini trio featured is from the Gold Seal family and we'll begin with the Taplows Mountain Music Very Fine Old Scotch Whisky. Made of clear glass and standing 2 7/8" tall, it has an olive green, gold, red, white, and black label with a portrait of an aristocratic gentleman as its trademark. This very

same trademark is embossed on the back of the bottle. A "coat of arms" is pictured on the neck label.

Next is a 2 11/16" brown glass bottle of Haig's Gold Label Blend Scotch Whisky. This "corker" which happens to be one of my favorites, sports a cream, gold, and black label, and has a diamond shaped label in the back which pictures the famous Haig & Haig Pinch Bottle (oh! how I wish I had a micro-mini Haig & Haig Pinch, if it exists!), along

with the signature "John Haig Co., Ltd."

Our final Scotch is a 3 1/8" clear Bell's Old Scotch Whisky. Its red, yellow and black label, as you can see, features the Scottish coat of arms. However, its back label is far more interesting for it features 3 bells, which appear to be wedding bells. Embossed above the rear label is the name "Bells."

Next time, hopefully, we'll get to the Gin collector. Until then...enjoy! --V.V.--

Recently the bottle which accompanies this article came to light. It is now owned by Mr. Willis Mitchell who acquired it in a trade from a Texas collector. Prior to that, another bottle with a Garnier label, the Giraffe, was known but had never been seen in another collection other than the owner's, Mr. Harold Goetz.

Now into the picture enters Connie Avery who probably knows more about Garnier bottles than anyone else in the U.S., or anywhere for that matter. Connie wrote to Michel Garnier, who in turn showed the pictures to the remaining members of the Garnier family. M. Garnier wrote the following:

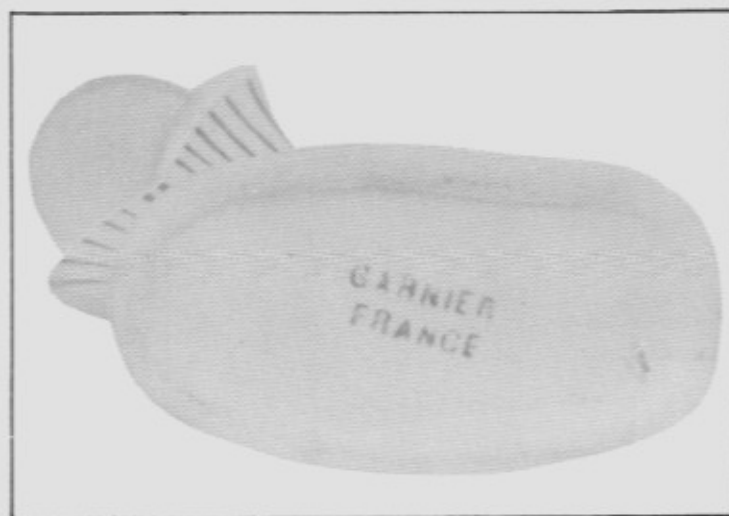
"As for the picture of the giraffe and the dolphin you sent me, I don't remember having seen them. They might be samples which have never been produced. Especially the giraffe in two pieces, which is not of the Garnier style."

Connie herself then added this to M. Garnier's letter: "So there we have it, we may speculate that a few were filled and distributed, especially the dolphin, since it has the name on the base. But neither Paul Garnier, whom I asked several years ago, or Michel believe they ever distributed them. I suppose this will remain one of the unsolved mysteries of bottle collecting. Of course, if more ever turned up, we might change our viewpoint."

Now, fellow collectors, what do you think?



The Mystery of the Garnier Dolphin



Whiskies...



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Most people and even collectors think of only three things when they hear the word whisky. Those three things are: American Bourbon, Scotch, and Canadian Whisky. However, there are a great many collectors now who have made the realization that there are many, many more whiskies available throughout the entire world.

What I have for you this time is a mere sampling. For example, there are no representatives here from Argentina, Italy, Canada, or a variety of other countries. What is here though I think you'll find most impressive.

The set of three - Marksman, Corio, and Black Opal - all hail from Australia. Only one, the Black Opal, has been imported here and it has long since disappeared from the shelves. The other two bottles are current in Australia.

The Corio may also be found in a more elaborate older version. This one is simply a flask with a rather plain label. However, the Marksman more than makes up for the "plainness" of the Corio. I think you can tell from the picture that this is a nicely embossed bottle. Interestingly enough, this one is measured in ounces while Corio is done in milliliters.

From Australia it's a quick trip over to New Zealand. There we find the Wilson's and 45 South whiskies. These aren't exactly what anyone would call spectacular; however, you don't find them imported here either.

Appearing in the same picture with the two from Australia are two others from Mexico. These



are recent additions to my collection and were given to me by Mexican collector, Ramon Barba. Both of these bottles are Seagram's products and may be purchased individually in Mexico or as part of a Seagram's package.

The Royal Label is very colorful with a red, white, and blue label. However, it is the Robert Brown's which I think is the most interesting. I first encountered this brand in Japan where it was introduced about three years ago. There, however, the smallest size was either a 6 or 8 ounce. I don't know who is doing the bottling in Mexico but in Japan the Suntory Company was doing it. This is a most intriguing whisky which I don't believe will ever be sold in the U.S.

Finally, we come to three bottles which have been highlights in my collection for some time

now. The Britannia is from England and like the previous Black Opal was imported but is now impossible to find. As you can see, it is a fairly standard flask type bottle.

The Omega whisky is from the Lucas D. Tsotras Co. of Riraelis Greece. This is current in Greece but is still packaged in a nicely shaped bottle and certainly won't be too easy to get. Remember this one when friends announce they're going off to Greece this summer.

The last bottle is one which I'm certain will be unfamiliar to at least 99.9% of all collectors. This Red Barrel Noble Whisky is from Sikkim. Yes, you read that correctly...actually, Rangpo, Sikkim. This is the tiny country between India and China. It is a product of Sikkim Distilleries and is one of my favorites. More "exotics" another time. -DMS-



A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



The sight of two sailors on the streets of Boozeville is a little unusual. These fellows are on leave from their ship and are looking for a small town with logs of excitement. Boozeville meets all the requirements. The swabs aren't able to spend any of their own money at the bars as plenty of free drinks are offered to them in exchange for sea stories and news of far away places.

Two styles of the sailor holding a bottle are shown from the back. One has a cut out space between his legs and the other one is solid. (The solid one belongs to my grandson, Scott.) It's hard to say which one was made first but I would guess the solid one. It is one of the largest of the wood grain back type. It probably held too much of the house's free whiskey and had to be redesigned. It is 6 1/2" tall, has a blue hat with black ribbon, blue blouse with two small white stripes around the collar.

The one with solid legs has only one small stripe around the

collar. Both bottles have white pants and black shoes. The bottle he is holding is light green. He stands on a bright orange base. If this type has a small size, I haven't seen it as yet.

The sailor with the life preserver is called "Life Preserver". It is 5 1/4" tall and this style does have a large size (6 1/4"). Colors are similar to the other bottle and the base is the usual orange color. The number 2311 is pressed into the bottom. This bottle was probably given to someone with a very bad hang-over...to help save his life, of course.

Before World War II, the bands on the sailor's hats would have the name of their ship printed in gold. These fellows could be off an old battle wagon. If you look real close at the hat band and use lots of imagination, you can almost make it out. Yes, yes, there it is. I can almost see U.S.S. Oregon...one of the fine old ships of the line in her day.

--L.M.--



The Club Report

The new Club Report column I began last month certainly seems to have done some good as every club I've since heard from has gained new members who first heard about the clubs here in the magazine.

With the bi-monthly publication dates we must use, you'll have to excuse some news possibly being a little old...but, it's still news none the less.

Heard from Bill Johnston, the President of the Del-Val Club in eastern Pennsylvania. He reports that the Show and Fair on April 17 was successful and that a good amount of fellowship prevailed and an even bigger amount (if that's possible) of bottles changed hands.

Bill brought up a point which is one we should all ponder. As we all love to travel, and as we all love to travel to places where hopefully we can find bottles, it seemed to be an excellent idea to spend some time thinking about getting those bottles back home. Now naturally this isn't much of a problem if you're only traveling here in the United States; however, if you're leaving the country, you'd better know what to expect when you cross the border to return home.

Bill wrote: "Talking to one of the people who attended our Show and Fair, he told me of an experience returning by plane from some point in Mexico to a port of entry in Texas. He was bringing back a number of miniatures he had purchased in Mexico for his collection, and which he duly declared on his Customs people directed him to the State of Texas agents, who, under Texas law, opened all of his bottles, poured the contents down the drain, and gave him back his empties. The man was told that he could cross back into Mexico and then arrange to fly to some port of entry in another

state, or if he wished he could step outside the building and drink the contents himself.

"This same man showed me a newspaper clipping he carries in his pocket for possible future reference explaining that Pennsylvania law recognizes a bonafide miniature bottle collector as exempt from Pennsylvania law with respect to importation of liquor, but he is allowed only one gallon.

"I knew that Pennsylvania recognized bonafide collectors for I was instrumental in having that law passed two or three years ago, but I was not aware that the Liquor Control Board had passed a bureaucratic regulation of a maximum of one gallon. Personally, I think the Pennsylvania LCB has exceeded its authority in establishing such an arbitrary limitation for the law we passed said nothing to this effect."

The whole point of this and Bill's letter is that we should all be aware of the legalities involved when we're dealing with our bottles.

I personally had heard once before about this Texas absurdity but then again it's no different than some of the absurdities we must endure here in California. For example, bottles may be brought into California from a foreign country if you return on a common carrier. Assuming that you do, you are then allowed one quart which consists of anywhere from 16 to 20 to 32 miniatures depending on the Custom's agent you have and how good a talker you are. Anything over what the agent feels you should have means that they will be confiscated...and the miniatures which turn up in the local quarterly Custom's auctions certainly attest to this.

So let's hear from some of the rest of you with your stories...

particularly if they can be used by others as warnings of what not to do.

The Canadian Club was going to have a banquet in Montreal on April 25th so we should have a report on that next time. They are also going to visit the Schenley Distillery in Valleyfield on May 30th.

Interestingly enough, when you think of cooperation, the Quebec Liquor Board gave the Mini-Barman Club permission to import bottles and sell exclusively to its members. Wouldn't that give your local state tax executives apoplexy!

For those of you who like to mark your calendars in advance, the Lilliputian Club will hold its sixth annual picnic on Sunday, July 10, 1977, from 11am to 5pm at Pacific Palisades Park. Yawl come!

Finally, I have another notice from Ed Ryan who was profiled last time as our collector. Ed is announcing that Ye Olde Mini Bottle Museum will have an Open House and Mini Bottle Fair on Saturday, June 18th with a rain date of Sunday the 19th. He also says: "Bring your minis, your card table or what have you... and your lunch. We can buy, sell, trade and tell tall tales of the one that got away. May even be a chance to get Dad that bottle he wanted for the 19th is Father's Day. you know."

The directions get to be a bit much, but here goes. From the South take NY state Thruway to exit 18 to route 6 & 17 west to first exit, Washingtonville, route 208. Make a right, go north 7 miles on 208 to Mt. Lodge Road and then right to Ryan's Lazy Days. For any other info, write Ed at Lazy Days, Mt. Lodge Rd, Washingtonville, NY 10992 or phone (914) 496-3887.

See you next time in the heat of the summer. --DMS--

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KOBY'S KOLLECTABLE KOLUMN by BOB KOBY



I've been promising some unseen versions of straights in my past articles, but for some reason, I keep coming back to gin minis. I guess they must be my favorites.

In comparison to other collectors of gin minis, my collection was rather small, under 100 bottles. However, the ones I had were not pictured as much in publications by either Bob Snyder or David Spaid. In this article I shall depart from my usual format of complete detail and just let you enjoy some gins.

The following are just a group of random facts for your information. The Gold Crown, Park & Tilford, Corby, and Wiser's are all from Canada and were purchased within the last two



years. There are at least two versions of Cavalier Gin and two shapes of Oso Negro. The two rarest here are by Sampson's or American Grain Distillers of Detroit, Michigan, and the Guck-enheimer. Notice the shapes and label versions of the Fleisch-mann's.

I have seventeen more pictures of some old and a few new gins that I'll save for a future issue. Now that all the straights and some figural are gone, I think I have decided which of all the minis I had in my collection were my favorites. The last two bottles which are Georgia Peach Wine rate as my favorites. The larger jug is embossed "Acorn" on the brown section of the jug.

--R.K.--



PERSONALIZED
**Jim
Beam**
MINIATURES

by AL HALPERN

I don't know if this is the first "error" in Beam personalized labels to get on the market, but it's the first of which I am aware. Certainly there must have been "errors" in printing Beam personalized labels that were "caught" before the bottles were filled. Subsequently the incorrect labels would be discarded and re-done correctly. But here's one that was printed and the bottles filled and shipped to the consumer who discovered the "error" and promptly turned down the bottles.

I am referring to the label that is printed: Worcester County Mo. Stay - Play - Live. It's obvious that this label could not have been printed for release in

Missouri to advertise Worcester County there because Missouri is not a "miniature" state and the small bottles are not permitted to be sold there. The truth of it is that the order was placed by Worcester County, Maryland, not Missouri.

When the filled bottles were shipped to Maryland, the "error" was noticed in the abbreviation, Mo instead of Md. Naturally the Worcester County officials turned down the bottles -- they weren't about to advertise themselves as being in Missouri instead of Maryland. The bottles which had already gone through the local distributor were purchased by a Maryland liquor retailer who sold them in his store.

So, for the record, at least until someone can come forth with an earlier "error", this is the first Beam personalized mini "error" on the market.

Here are several more Beam personalized miniatures to add to the lists published previously in The Miniature Bottle Collector. Included on this list are several labels which we pictured in the March-April issue but we neglected to mention them in the text and we want to be certain you add them to your list. If you missed out on the previous lists, you can get those back issues of MBC from the publisher. They are: Nov-Dec 1976 and March-April 1977. --AH--

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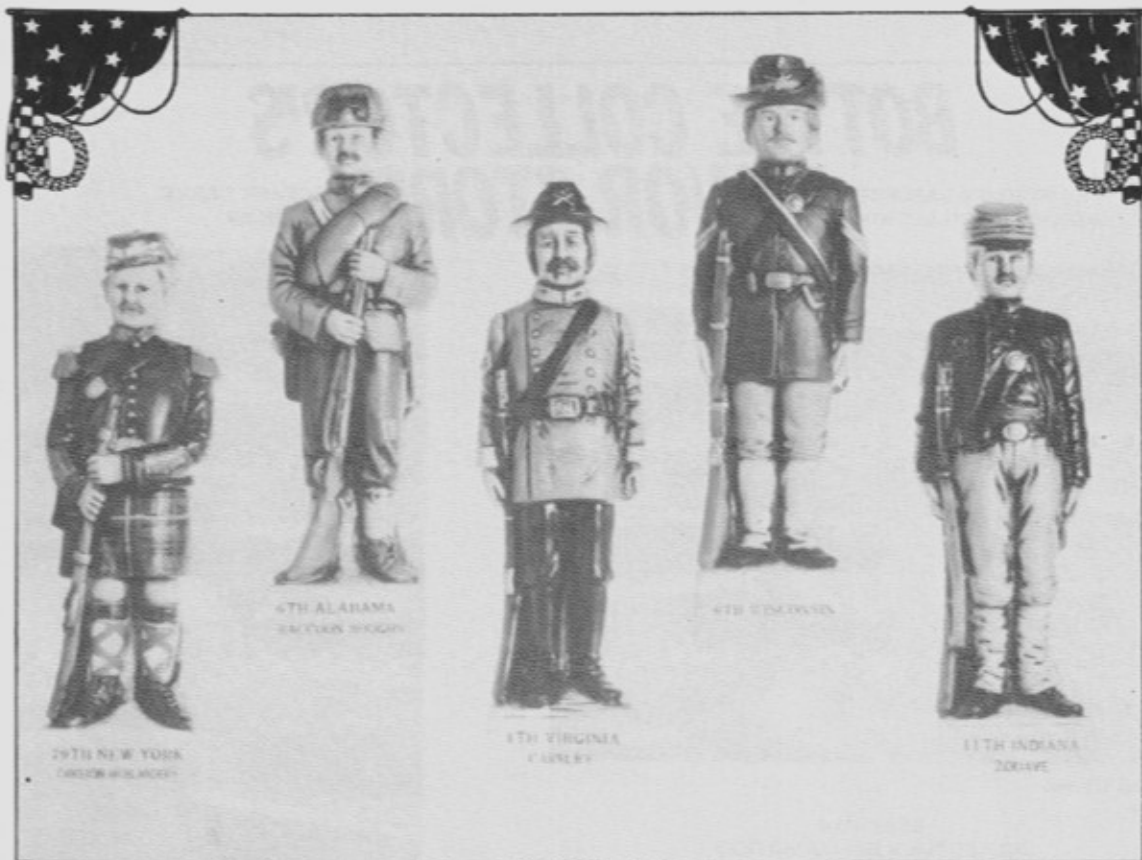
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