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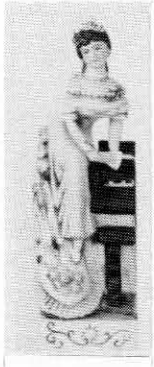
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LET'S TALK

Boy, I thought we were crowded last time. This time we needed a shoehorn to get everything in. And, we still didn't have a beer column this time as Bill Odell's article didn't get here. You Scotch lovers take note though as John Sullivan is back and he promises to have more and more information each time. I can personally say, that if John's information grows as quickly as his collection, you can look for a book in no time!

The response was a little better this time about a possible banquet in Chicago. If you'll be there for the Beam Convention (July 23-29) and are interested in a get together on Tuesday night the 25th, drop us a line. We'll be in contact only with those people who actually sit down and write the letter.

You may remember last year that Ed Ryan held an openhouse and bottle fair at his Mini Bottle Museum. Well, this year is to be no exception. Here's the word: You're cordially invited to join us on Saturday, June 17th, at Ye Olde Mini Bottle Museum, Mt. Lodge Road (corner) and Felter Hill Road, Washingtonville, New York. A fine day is planned, so bring along your bottles, for sale, trade, or just for show. It would be nice if you had a table of sorts and chairs to rest on and bring your lunch. Goodies will be available if you forget (at a small fee). Write for phone (914) 496-3887 for directions.

On the Club News front, we heard from Mr. Randy Austin who is planning a meeting at his home on Sunday, May 21st. The unfortunate thing there is that most of you won't receive this until after the 21st. We'll be in the mail by then, but as you know, that means little or nothing. (You can imagine how thrilled the increased postage hike makes us!)

Anyway, even if you don't get the magazine in time to make it to Randy's for the get together, please contact him if you're in the New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York area. At least that way you'll find out about future meetings. Randy will keep us all posted though as to any club activities.

I understand the Del-Val Club Fair held at the Johnstons in Skippack was another winner. How about one of you amateur photographers taking some pictures next time and sending them in? Speaking of Bill Johnston, he'll be profiled as our collector next time. Then in the Fall you'll met our columnist Vic Visalli and see part of his collection.

Until next time, keep thinking small. -DMS-

OUR COVER

The bottles on the cover this time should be a surprise to absolutely everyone...except their maker. These are the first miniatures from the Kontinental Kompany of Bardstown, Kentucky. The b/w pictures weren't ready of the minis so these are actually 4/5 size; however, the detail is just as excellent. From the Pioneer Series, these are: Saddle Maker, Gun Smith, Printer, and Prospector.

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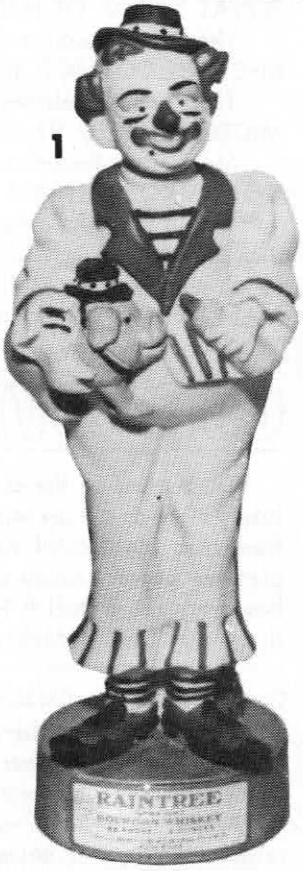








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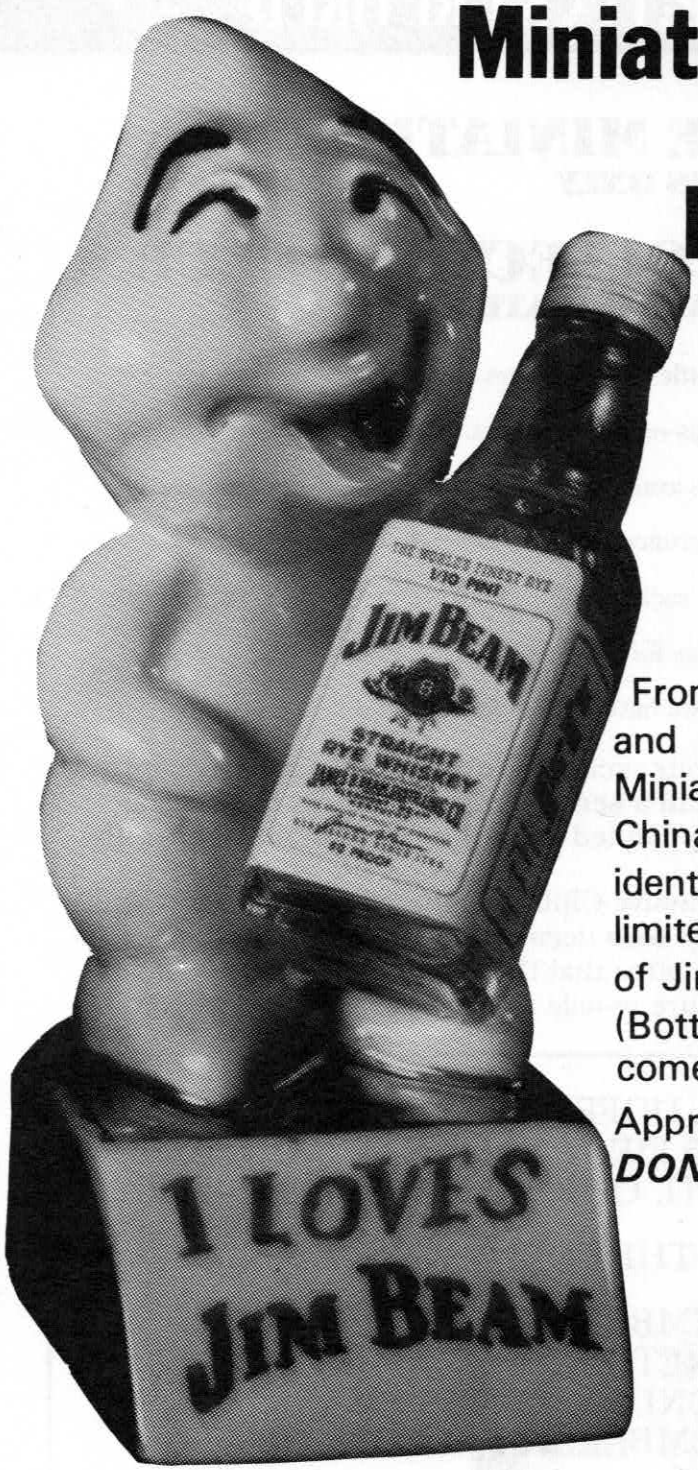
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The Beam's Sour Mash has been promised for some time now so we'll begin with it. On the market only a few months, it's already available in some personalized bottles. It's a very plain bottle but one which should be in your bourbon collection.

The other bottles are all quite fancy and extremely well done. Each of these other bottles demonstrates that there is someone with a little "taste" in control. Everyone is familiar with the Galliano bottle but it now has two brothers: Sambuca and Amaretto...two popular liqueurs.

Last year the miniature Sciarda was introduced and is already difficult to find in some places. In all probability this was a one time thing as are so many liqueurs.

Cutty 12 was recently issued here and along with the Wild Turkey Liqueur is one of the nicest bottles to appear in some time. Both these Cutty and Wild Turkey bottles are perfect miniature representations of the 4/5 size. And, Wild Turkey even comes in its own box. Now when was the last time you saw that type of marketing?



A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



During the daylight hours, Boozeville is usually a quiet, peaceful little town. But this just isn't one of those times. Today there is one unfriendly drunk. This, as you can see, will create quite a problem for some of the local residents. These ladies are both faced with a situation that they do not enjoy. Although the one with the drunk is much better off at this point than the one with the bulldog!

The "Just a Little Nip" giveaway, showing the lady with the bulldog firmly attached to her leg, is one of the more common styles. This bottle is 4 3/4 inches high. It is made in Germany (of course). Japan copied this bottle type and made quite a number but they were poorly done when compared to the German bottles. Her dress and hat are orange in color while the feather in her hat, umbrella, and the bulldog are white. Her shoes and belt are black.

The other bottle with the man holding up the woman is seldom seen. This one has no printing on it so the name that was associated with it years ago is now unknown today.

If anyone is sure of its original name, please let me hear from you. In the meantime, here are some substitute names that could apply. The bartender would give out this little bottle with about 2 ounces of whisky and depending on the situation would probably say something like this: "Here's a lift" or "This one's on me." Or, how about "Feeling high"? Possibly some of these are the right name. Another bottle similar to this one has "What else you want" printed on it. That might be the same caption used on this one. Maybe you can think of a better one. It is 4 3/4 inches tall. His suit, top hat, and shoes are black while the gloves and spats are white. She wears a purple dress and hat with blue stockings and orange shoes.

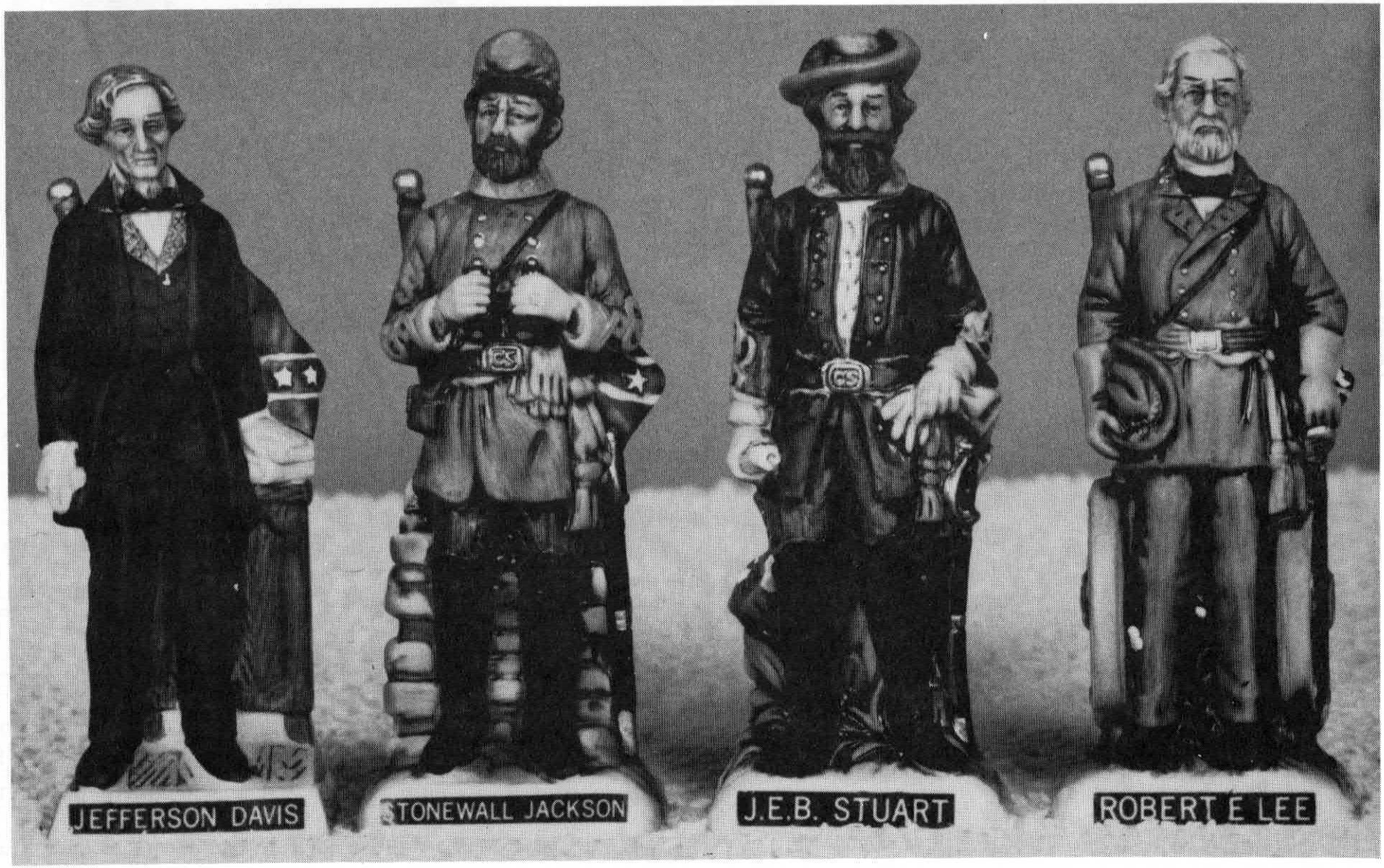
Yes, this is sure a nice quiet little town. OH, NO, here's that white bulldog again. He must want just one more little nip. Nice dog. Nice doggie.

FROM McCORMICK

The Confederates

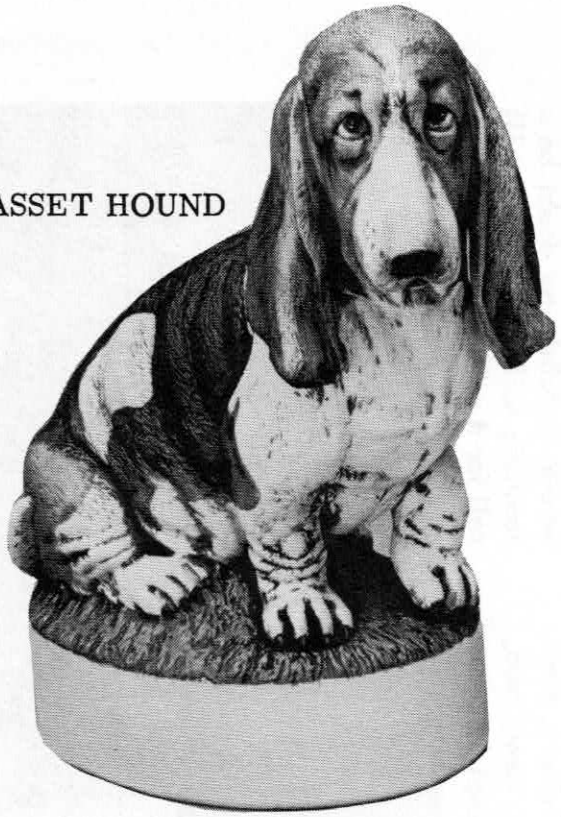
The four Confederates are the initial 1978 offering for McCormick in miniature size and are available now in some markets. Other minis scheduled to join the Confederates this year are: The Noble (the Shriner), Mark Twain, Will Rogers, Henry Ford, and Charles Lindbergh. The last four bottles are part of the Great American Series.

At the present time, the Elvis miniatures which have been rumored are only in the "possible planning stages." However, he would certainly no doubt be a fantastic seller. Only time will tell for the Elvis minis though.



I am sure that by the time you read this the Blue Jay, Saw Whet Owl, Oriole, and Blackbird will be out ready for you to add to your collection. The Blue Jays went to the distillery in boxes of eighteen instead of twenty-four so that caused a delay as they had to be put in bigger boxes. To be released next is the Basset Hound and following that in May will be the Penguin.

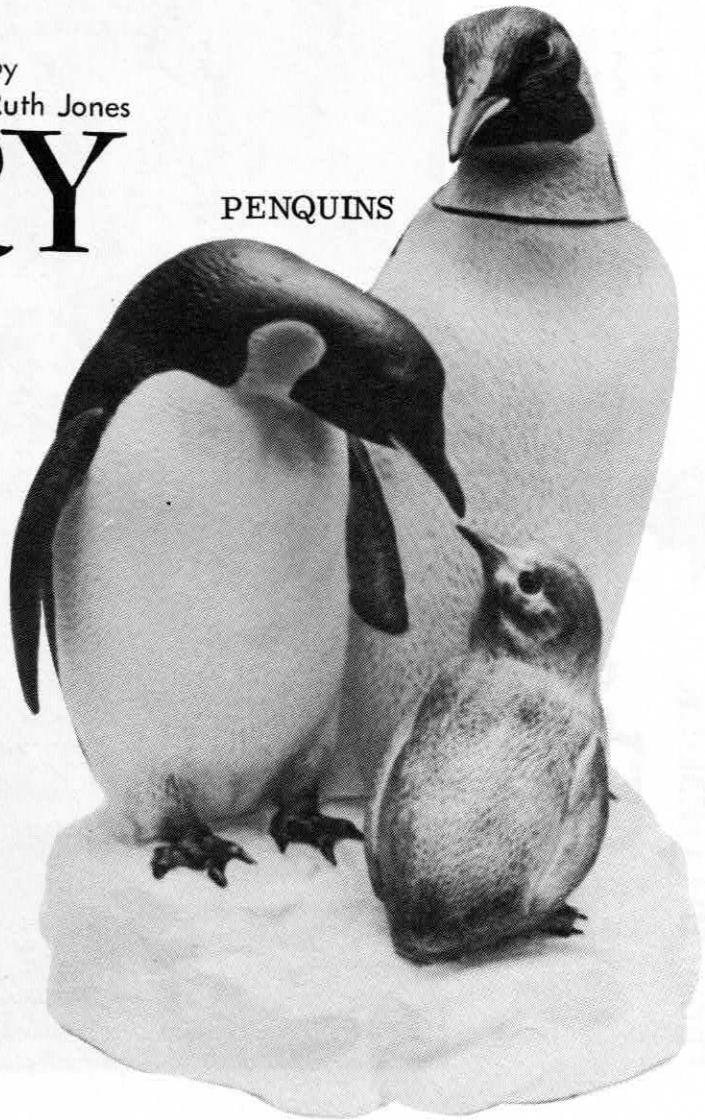
As of this writing (late March) I have not seen any of the above that have been filled. So your guess is as good as mine as to when you will see the filled product in your favorite package store. Both the Basset Hound and the Penguin should be great bottles.



BASSET HOUND

SKI COUNTRY

by
Ruth Jones



PENQUINS

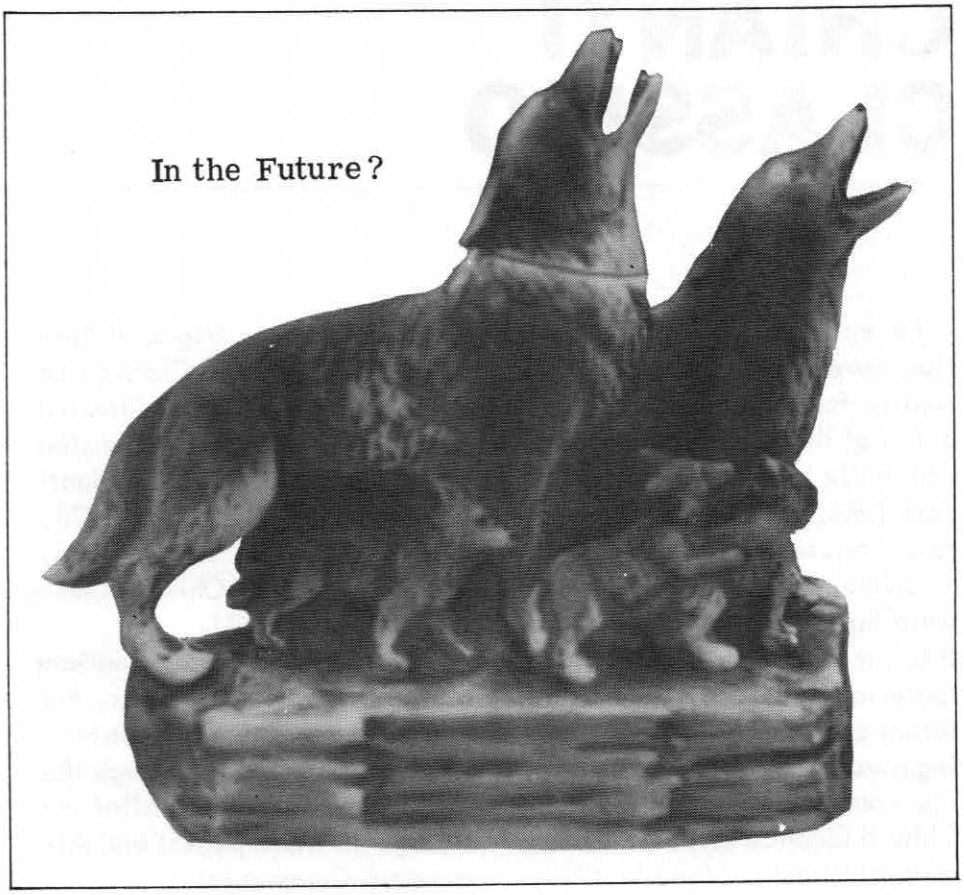
I also heard that a Bass fish was to be put out. I shuddered to think of another fish. They are nice...but enough is definitely enough.

It still seems that there are too many bottles at one time; however, I have been assured that the distillery gets one a month. But, what comes in on the next truckload may be one, two, or as many as three. When it is three everyone screams, but that is the way they are sent out from the distillery.

Spring is in the air, crocuses are blooming, and it will soon be time for summer company. Company generally means collecting something to remember your trip by...so think Ski Country and buy a mini. --RJ--

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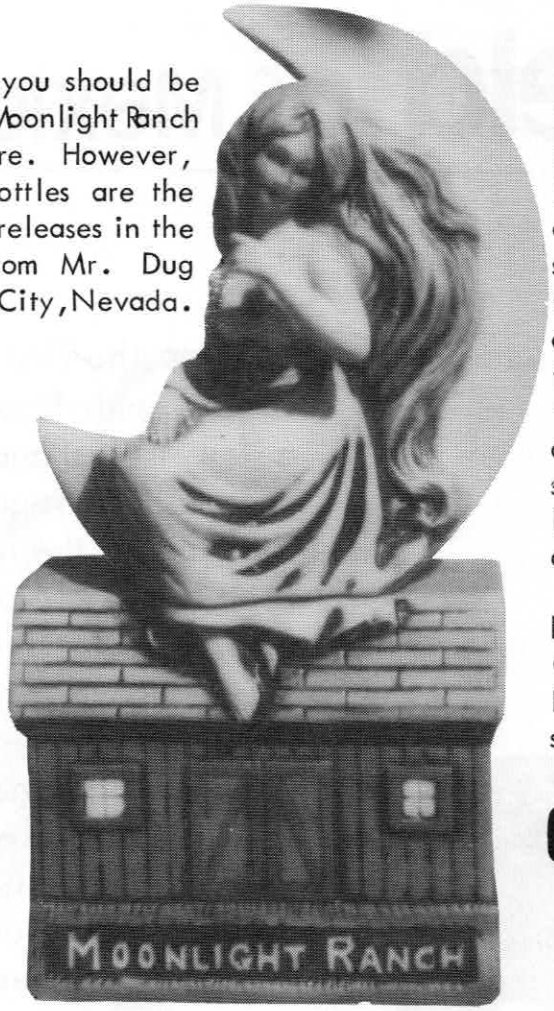
CHIANTI CLASSICO

Recently a group of ten bottles were released in Italy basically for collectors. If you're a fan of the Microminis column which Vic Visalli so ably writes each time, you'll certainly want to add this set to your collection.

Unlike the Barolo bottles which were featured a few issues ago, this set is composed of bottles featuring labels from many different companies in Italy. Reading from left to right the following companies are represented: Chianti Classico Cerbaiola 1975, Chianti Classico Signoria 1974, Chianti Classico Vigna di Sorripa 1973, Chianti Classico Le Lame 1974, Chianti Classico Cennatoio, Chianti Classico Villa Cafaggio 1975, Chianti Classico Poggio al sole 1975, Chianti Classico Montecchio, and two different Chianti Classico Serristori 1974.

These are excellent recreations of the larger counterparts. For your added information, the bottles became a reality through the efforts of Guiliano Pratolini (no stranger to these pages) and Alessandro Carmagnini.

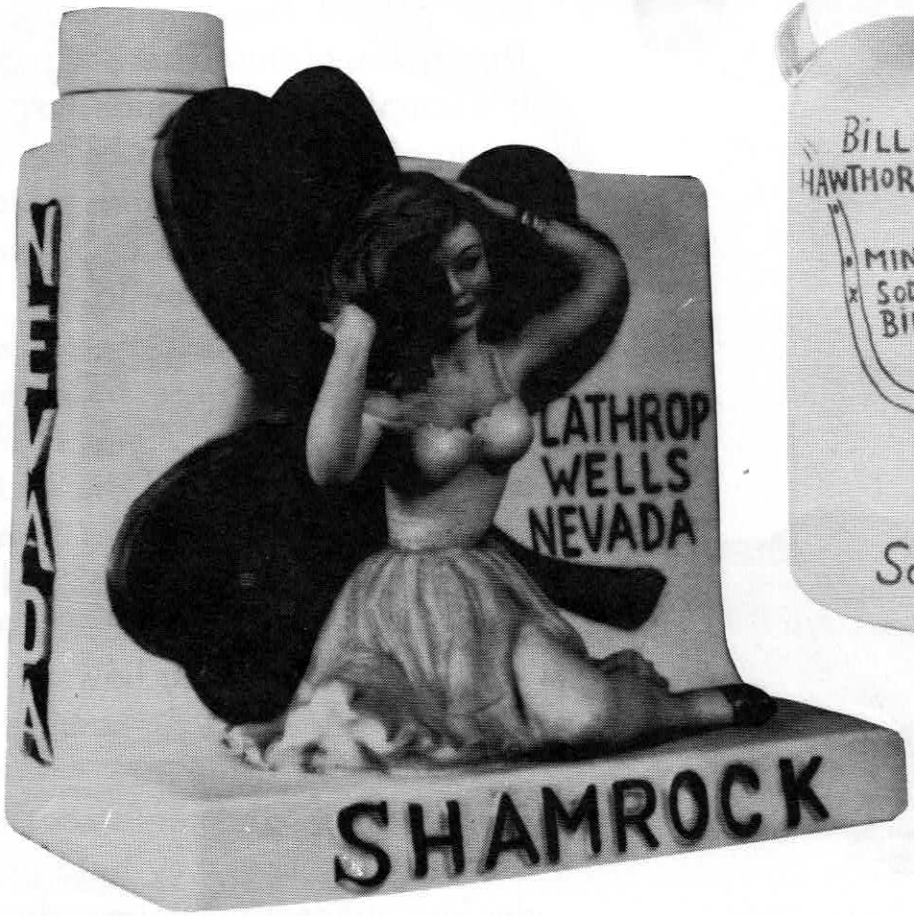
Almost all of you should be familiar with the Moonlight Ranch bottle shown here. However, the other two bottles are the second and third releases in the Brothel Series from Mr. Dug Picking of Carson City, Nevada.



The Shamrock was the second issue which began appearing early in April while Billies Day-N-Night should make its appearance in June. After that bottles should be issued every three to four months. Dug has plans for a good many more bottles and all those projected certainly sound "interesting". In fact, you most assuredly wouldn't believe the slogan for the Chicken Ranch... let's just wait to see how that one looks when it's released.

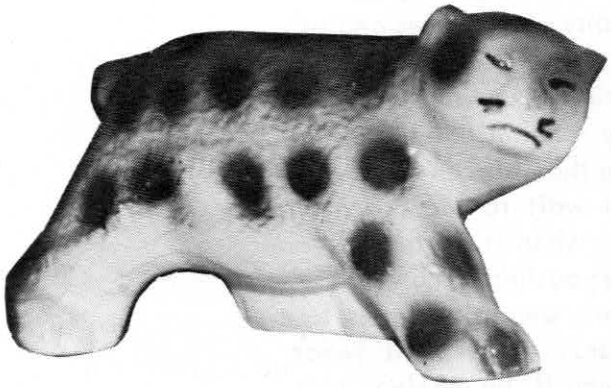
In case you didn't know, these bottles are specialty issues by Grenadier...whose mini Texas Ranger you'll be seeing here soon.

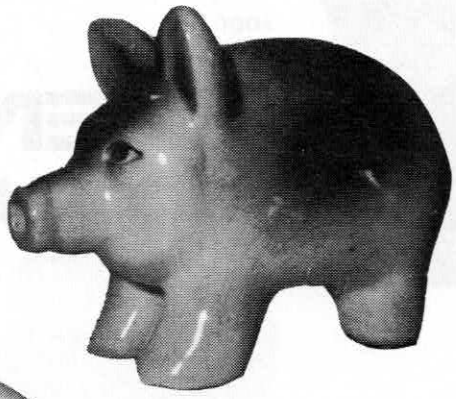
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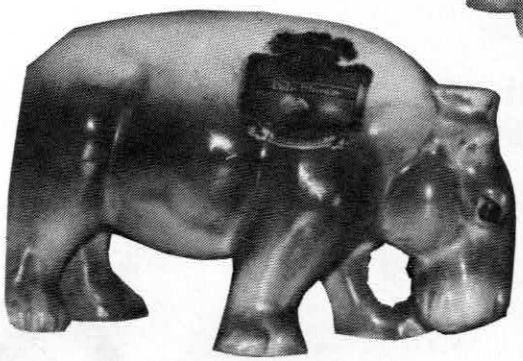


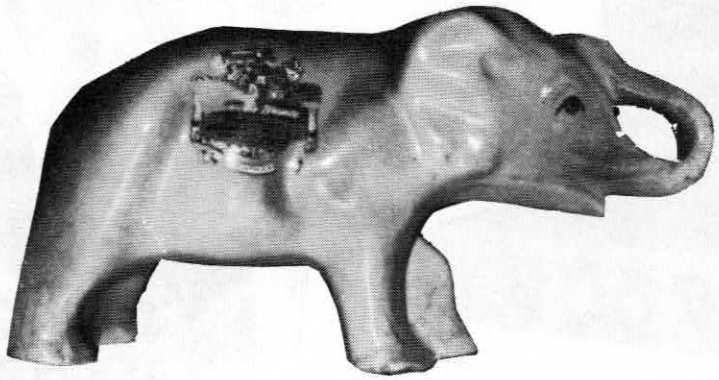


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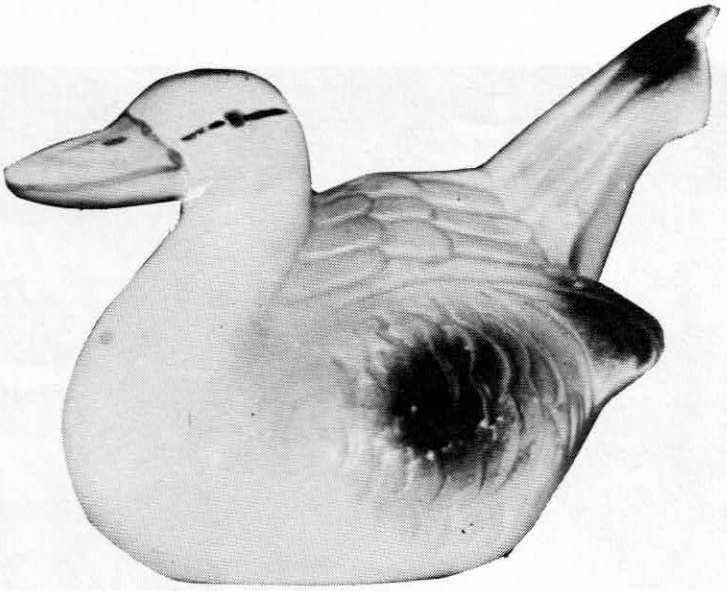


Since the first group of Mexican ceramic figurals was pictured a few issues ago, several collectors have requested a repeat showing of the Mexican pieces featured in Pictorial Bottle Review some years back. The 1974 September issue to be exact is the one in question and those of you who have never seen these bottles can now be on the watch.

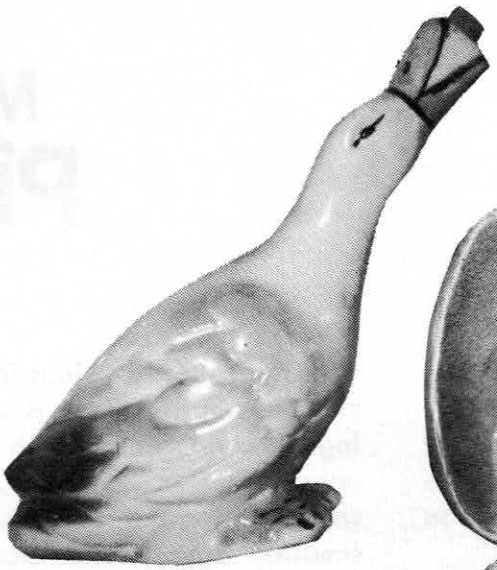
I would imagine that it's very doubtful if any of you mid-west or eastern collectors have ever seen one of these miniatures. The bottles pictured here are only a sampling from a much larger group of bottles which as far as can be ascertained, were never sold anywhere in the U.S. except Southern California.

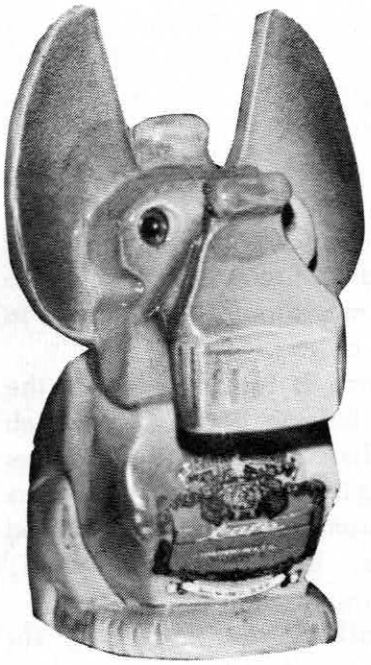
The company is Habanero Piza and all bottles were imported into the U.S. by Youngs Market of Los Angeles in the mid-1930's. The Habanero Piza Company used the name Royal Shield on the labels and the contents were various liqueurs; however, the Pineapple Liqueur seems to be found most often.

These are true miniatures in the respect that they held under four ounces; however, they





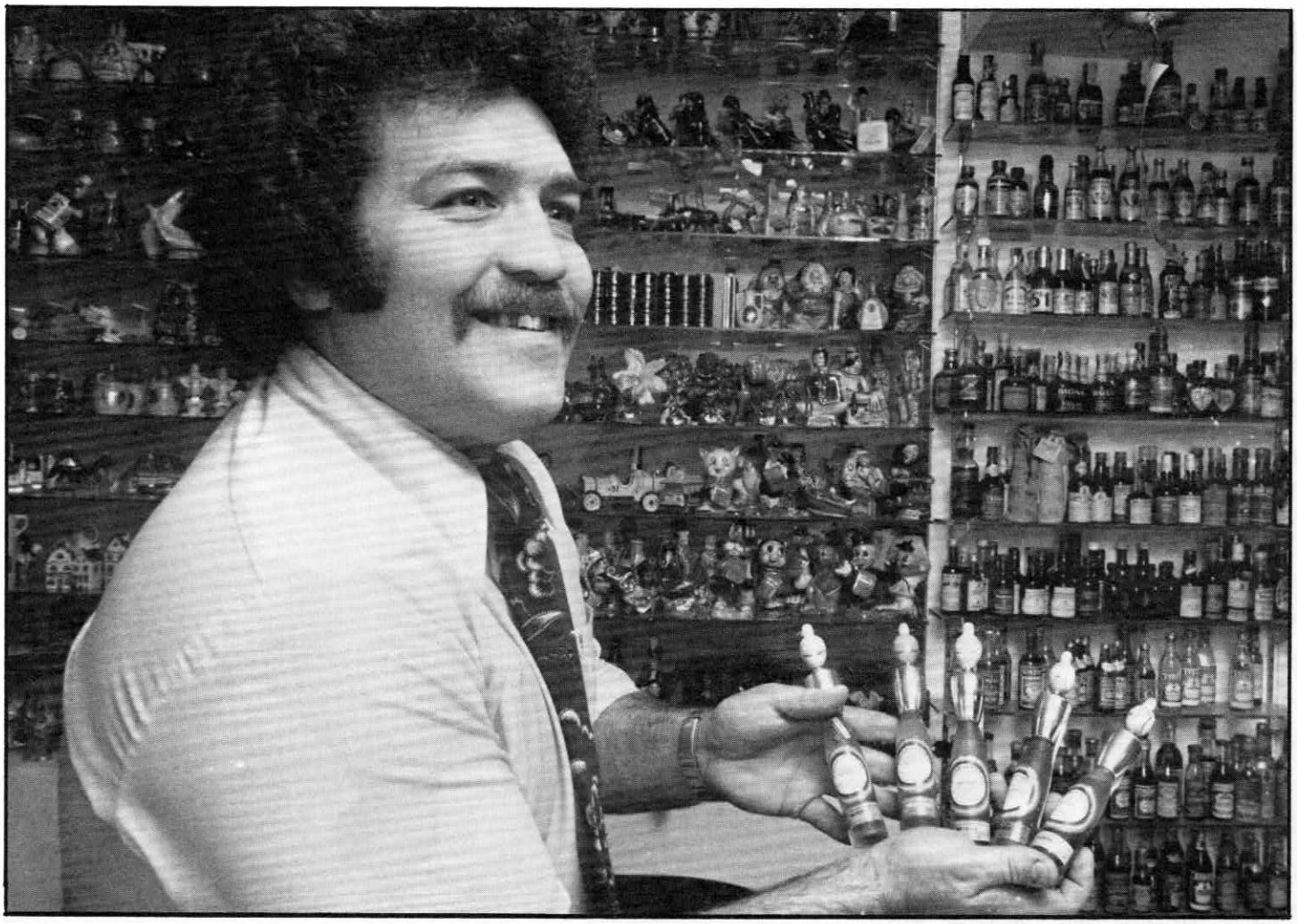




are very, very large. To give you some idea of their size, the pig is the smallest and measures 4 1/4 inches high by six inches long. The cow is eight inches long and even it is not one of the longest or largest.

This company was one of the very few to ever use decal labels. Most of you must know what happens to a decal on a piece of ceramic over a number of years. These bottles are now found almost exclusively without labels due to the shrinking and crinkling. If you do find a bottle which you think might be from the series, check the bottom and if you find the word CIASA, you'll know you've got one. CIASA was the pottery factory which made the bottles.

Included in the set are at least fifteen different bottles: pig, duck, dog, cow, elephant, tiger, goose, bear, hippo, burro, Buddha, second variety of cow, black bear, leopard, and a skeleton which may be seen in the late Senor Chicote's Museum in Spain. As to how many more there might be floating around, you can only make what today is called a "guesstimate!"



Meet The Collector
Pierre LaSalle

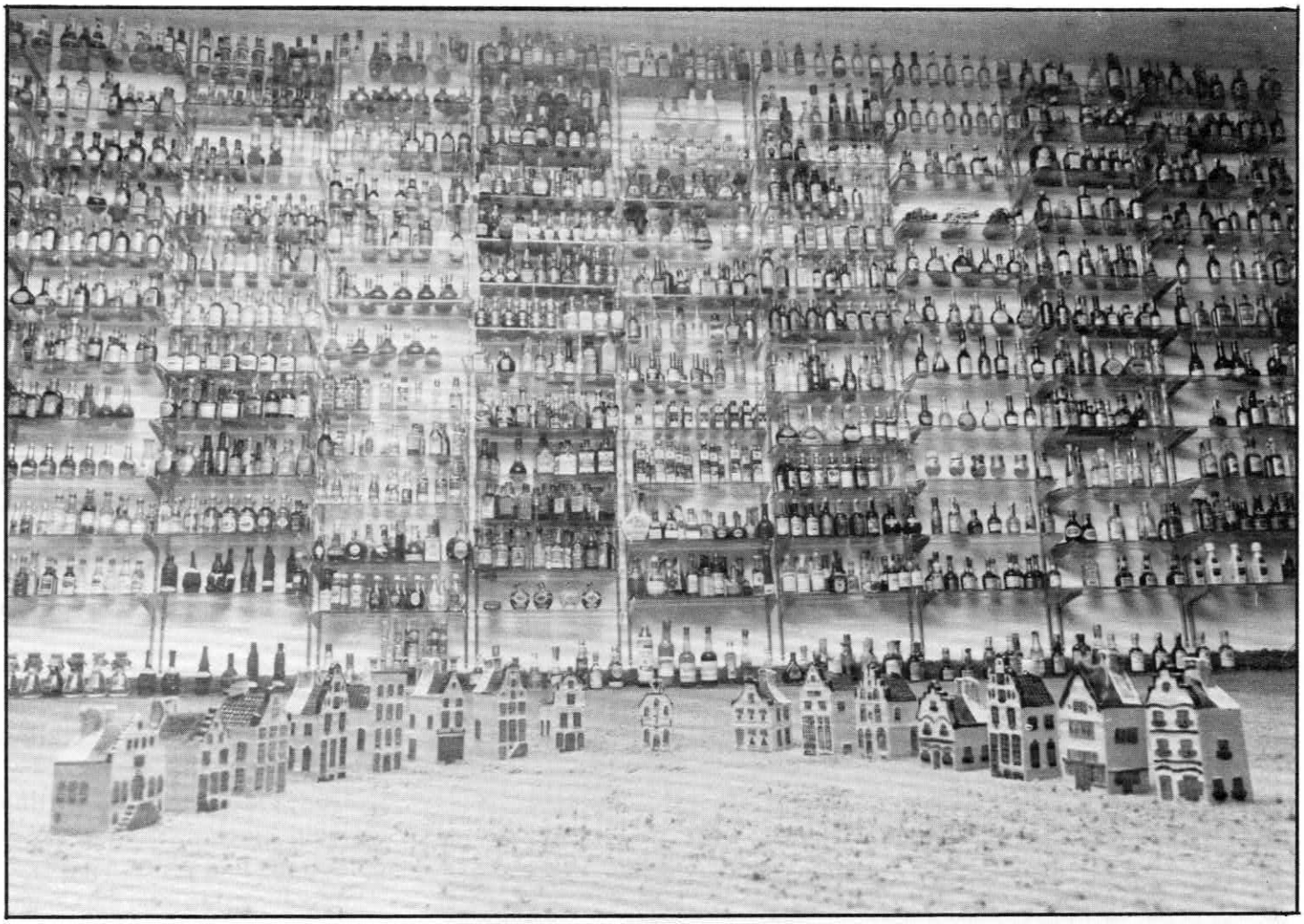
To Meet The Collector this time, we travel to Montreal, Quebec, Canada. And now, we introduce Pierre La Salle, whose name may already be familiar to many of you.

Pierre is the President of the Mini Barman Bottle Club which now lists some 130+ collectors among its ranks. These collectors are from Canada, the United States, Italy, New Zealand, and Argentina.

It all started back only six years ago when he was on a tour with the United Nations for Dimanche-Matin. (Pierre is a photographer for this French language paper in Montreal.) He states: "I went through Cyprus, Ismalia, Egypt, and Germany and brought 30 bottles as gifts for friends. However, they were so beautiful I kept them!"

Unlike many collectors today, Pierre knows exactly what he wants in collecting - everything! Each and every bottle he can add is placed on the glass shelves and admired for whatever its characteristics. His collection now numbers in the thousands.

One of the activities of which he is most proud is the importation of bottles from all over the world for his club members in Canada. (Ed. note· This is allowed in Quebec because the liquor board understands the desires of collectors, unlike some of the archaic liquor laws we here in the U.S. must abide by.) Currently Pierre is trying to get bottles of Singapore Sling from Singapore.



Something else which may interest U.S. collectors is that the Mini Barman Club has really been a leader in the field of programs devoted to informing the collector of his hobby. Pierre has been instrumental in providing speakers from many distilleries, importers, glass factories, etc.

Seen with him here in one of the pictures is Francine who also enjoys all the bottles. Behind them in the picture is but a small portion of his Scotch collection.

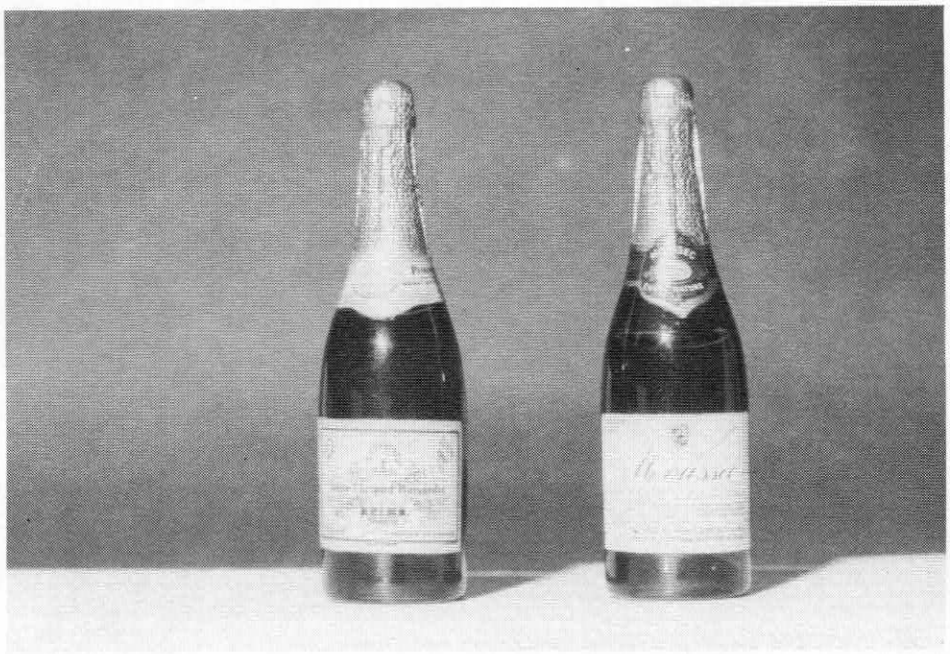
Pierre's greatest desire for collecting and the club in Canada is to ultimately see minis sold in Quebec. The closest place they now have is Plattsburgh.

We'll leave Canada now and bid au revoir. Next time we'll venture to Skippack, Pennsylvania to see Mr. Bill Johnston.



MICROMINIS

By VIC VISALLI





As promised last time, we will return to the Gold Seal line, featuring a variety of these microminis.

Champagnes are the first two and are not quite 3 1/2" in height. Both are made of dark green glass, have "kick-ups", along with wired down caps covered with foil. The first champagne pictured sports an attractively printed orange label bearing the name Veuve Clicquot Ponsardin, a product of France. The date 1937 appears at each upper corner, obviously the date of the champagne. The corresponding neck label is also orange in color and likewise bears the name.

Next is a Moussec Extra Dry from Great Britain, otherwise labelled the British Sparkling Wine. The white paper label has red, black, and gold writing and the black neck label has a gold, red, and white trim.

Stepping aside from the Champagnes, we'll concentrate on alcoholic beverages of higher alcoholic content. A clear glass 3" Beefeater Gin features a grey front and rear label with red printing, as well as the stately English Century. The rear label gives explicit reasons why Beefeater Gin is the "different Gin." The back of the bottle is embossed "Established 1820" on the top. The bottom reads James Burrough, Ltd., London.

The Stewart's Dundee Deluxe Scotch Whiskey pictured is one of my favorites. It is a mere 2 1/4" high and a finely shaped decanter. The label is primarily white with red, black, and gold writing. "Stewarts Dundee Decanter" is embossed on the back.

A short description of the Smirnoff Vodka completes the article, and the bottle bears the ever familiar label. It is 3 1/4"

KOBY'S KOLLECTABLE KOLUMN

by BOB KOBY





As I am writing this article for the June issue, the snow is slowly but surely beginning to melt in my part of the country. I am very hopeful that this summer my luck will change and that I'll have better luck with garage sales.

In the Jan-Feb 1978 issue I promised a great series of pictures of a group of bottles that I'm sure most of you will enjoy seeing very much. However, I must once again postpone that particular group until I take some better pictures. By the time this issue comes out my wife and I will be getting packed and leaving for three weeks in Israel. I have already written my two cousins to inquire whether they can find some mini collectors in or around where they live. Until I take those better pictures, I hope you will enjoy the following substitutions.

In the first picture you will of course recognize a pair of shoes issued by Bols. These shoes were given to me a few years ago by a local collector who since has resettled in Bradenton, Florida. A great gentleman, a true mini collector, and a really good friend. Many thanks, Ivan Belknap.

The two Gold Leaf Cognacs are samples that might not be in many collectors' shelves. The heavier or stubbier version appears in Snyder's Vol. 1, p. 22. The other version with the wider paper wrapping (which does not say Gold Leaf on the bottom of the snifter) is the much older or perhaps the original version of



the two. It is also slightly taller as you can see.

Here we have two versions of the Kord Strawberry Liqueur. The taller or newer version can be found in Snyder's Vol. 2, p. 33. The flatter neck is much older since it has an Illinois 1937 tax stamp.

Have a pleasant summer and good hunting for those minis you're still looking for. --BK--



PERSONALIZED Jim Beam MINIATURES

by Al Halpern

I don't want to belabor the subject of the Portola Trek miniatures that were issued expressly for Pacific Southwest Airlines in 1969, but those printer's gremlins got into the type again in my last column and by printing just one word incorrectly completely changed the meaning of a sentence and destroyed the point that I was trying to make. I had referred to the appearance of Portola Trek labels on incorrect bottles -- bottles with green caps instead of the proper white caps. My message was my own opinion, of course, but I feel that if the label is going to appear in your collection on an incorrect bottle then don't try to pass it off as an original bottle and don't add insult to injury by slapping a tax strip on the bottle! Well, because of the "typo" the sentence came out as though I were advocating adding a tax strip to the bottle. Federal investigators, stay away from my door!

We have again received some help in our listings from William T. Schaffer of Baltimore, Maryland. Also, new assistance from Jim Gardner of Louisville, Kentucky, and from Harold and Jody Briles of Englewood, Colorado. Many, many thanks to all of you. If anyone else wishes to help us with our listings, please write me at 1802 Chanticleer Road, Anaheim, CA 92804. It's imperative, however, that you represent the label exactly as it actually appears, indicating upper and lower case letters, which words are on which line, and if it's the "old" white label or the newer "5 year old" label.

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(Different than C-15 in that no serifs on the letters and type is more condensed.) 1

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CORRECTION:

L-16 should be

Loop Liquors
Monitou Spgs, Colo



Numbers in right hand column are unit values placed on bottles for trading purposes.

*Asterisk denotes that the label is the new one indicating that the contents are 5 years old.



Malt Whisky

by JOHN SULLIVAN

In one of my recent articles, I mentioned three types of scotch whisky: malt whisky, grain whisky, and a mixture of the two called blended whisky. Today I want to discuss malt whisky. I have already given you a definition of malt whisky in an earlier article, but to briefly refresh your memory, malt whisky is that which is derived from only the distillation of fermented barley in a pot still.

There have historically been four distinct types of malt whiskies in Scotland. These are: Highland, Lowland, Islay, and Campbeltown. The Islay malts have the strongest flavor; the Highland malts the most subtle. The Lowland and Campbeltown malts are milder and now very much alike. Their cause for distinction probably had its origin when there were many distilleries in Campbeltown that produced a strongly flavored whisky.

Most malt scotch is produced in the beautiful highlands of Scotland, north of a line drawn from Greenock (near Glasgow) to Dundee (on the east coast). This is the land of hills, mountains, valleys, lakes, and mountain streams. One river is especially associated with highland whisky and that is the River Spey. There are more distilleries along the valley of the Spey and its tributaries than anywhere else in the world. As an example, between Grantown-on-Spey and Elgin, a distance of 33 miles, there are 28 distilleries.

Elgin is the whisky capital of Scotland. All roads to and from Elgin are loaded with distilleries. Elgin is also surrounded by rich fields of barley, which coupled with the water from the wells and streams in the area, produce some of the finest malt whisky available. Elgin is also a major bottling city for Spey whiskies, most notable are the firms of Gordon & McPhail and Campbell, Hope & King.

There are about 100 malt distilleries currently in operation in all of Scotland, with the majority of them in the Scottish Highlands. Less than 1/3 of these whiskies are available to the public in bottle. Most of these malts are taken by blenders to be used in over 2,000 registered blends. The malt whiskies are generally more expensive than blends and because they should be drunk "neat", to be truly appreciated, and let's face it, most people prefer to mix anything from ginger ale to ice cubes with their scotch today, malt whisky has a limited appeal.

The Highland malt whiskies are further sub-divided into three geographic groups: The Glenlivets, the Dufftowns, and the Northern Malts.

THE GLENLIVETS

Without a doubt, these are conceded to be the finest of all malt whiskies, with "The Glenlivet" recognized as the finest. As Dr. McDowall states in his book, "No excuse is needed for giving the Glenlivets pride of place amongst the malts, for not only has Smith's Glenlivet been the queen of whiskies for over a hundred years, but it has given its name to a whole family of whiskies. In 1880 under the threat of legal proceedings, an agree-

ment was reached by which it became the only whisky entitled to call itself 'The Glenlivet', as it was the only whisky made in the parish of Glenlivet. But other whiskies can use the name, provided it is prefixed by another name. No fewer than 23 have availed themselves of the honor, and Glenlivet was called sarcastically, the longest glen in Scotland."

The distilleries that use or have used Glenlivet in their name are: Macallan, Dufftown, Glen Grant, Longmorn, Glenburgie, Glendullan, Mortlach, Glen Elgin, Glendronach, Glenfarclas, Glen Keith, Coleburn, Strathisla, Glen Rothes, Glen Moray, Abelour, Tomintoul, Benromach, Milton Duff, Craigellachie, Aultmore, Dailuaine, and Glenlossie. However, Tomatin and Macallan are of sufficient stature today that they no longer feel the need to use Glenlivet in their name. Some other Glenlivet type malts are: Tormore, Cardhu, Tamdhu, Linkwood, The Blair Atholl, Glen Mhor, Fettercairn, and Glengoyne.

THE DUFFTOWNS

Even though the Dufftowns are technically Glenlivets, they are separated because of the fact that Dufftown is in a valley and its six malt distilleries produce whisky with a distinct flavor and bouquet. It isn't difficult to understand why Dufftown became popular for making whisky as it has abundant water, peat, and years ago, barley.

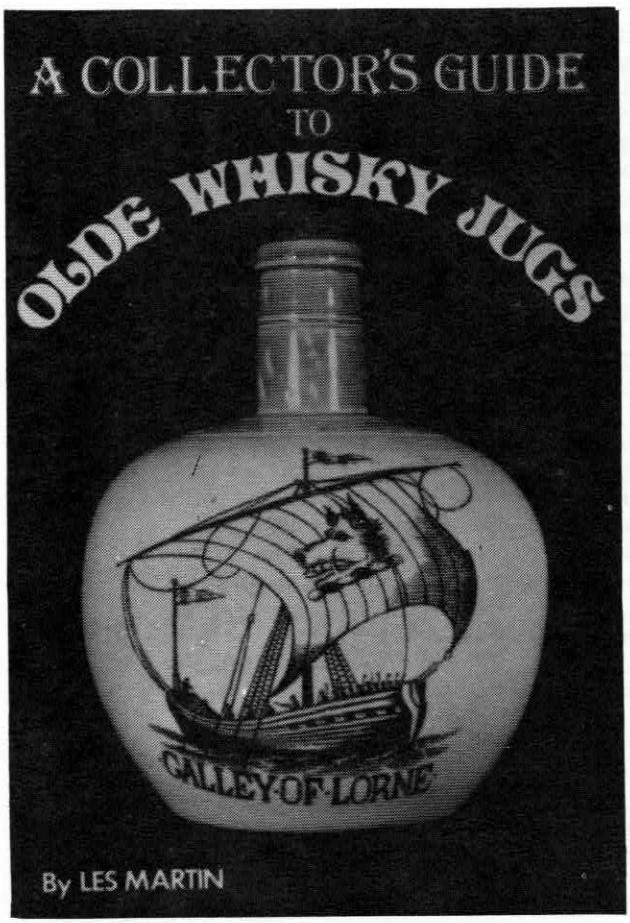
The six distilleries of Dufftown are: Dufftown, Balvenie, Glenfiddich, Mortlach, Glendullan, and Convalmore. Two more distilleries, while not located in Dufftown, are generally referred to as Dufftown type malts. These are Strathisla and Aultmore.

THE NORTHERN MALTS

Most Northern Malts are not well known because they almost all are used for blending. The Northern Malts are· Old Pulteney, Clynelish, Dalmore, Balbair, and Glenmorangie.

All malt whisky takes from ten to fifteen years to mature properly, but beware of what you buy, as malt whisky may be sold legally after 3 years. And remember, the great Highland saying: "There are two things that a Highlander likes naked, and one of them is whisky."

Next time I'll cover the Lowland, Campbeltown and Islay malts and also grain whisky.



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There were 17 different Pete Hagens issued about 12 years ago: Banana, Rock & Rye, Kummel, Blackberry Brandy, Grasshopper, Menthe Green, Menthe White, Peach, Blackberry, Cacao, Anisette, Apricot, Cherry, Coffee, Strawberry, Raspberry, and Rosolio. This group of bottles makes a pretty impressive array. The price is $35 ppd for the set and we have just six sets left.

In the Riemerschmid department we have Goldwasser, Bavarian Monastery, Blackberry Liqueur, China Coffee Pot, Enzian Jug, and Cherry with Rum jug. This very interesting set of six bottles is priced at $20 ppd. and there are 7 sets available.

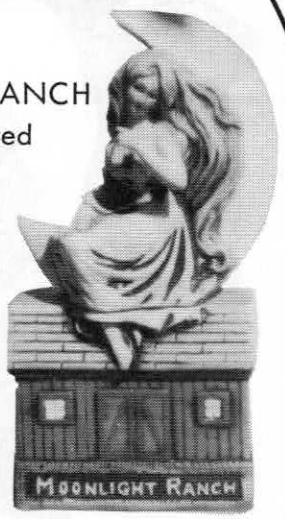
I found another fascinating set of bottles: The Agros - top entwined with twine from Poland. In this group there are 6 different bottles: Apple, Blackberry, Gooseberry, Bilberry, Raspberry, and Cherry. This is $10 per set ppd. and we have just a few sets left.

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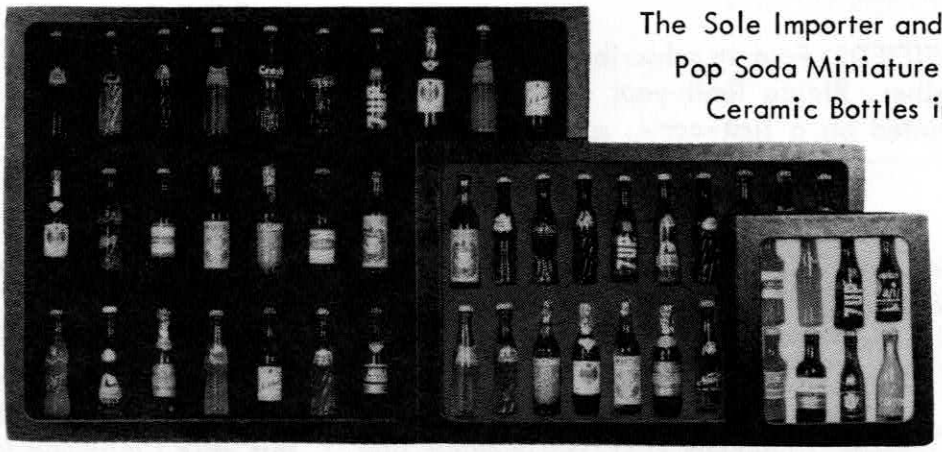




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