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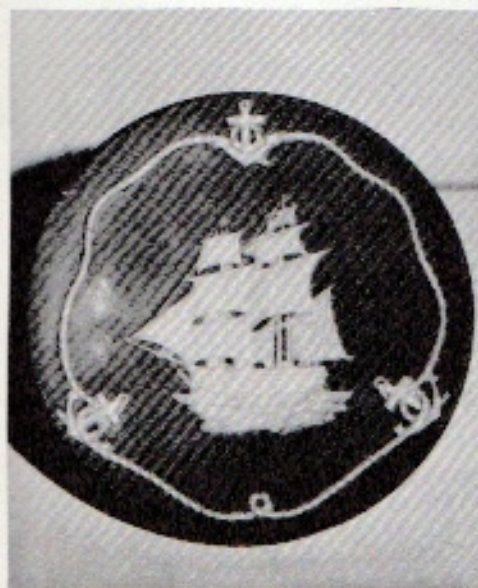
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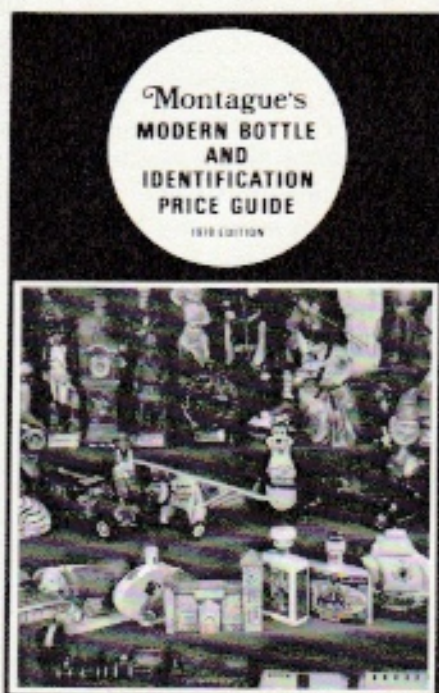
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LET'S TALK

Once again we're pretty crowded. In fact, this time we've got more text pages than we did last time...and one more article. For you beer collectors though it's been a long dry spell. Haven't heard word one from Bill Odell so can't tell you anything along that line. Hope to have his next article in Sept/Oct though.

Did hear from a great many collectors who will be in Chicago the end of this month for the National Jim Beam Convention. The get together for some of the mini collectors who will be there is scheduled for Tuesday night, July 25th at the Hyatt Regency near O'Hare. There will be collectors from Florida, North Carolina, Michigan, Illinois, Louisiana, Kansas, California, and maybe a couple of other states thrown in for good measure. You'll read about it here next time.

Received a most interesting letter from LTC Bill Darmody who is the Commander of the Italy Area Exchange and who has been stationed in Italy for some time now. He wrote in regard to the article in the March-April issue entitled "Potpourri from Italy." He wrote the following:

"As the author indicated, this series started in 1974 and new bottles are issued annually. Also, the models of four bottles are destroyed annually. Thirty-seven bottles have been produced in the series. Of those, sixteen are no longer produced.

"Since you provided a translation for the first twenty-nine bottles in your article, I will provide names for the other eight: #30 Elephant, #31 Dutch Mill, #32 Knight in Armor, #33 Little Monk, #34 Egypt - Valley of the Kings, #35 Antique Telephone, #36 Antique Coffee Grinder, #37 Venetian Lamp.

"As the article indicated, there are many labels. I have many with a Montezuma label, which is a local liquor produced in Vicenza where I live. I also have some with labels from Valenti and Barsottini."

Our thanks to Mr. Darmody for his information. He also pointed out a couple of mistakes we made which will be corrected when we show you some of those new issues sometime in the near future. For everyone's information, the first four bottles in this series, the antique cars with the moveable wheels, are currently sold in Maryland with wine contents.

For those of you traveling around on your summer vacations, there are a great many new bottles to choose from depending on your part of the country. But then, the fun is all in the hunt, isn't it?
--DMS--

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OUR COVER

This seems to be the issue whereby you get to see all the new Hoffman Originals. Well, there are many excellent ones in the works for later, but for now, how 'bout that third set of Leprechauns? Many collectors have been waiting for some months now, so wait no longer...they're available. Possibly even cuter than ever, this is set of six certainly adds more humor to an already delightful group.

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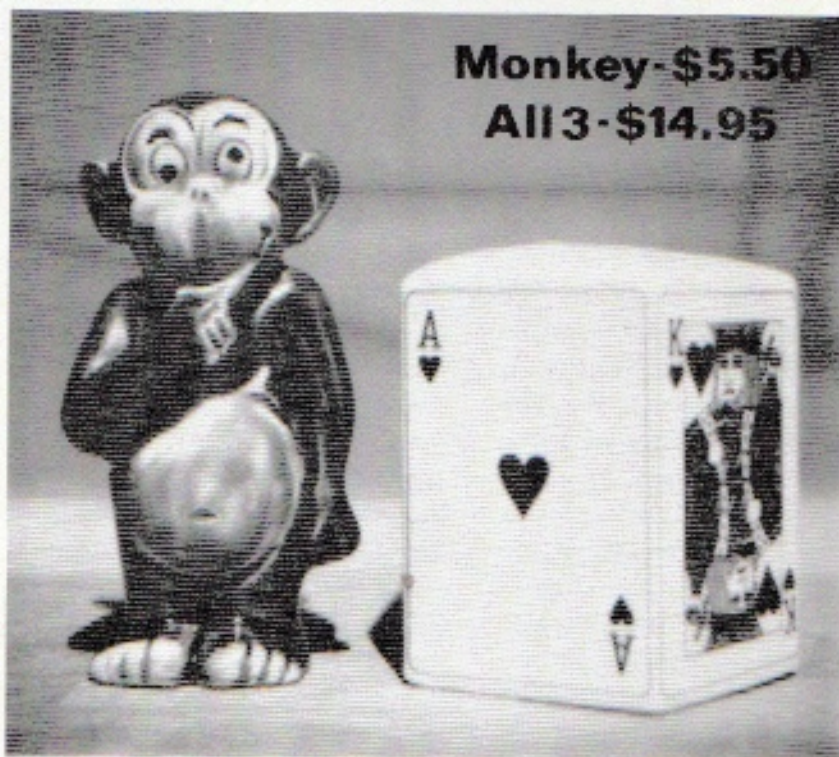
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The Club Report

Time for another Club Report. There seems to have been quite a bit of activity from various parts of the country and there looks to be a good deal more this summer.

Last time we covered a few club activities in the Let's Talk Column and just noticed that I made a major blunder. In telling you about the meeting at Randy Austin's home, I neglected to include his address. Since there will be more meetings after a summer hiatus, those of you in the New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New York area should contact Randy at 16 Robertson Road, Lynbrook, NY 11563.

If you're from the Northern California area, look in the classifieds this time for a notice from Mr. Sherman Silver who is looking to reactivate the Bay Area group. Certainly wish you the best there, Sherm.

Received the following letter from Ed Ryan who had a get together at his Ye Olde Bottle Museum in June: "Delicious hot dogs 15¢ with everything. Potato salad 10¢ a portion and what a portion. Well, wash it down with a hot cup of perked coffee and that will be 5¢, please. And so it went through the day.

"Old man weather was not the best but it didn't dampen the turnout. The sun was promised, but the collectors still came from near and far with about 60 people in all. With the brisk selling and trading everyone had a great time.

"Lots of new faces and many of the old standbys too...not to mention a few new donations from

Randy Austin, Carol & Larry Stone, Jim and Sari Berliner, Domenick Turco, and Alkei Manuel, a real generous contributor to the Mini Bottle Museum.

"A long and happy day ended with comments of you should have this twice a year, and hope you have a fair next year. Plans for the new bottle club were to be discussed but there was so much activity that they were put off until probably some time in September." Sounds like things are moving along smoothly.

The last meeting up in Montreal of the Club Mini Barman was attended by more than 100 people! They were entertained by speakers who explained how glass bottles are made and also how the Cherry-Marnier Liqueur is produced (fabricated, if you prefer). Their next meeting will be in September so that everyone gets a long holiday.

Received a very clever little newsletter from Jean Davis of the Great Lakes Miniature Bottle Club. Jean now seems to be doing a dozen little jobs here and there. Don't know exactly when their next go around will take place, but write to Jean and she'll be happy to let you know.

From all accounts (that means reading the bulletins...and they make most enjoyable reading!) the two Pennsylvania clubs are both going strong. Norm Lubert's the editor of the Del-Val bulletin and has had some most delightful comments lately.

Out here in Southern California, we're still going strong, too. The 7th annual picnic of the Lilliputian Club will just be mem-

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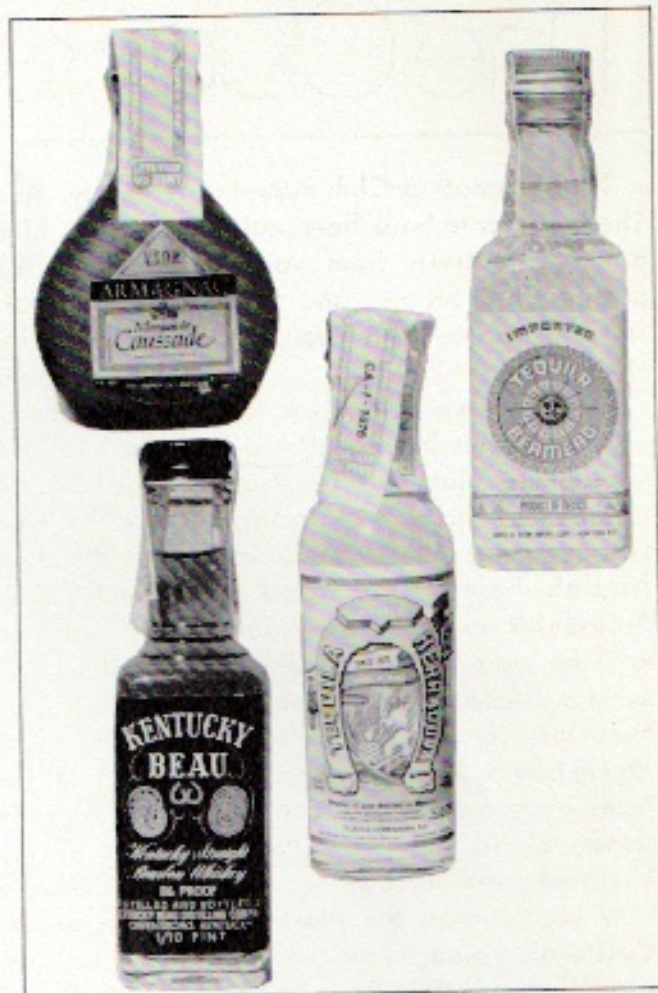
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ories by the time you read this but you've still got the opportunity to go to Jim Triffon's home for the next Orange County get together on Sunday, August 6th. Maybe I'll see you there.

--DMS--



We're returning to our regular format this time; however, we do think that the presentation last time was interesting. Hope you did too!

There are a few surprises this time in bottles to keep your eyes peeled for. Let's start with the set of four Inmakers Wine Cocktails. These have been very successful in both the miniature and large size. This set was given to us as they weren't available locally. The word from the maker was that the wine shops in Ohio were a very big market for these bottles. In years to come these bottles could very easily be similar to many we now find in old collections which are quite rare and almost totally unexplainable.

As you can see, the set is com-

prised of Vino Pinada, Vino Rita, Vino Buster, and Vino Sunset. These naturally are the wine variations of Pina Colada, Margarita, Harvey Wallbanger, and Tequila Sunrise. An added attraction is that they are two ounce flasks.

The other four bottles are all available in various parts of the country. Kentucky Beau has been seen before but never in this type square bottle. It was found in Memphis, Tennessee. The next two Tequilas came from a store in Denver, Colorado. You Beam collectors take note as this is the Beamero Tequila. (Personal opinion: great label, terrible name.)

The second Tequila is the famous Herradura. This has been a

favorite of visitors to Mexico for years but was only recently imported by the Bing Crosby-Phil Harris Company. The label has already been changed, so look extra hard for this one.

Finally we have the Marquis de Causade Armagnac. This one came from Las Vegas and is a magnificent little decanter-type bottle. Not only that, it's a dark satin glass which is quite seldom seen in even large size, let alone miniature size. (Another personal opinion: hopefully soon the U.S. government will finally come to their senses and discontinue the ridiculous strip stamp which takes away from the beauty of the bottle and the label!)

Next time...who knows?

SKI COUNTRY

by
Ruth Jones

I guess it is time to write a little something about Ski Country, but there really isn't much news. We have been expecting the Bassett Hound momentarily, but no news yet. It looks like it will be sometime at least in the middle of the summer before the coyote family is in, so it is hard to tell about the pelican family... which is really a nice bottle from the mock-up.

The skunk family has finally been approved and as you can

see from my picture, it is bound to be a best seller. The tail is the stopper.

It's a little later now and I can give you an update. The Basset Hound is in and a very cute bottle too. However, I still can't tell you any more about the other bottles. Hopefully by next issue.

I will be attending the National Jim Beam Convention in Chicago and hope to meet many mini collectors there. I know there will be a lot of you around.

--R.J.--



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Collecting In

Great Britain

by John Lovett

Hi there. I've been asked by your editor, Mr. Spaid, to write an article on miniature collecting in the United Kingdom....so here goes.

I first started collecting seriously about twelve months ago, although I've been collecting off and on for about three to four years. So far I haven't discovered any clubs, societies, or even any shops which specialize specifically in selling miniatures only for the collector. The only reason I can think of for this lack, is that most folks only collect (as I did at first) miniatures as unusual or pretty ornaments. Therefore when one hears about other collectors it's only on a small basis and no one really deals with swapping or wants any dealings with serious collectors, except for the odd few.

However, it is still possible to obtain miniatures from various sources: the two main suppliers being Public Houses and "off-licence" shops, up and down the country.

These two establishments are similar in the respect that they both sell beers, wines, and spirits to the public. The difference is that one can only drink the spirits in the Public House; whereas, the "off-licence" can only sell it for consumption elsewhere.

Therefore, miniatures take a "back seat" because of the lack of demand and also because of the high price in relation to the cost of the larger bottles. But if one looks around, you can find various Pubs and shops which do

stock a fairly good selection of both straight bottles and novelty ones, but these places are few and far between.

Other methods I use are scanning the local press and magazines for advertisements regarding miniature sales by private individuals. And, I also contact the various brewers and liqueur firms hopefully for samples of their products.

Quite a few of the whisky, gin, rum, and liqueur firms only produce straight bottle miniature containing their brand. The main novelty ones are supplied by specialist firms such as The Cumbræ Supply Co. and Aides of Torquay.

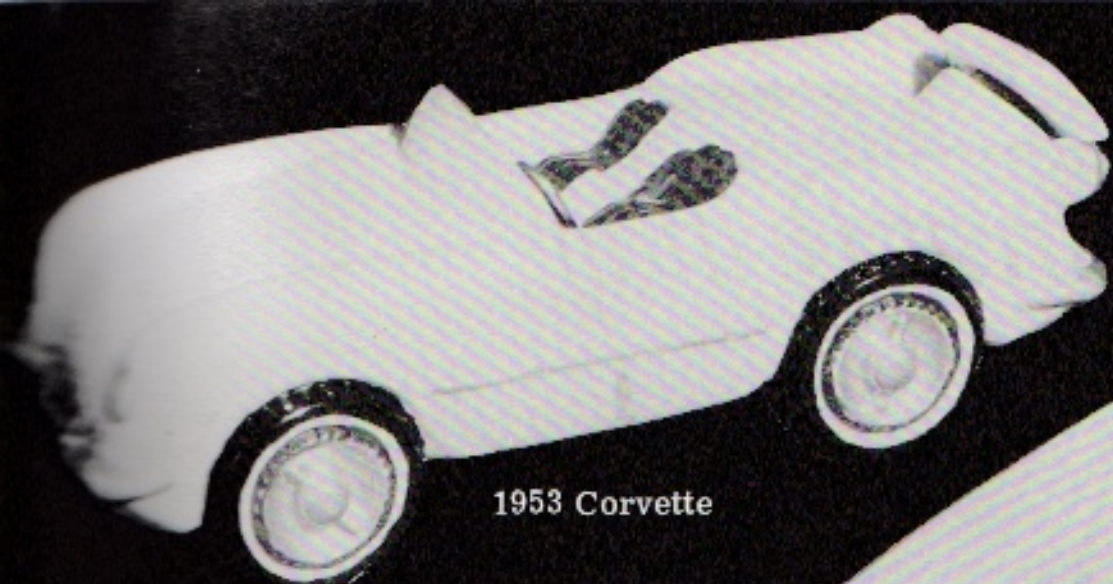
However, because of our licensing laws, direct selling to the public by some of these firms is not allowed. Therefore, we now have come a full circle and we are back again to the Public Houses and "off-licence" shops. Thank goodness there are plenty of them about!!

Although collecting miniatures can be quite trying and difficult at times, hunting for them throughout the multitude of Public Houses and the like can be quite an experience. (Hic)

So now having finished a basic introduction to collecting here in England, it's back to the grind...all those new pubs visit! Although my collection is not expanding too rapidly, my knowledge of the local pubs is

Wishing you all good collecting and happy sampling and tasting.

--J.L.--



1953 Corvette



Yacht America

famous firsts then and now

Well, it's not June and we don't have something borrowed or something blue, but we do have something old and something new. (Please pardon the corniness!)

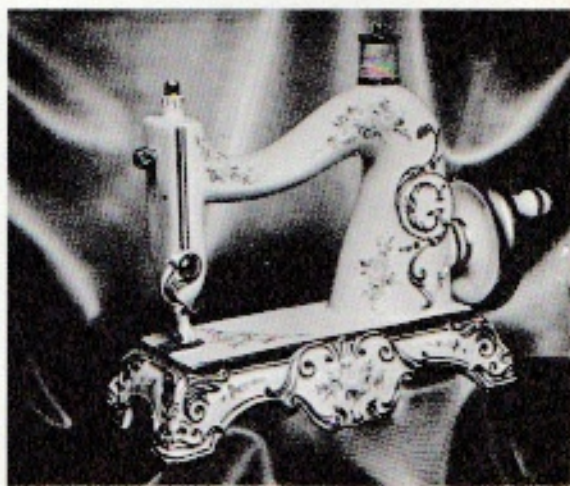
Famous Firsts haven't been represented in these pages for quite some months now, so it's good to welcome them back. We're showing three of their older and more popular minis to jog your memory a bit also.

The two new bottles are both due for release in August and are certain to be quick sellers in all the available markets. The 1953 Corvette and the Yacht America are two of the most popular large bottles from their series and with all the Corvette and yachting enthusiasts around, these exact mini replicas are destined to be big hits with collectors.

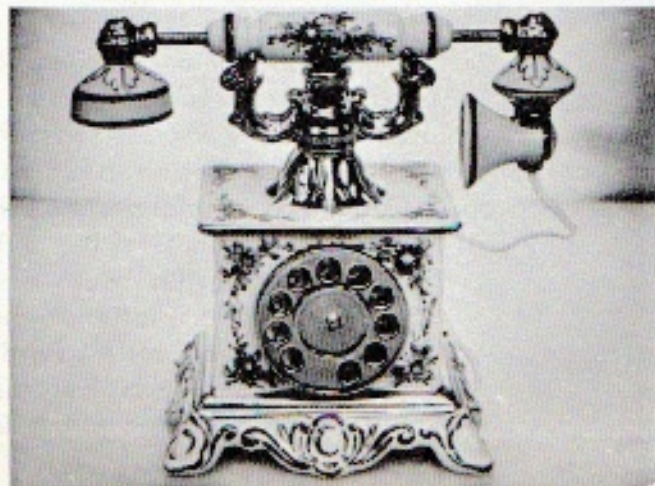
Almost needless to say, the pictures don't do the bottles justice!



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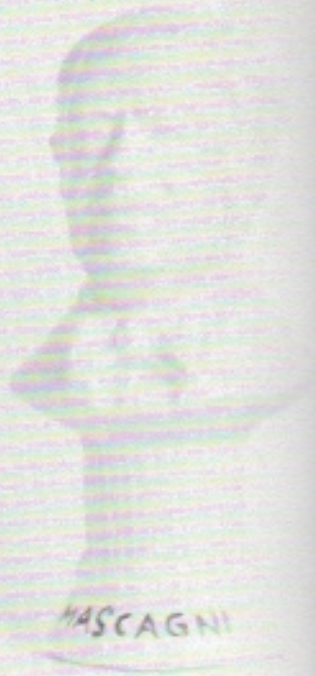
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All the bottles seen here on these two pages are recent issues from the Sassano & Pagani Company of Milan, Italy. Previously we've seen a good many of their bottles in both glass and ceramic. You may remember the ceramic busts (of which one is seen here again) and the mag-

nificent tall glass bottles with the most colorful labels.

Many new colorful labels are featured on these bottles and Sassano & Pagani may be complimented on the different series they have started. As a reminder, there are thirteen cards including the joker and Mas-



ogni is one of four busts in this style.

All of the bottles contain Amaro (in these pictures) although the company has a wide variety of both liquors and liqueurs. The bottles shown here were all made specifically for collectors. Note the picture which has the four Amaro del Carabiniere (Amaro of the Soldiers), although three of the bottles appear to be the same, they are not. The 1st of the three is Oro (Gold), the second Argento (Silver), and the third Bronzo (Bronze). The bottles themselves have been painted.

The eight Amaro's with the interesting pictures might be called the Military Set. Featured are two bottles for the Navy, one for the Air Force (or Aviators), another for Parachutists, and four others which are self-explanatory, even if you can't read the Italian.

One of these days we'll even explain the significance of the amaro on the Amaro Portobello. Stay tuned!



Hoffman Horses



Some time back we saw the miniature Wild West and collectors began saving their favorite stores. Anticipation of the issuing of bottles have been reduced. They have disappeared very quickly from the shelves.

With the issuing of the horses seen here, it's



probable that history will repeat itself. Collectors will wait with great anticipation and then the bottles will sell rapidly when released. Initial plans called for the horses to be released individually starting in June and ending in November.

When the bottles are issued shortly, they should come out

in the following order: Thoroughbred, Appaloosa Yearling, Arabian Stallion, Proud Arabian, Quarter Horse, and Shetland Pony.

Of this elegant grouping, the Arabian Stallion with lifted right leg is most impressive. The workmanship on all the bottles though is of the highest quality.



An article of a different nature this month - featuring four non-alcoholic micro-minis, but still members of the Gold Seal family.

Pictured first is an Or-Lem Fresh Fruit Squash, made from "whole, fresh oranges and lemons". It stands 3" high, like all the others which will be mentioned. Likewise, all caps are screw-on metal and every bottle is clear glass. The only label on the Or-Lem is an extremely colorful one, displaying an orange and a lemon on a black and silver background. Pebble-grain glass makes up the top third of the bottle.

Second is an "I don't know what"; a Robinson's Lemon Barley Water with a yellow, black, silver, green, and white label. The top third of this bottle is embossed in a chequerboard fashion.

Next is the ever familiar Rose's Lime Juice with its famous embossed roses.

Finally, a Sun Fresh Orange Drink comes into the picture. It's orange and white label is trimmed in green stripes. The bottom is embossed Sun Fresh; however, this is barely visible in the photograph.

Until next time... --VV--

KOBY'S KOLLECTABLE KOLUMN

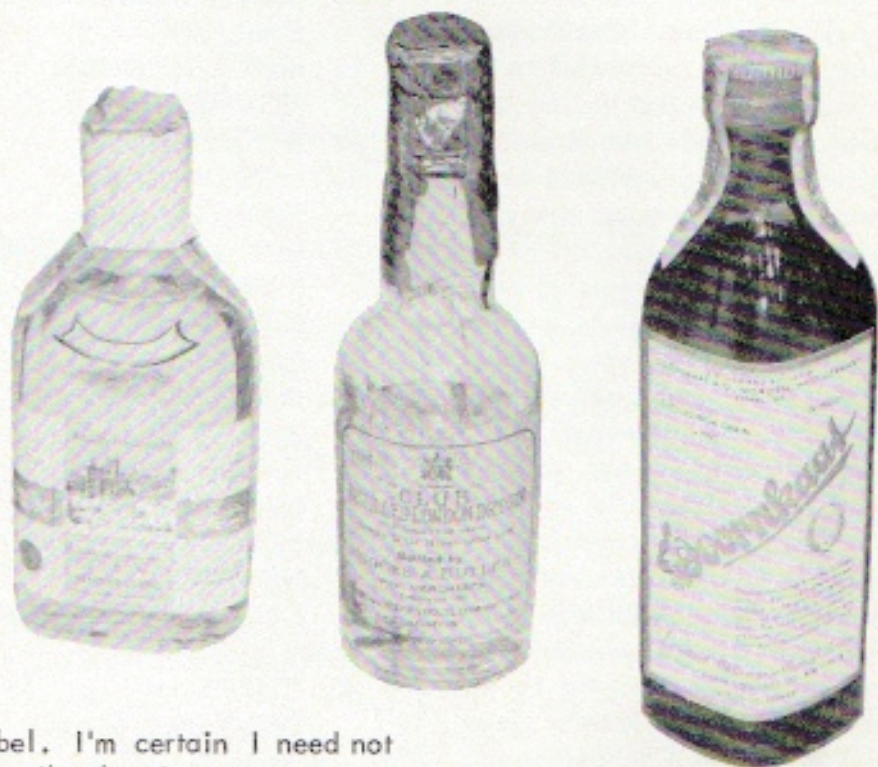
by BOB KOBY

While we had our collection, I never had any luck in finding three Heublein bottles: Pisco Sour, Yellowbird, and Go Together. In six trips to Florida, nine trips to Baltimore and New York City, I never had the fortune of finding them. A few years ago I wrote Heublein and the only thing they could furnish me with were the three labels. (Ed. note: Bob's photo unfortunately could not be reproduced.) If there are any collectors who collect labels, I have three extra sets that you are most welcome to. Drop me a note and I'll forward them to you. Now on to the bottles.

Clubby Hedges & Butler London Dry Gin is 91 proof and a corker with a tin foil wrapped neck. It's a two part mold bottle which was originally wrapped but half evaporated. This is a handsome addition to any gin, specialty, or straights collection.

Doornkaat, established in 1806 from West Germany has a metal twist cap and is 5 inches high. It stands on a square base and is embossed on all four sides. Two sides say Doornkaat, one states W. Z. 999 and one says 1806. It's 94 proof and most interesting.

Green River is from the good old U.S. of A. It's fully evaporated and naturally has a green



label. I'm certain I need not describe the picture.

My last gin bottle is from Christy & Brooks, England. This is a 94.8 proof and sports a square brown Maryland 1959-71 tax stamp. It's embossed U.G.B. and I hope someone knows what that stands for.

By the time this issue goes to press and then most of you have received your copies, my wife and I will have been on our vacation in Israel for about ten days. Naturally while there we'll be looking for minis. Until next time, hope you have enjoyed your summer vacations and found those special minis you've been looking for.

Shalom... --R.K.--



PERSONALIZED

by Al Halpern

Jim Beam

MINIATURES

The Jim Beam personalized miniatures are coming out faster than we can keep track of them. It would seem that collectors are going to need to specialize in collecting these just as they are doing with the larger porcelain bottles... or be prepared to have a lot of money invested in trying to keep the collection complete and up-to-date. Suggested categories for specialized collecting could be airlines, bars, liquor stores, Beam clubs, private individuals, special events, private enterprises, and so on. Think about it and let us know your thoughts. Meanwhile, if you have any additional personalized Beams to add to the lists, please let me know. Here are some new ones, picking up on continuation of numbers since the last issue, and reminding you that the number in the right hand column is the trading value per bottle:

- A**
- 17. Action 2
TICKET
- 18. ALBANY LIQUORS 1
Beach Grove, IN
- 19. AGGIE'S 1
LIQUORS
- 20. ART AND CEIL 1
- 21. Arcola, Illinois 1
Broom Corn Festival 1977
- 22. Amtrak (with logo) 2
- 23. AL COHEN'S 3
St. Thomas, V.I.
(with export stamp)
- 24. ANDY AND CONNIE 1

- B**
- 26. BLACKHAWK 1
JIM BEAM CLUB
XMAS 12-4-77
- 27. BOB'S 1
BOTTLE SHOPPE
- 28. BOB TINDALL'S 1
T.L. OLIVER PRINTING
Jeffersonville, Ind
- 29. BELLE CITY 1
JIM BEAM CLUB
12-3-77
- 30. BILLS LIQUOR 1
- 31. BUTCH'S BAR 1
CHASKA
- 32. BEEF & BOURBON 1
RESTAURANT
- 33. BARREL HOUSE 1
LIQUOR
• Santa Fe, N.M.
- 34. BEN & NANCY REEBER 1
INN 74
- 35. Bob & Doris Gwin 1
Cumberland Valley 1977
- 36. BOBBIE'S 1
Buckeye Ranch
Tonopah, Nevada
- 37. BRIAN VIECOLI 1
- 38. BEAM ON THE LAKE 1
HOST VI
DIST. ROUNDUP 1978
- C**
- 33. CLIFF'S 1
DRIVE IN LIQUORS
Santa Fe, N.M.
- 34. COWTOWN 1
Jim Beam Bottle Club
- 35. CAROLINA 1
Jim Beam Club
Burlington, N.C.
- 36. CASINO 1
Las Vegas, Nevada
- 37. Cumberland Valley 1
1977
- 38. Cumberland Valley 1
Bottle Club 1978
- 39. Cork & Bottle 1
LIQUORS
Albuquerque, N.M.
- 40. CORKY & AVIS 1
Ft. Lupton, Colo.
- 41. CANYON LIQUOR 1
Boulder, Colo.
- 42. CASCADE LIQUOR 1

- 43. CLIFF'S LIQUOR 1
Santa Fe, N.M.
- 44. CIRCUS CIRCUS 1
Las Vegas, Nevada
- 45. COONEY'S LIQUOR 1
Socorro, N.M.
- D**
- 24. DART LIQUORS 1
South Lake Tahoe, Nev.
- 25. DUTCHS LIQUOR 1
Security, Colo.
- 26. D & D WELDING 1
DICK NORDAHL
- 27. DICKS TITOS 1
TAVERN
4th & Menaul
- 28. D.T.'S LIQUORS 1
Home of Frontier Days
Cheyenne, Wyoming
- E**
- 8. ED HOCHSTEIN 1
Blackhawk Club
President-1977
- 9. ED. McCARREN 1
Director
District VI 1977
- 10. EVAS RANCHO 1
GRANDE BAR
- 11. EBERTS & 1
HARRISON, INC.
- F**
- 15. FORDE REEDEREI 1
- 16. FURRS FAMILY CENTER 1
Las Cruces, N.M.
- 17. Frank & Betty Murphy 1
Cumberland Valley 1977
- 18. FRANK & MARY KIDDO 1
Williamsport, Pa.
- 19. FRANK CLAUDNIC 1
Fox River Lumber
Ottawa, Illinois
- G**
- 17. GOUSE'S FURNITURE 1
22nd Anniversary 1977
- 18. GORDON'S 1
LIQUOR MART
GREELEY, COLO.
- 19. GREEN MOUNTAIN 1
LIQUOR
- 20. GREEN COUNTRY 1
Tulsa, Okla.
12-10-77
- 21. GREELEY 1
PLAZA LIQUOR
Greeley, Colo.

22. GLASS BOTTLE LIQUOR Englewood, Colo.	1	17. METRO MIXED COUPLES BOWLING LEAGUE 1977-1978	1	20. STARDUST LIQUOR	1
23. GENE TERRY	1	18. MOUNT AIR LIQUOR Lakewood, Colo.	1	21. Stuart Collingswood	1
18. HAPPY BIRTHDAY Boulevard Liquors	1	19. MAIN LIQUORS	1	22. STAN JUDD	1
19. HARTLEYS	1	20. MEL PETERSON	1	23. SOUVENIR OF BARBADOS (Export)	3
20. HOTSPRINGS BAR Andy & Connie	1	21. MONTE CARLO PKG. MIKE KATSAROS 831-2444	1	24. SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY 1977	1
21. Harold M. Greaney The Plumber 1977	1	N 11. NORMAN'S LIQUOR Lakewood, Colo.	1	25. STARVED ROCK CLUB 3rd Anniversary 9-25-77	1
22. HAROLD M. GREANEY The Plumber Cumberland Valley Club	1	12. 9 - A - ♥	1	26. SAM & HYS SKY VU LIQUORS	1
23. Helen & Dick Kunsman Pa. Dutch Club 1977	1	13. NORTH END LIQUORS Colorado Springs, Colo.	1	27. Seasons Greetings CLASS VI - NCAD	1
24. HAPPY BIRTHDAY Jim Beam of So. Cal	1	O 7. OCEAN CITY Maryland	1	28. SLOTS-A-FUN ON THE STRIP Las Vegas, Nevada	1
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26. HARBOR BAR	1	P 15. PHILOMENAS Los Alamos, N.M.	1	T 20. THE TEE ROOM	1
24. JOHNSTOWN LIQUOR Johnstown, Colo.	1	16. PAT VELLA	1	21. TOM ROFF	1
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26. JEAN-PIERRE BURDIN	1	18. PARKS DRIVE-IN LIQUORS	1	23. TONY SMALL	1
27. JOLLY KNIGHT	1	19. PAYLESS LIQUORS	1	24. TROPICS LOUNGE Julia & Doris	1
28. John F. Flanagan	1	R 8. REED'S PKG. LIQUORS Laramie, Wyo. Home of the Cowboys	1	25. TEE-BONERS	1
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20. LOTUS INN Las Vegas, Nevada	1	11. RAIL CITY Discount Liquor Sparks, Nevada	1	V 3. VILLAGE 7 TO 11 East Main St. Los Lomas, N.M.	1
21. LEO DOW Leo's Package Store	1	12. RICHARD F. REDER Superior, Wisconsin	1	4. Vicki & Perry Aug. 13, 1977	1
22. LYNNE & JERRY	1	13. ROGER SCHAAN	1	5. VALLEY OF THE SUN Christmas '77 Phoenix, Arizona	1
23. LASSO LIQUOR Greeley, Colo.	1	14. ROSE'S LUCKY STRIKE	1	W 12. WASHINGTON CORP.	1
14. MORGAN'S PHARMACY	1	19. SHERIDAN LIQUOR	1	13. WATERHOLE #1 Pueblo, Colo.	1
15. MUSIC CITY Beam Club Nashville 1977	1			14. WELL'S LIQUORS 6310 York Road Baltimore, Md.	1
16. MID-WINTER ROUND-UP DISTRICT VII February 1978	1			15. W.A.A.B.I. Las Vegas, Nevada 1977	1
				16. WAREHOUSE LIQUOR La Junta, Colo.	1



Boozeville Bowling

by Lloyd McLeod

The bowling alley in Boozeville is a drab dingy place. They boast of two alleys of crudely laminated two by fours. They are varnished and highly polished for tonight's weekly league play though. The pin boys are in the pits ready to start. Whiskey is 15¢ a shot or you can bring your own hip flask if you want.

Bowling alleys in the early days were not the plush carpeted, well-lighted family fun palaces that they are today. At that time they were considered to be in the same category as pool halls and billiard parlors. They were not the place where the wife or children would be taken.

The giveaway bottles shown here represent some of the types given out in bowling alleys in the early 1900's. They were given for high single score or

sometimes high three game score. Some were given at the end of the bowling season to all the members of the winning team.

The flask is six inches tall and has Golden West Hotel printed at the bottom. The bowler with his leather patch is just under 6 inches tall. This one has a plain base but some are printed with the words "Gut Holtz". In German this means "take hold." The smallest one is 4 5/8 inches tall and was made in France or England. The cork cover has a smiling face embossed on it.

In bowling the term "turkey" means getting three strikes in a row. It's getting down to the 10th frame now and that team from the ice house is bowling hot tonight. If we are going to win this game and a snort from a little bottle, we'll have to gut holtz and turkey out. L.M.



Meet The Collector **Bill Johnston**

The gentleman placing that Marie Brizard bottle in the proper place on the shelf is Mr. Bill Johnston of Skippack, Pennsylvania. He really needs no introduction to a great many of you and you could really say he was our first featured collector.

Back in the March-April 1974 issue when we were just getting our feet wet, we ran an article by Al Haas, a reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer who told about a get together held at the

Johnston's.

At that time Bill had only been collecting for five years and had only 2200 bottles. We say "only" because in the last four years Bill has really been adding to that collection. Don't even know if even Bill knows exactly how many he's got now. He still loves the scotch bottles and has a great many that all the scotch collectors would give their eye teeth for.

Those "get togethers" in Skippack are now a twice yearly e-

vent sponsored by the Del-Val Miniature Bottle Club of which Bill is now President. All the eastern collectors avidly await April and October and all the western collectors grumble that they won't be there to see what new finds are "unearthed" in the Johnston's barn.

Sorry to say that we don't have more pictures (and this one came courtesy of Bill and the Philadelphia newspaper); however, just one tells the tale!



Malt Whisky

by JOHN SULLIVAN

Last time we discussed Highland Malt Whisky and it was an article all by itself. That was understandable because of the overwhelming popularity of the Highland Whiskies. This time we will talk about the other three types of Malt Whisky: Islay, Campbeltown, and Lowland.

ISLAY OR ISLAND MALTS

The Islay or Island Malts are those that originate from the islands of Skye, Islay, Jura, Orkney, and Mull which are all located on the Atlantic Ocean side of Scotland. Most Island scotch is produced on the isle of Islay which has eight distilleries: Port Ellen, Laphroaig, Lagavulin, Ardbeg, Bowmore, Caol Ila, Bruichladdich, and Bunnahabhain. I only know of four of these distilleries which bottle any of their product in miniature - Laphroaig, Bowmore, Ardbeg, and Bruichladdich. Dr. McDowall in his book, describes

Islay malts as "powerful and for strong men." Most people say they taste medicinal, something like antiseptic, so much so that they are harsh and to some people pungent and unpleasant.

Laphroaig is the outstanding whisky of Islay. The strong flavor of this whisky is not from the barley, for most of it comes from the mainland. What the island has is plenty of rain and plenty of peat. The peat is most likely responsible for the taste of the whisky. Laphroaig Distillery is owned by D. Johnston & Co. of Glasgow and distributes two brands, Islay Mist (8yr. old) and Laphroaig (10yr. old). However, most of its whisky is used for blending purposes.

Bruichladdich is a small distillery built in 1881. In 1960 it was purchased by A.B. Grant, who completely modernized and enlarged it. Bruichladdich is a typical Islay whisky with a rich and pleasant flavor. Its water supplies are obtained from an

inland reservoir, which may be why it lacks the medicinal taste often associated with Islay malts. Although the whisky is available by itself, it is mostly used for blending and no doubt goes into the firm's own blends: Bonnie Scot and Special Scot.

Some of the other island distilleries are: Jura, Talisker, and Highland Park. Jura is on the Island of Jura and was probably first built at the end of the Seventeenth Century by James Ferguson & Sons. It was finally closed in 1904 and then reopened in 1963 by Charles Mackinlay & Co. Ltd., a subsidiary of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries. Modern Jura whisky is classed as a "Highland Malt" because it is said to be lighter than Islay malts generally.

Talisker, the only distillery on the Isle of Skye, was begun in 1843. In 1916, Talisker was taken over by the Distillers Co. Talisker gets its name from a house about 6 miles away from

the distillery built for the heirs of the MacLeods of Dunvegan, the chief landowner of the island.

Highland Park is a famous whisky from Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands which has always been recognized as one of the best whiskies, no doubt because of the special quality of the Orkney peat. Highland Park Distillery is now operated by Highland Distilleries Co., Ltd. Another great whisky from Orkney is Scapa. However, most of its product is used for blending by Hiram Walker.

However, no island in the world owes more to whisky than Islay, and there are few blends which do not owe something to an Islay Malt.

CAMPBELLTOWN MALTS

The Campbeltown Malts have diminished from a high of thirty-two distilleries to the present day number of two. The story of the decline of whisky distilling on the Kintyre Peninsula is a sad one. From the standpoint of making whisky, Campbeltown is an ideal location. It has abundant supplies of all the necessary ingredients. However, success appears to be the cause of the decline of its whisky making. Some distilleries, in order to meet the demands of the growing population of Glasgow, began to pay less attention to the quality of their whisky and more to the quantity. This caused some pretty poor whisky to go to market. This condition existed for many years, until the financial slump of the late 1920's. With money becoming tight, the public and the blenders became more choosy, and began to pass up the Campbeltown whiskies, in favor of the more plentiful good whisky from the Highlands.

The poor distilleries of Campbeltown destroyed the reputation of even the good ones, until the number of distilleries had dwindled down to two:

Springbank - built by the Mitchell family in 1823, it is now owned by J. & A. Mitchell & Co., Ltd. Springbank is described as a rich, fully flavored whisky, soft and fragrant, and not peaty, unlike the old, heavily peated Campbeltown whiskies.

Glen Scotia - built in 1832 by Stewart Galbraith & Co., the distillery has changed hands many times through the years. It was purchased in 1955 by its present owner, A. Gillies & Co. The whisky made at Glen Scotia Distillery is quite different from Springbank. Glen Scotia is the traditional whisky, being heavier, more strongly flavored.

So, Campbeltowns, once a highly regarded and important part of the scotch whisky picture, no longer plays a great part in the world of scotch.

LOWLAND MALTS

The Lowland Malts were the first whiskies to be drunk in quantity in England. There are now ten Lowland Malt distilleries in the lowlands, but only four are producing whisky available as single whiskies. The whisky from the other distilleries is used for blending. The Lowland Malts are more gentle than the Highlands, and are said to mature quicker. The four Lowland whiskies being bottled singly are:

Rosebank - on the banks of the old Forth and Clyde Canal, distilling began here about 1798 by the Stark brothers. It is now owned by D.C.L., who have reconditioned it, but it is still quite a dismal place, with no roses in evidence. It is described

as a pleasant, smooth whisky, sharper to the nose than to the palate.

Bladnoch - The McClelland Family started this distillery on a pleasant site on the Bladnoch River in 1818. It has had its ups and downs during the years, but since 1964 it has been owned by McGowan & Cameron, blenders and wholesalers of Glasgow. Since the whisky on the market now is only recently of age, it is too early to judge its quality. In the old days, it was known as a smooth whisky with a wonderful bouquet.

Auchentoshan - Founded in 1825 by Mr. Thorne, this distillery, located 10 miles north of Glasgow, overlooking the River Clyde, has only had three owners. It was one of the few distilleries bombed during the war. It was purchased in 1969 by Eddie Cairns, who owns a group of liquor stores in Glasgow. Auchentoshan has a delightful flavor and is very popular with blenders.

Little Mill - This distillery was built about 1750 by a Mr. George Buchanan. Originally the distillery made beer for the monks of Paisley Abbey. This distillery is now owned by Barton Distilling Co. of Kentucky. Little Mill has a good flavor, but unfortunately, the blenders take most of the mature whisky, while that which is bottled as Little Mill is sometimes too young, which tends to tarnish its reputation.

In conclusion of the Lowland whisky section, I might add that although they have been overshadowed by their Highland counterparts, a well matured Lowland whisky is a good, all-purpose whisky, that is pleasing to the palate, especially for those who do not like a heavily peated whisky.

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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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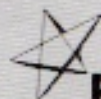
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