

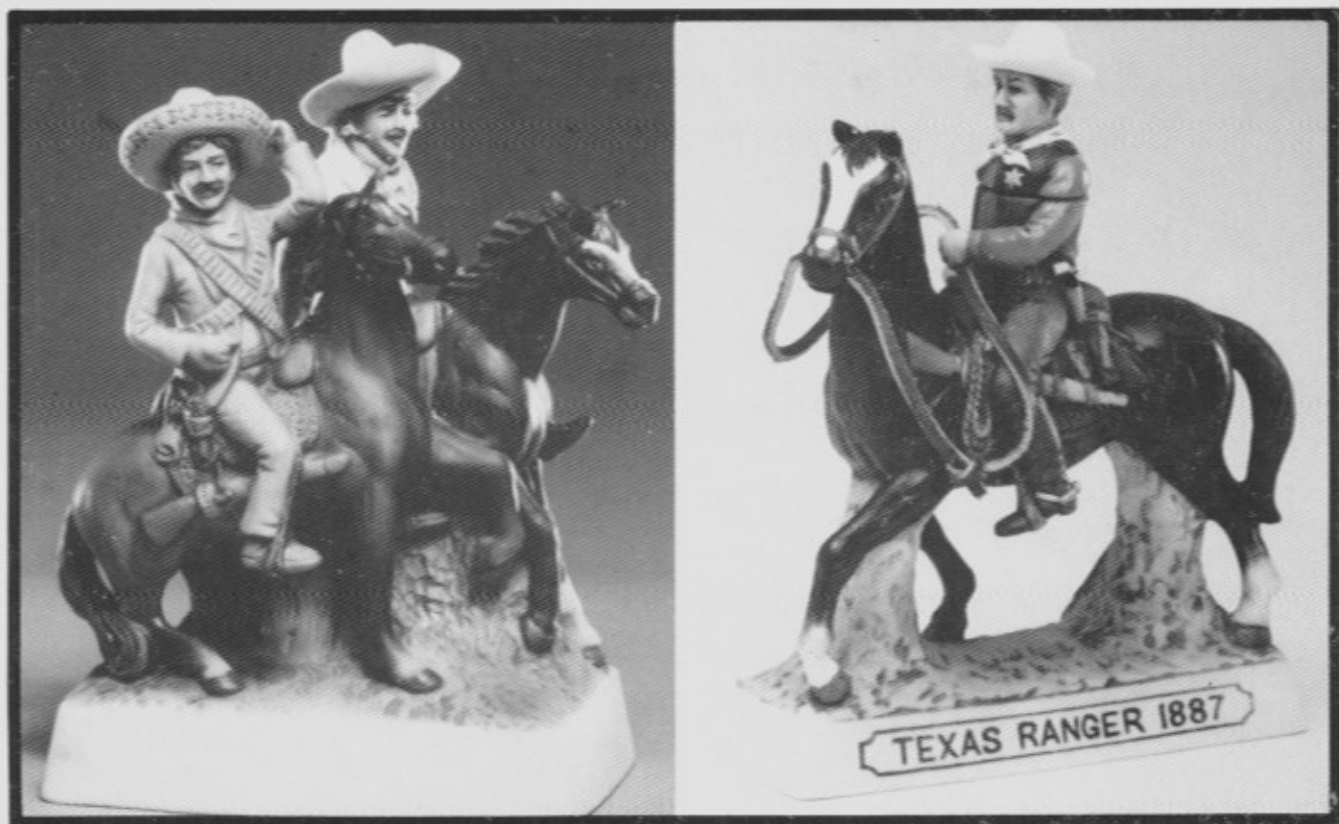
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LET'S TALK

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We're very happy to have Bob Koby back with us and you'll be even happier to know that he's already completed several articles on bottles he found in Israel. Our son Scott provided the beer article this time as Barbara Gaines was in Canada and the Canadian mail strike prevented an article from reaching us. Next time we'll be starting a series by Harry Ford on very rare '30's whiskies from Los Angeles and San Francisco.

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OUR COVER

The two bottles on the cover this issue are the two newest releases from Grenadier in San Francisco. The Texas Ranger should be available in the stores by the time you read this while Villa & Fierro will be along shortly. You can also look forward to several other minis from Grenadier in 1979. Expect Fr. Serra to be issued soon and also a few surprises!

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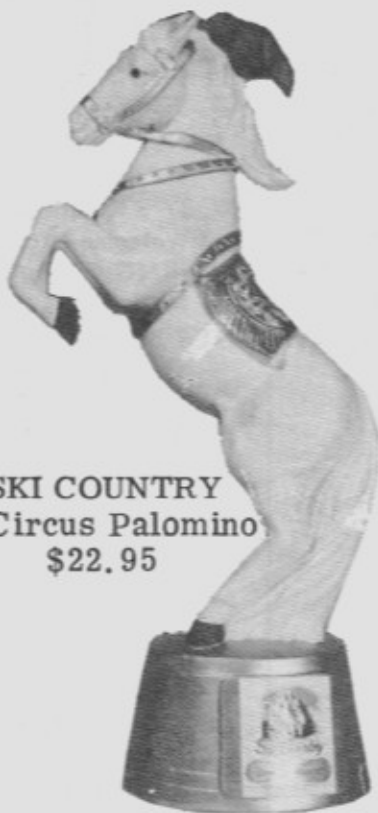
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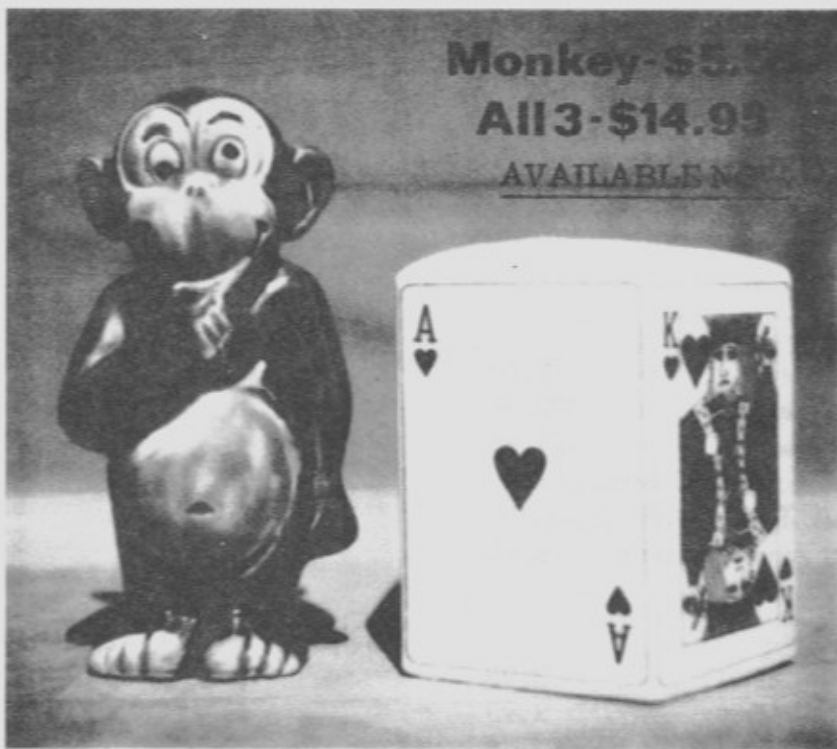
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What's new isn't quite so new this time. These bottles were being saved to be shown as part of a much larger article on Canadian bottles; however, if we waited too much longer they are in jeopardy of becoming extinct...so now is the time.

The least interesting of the dozen are the three Hiram Walker bottles: Creme de Menthe, Chocolate Mint, and Apricot Brandy. Quite common, these can be found in variations possibly in every glass collection around.

You Rum collectors should take note of the next three though. This is the complete selection of Maraca Rums: Black Label, Gold Label, and White Label. These translate as dark, light, and extra light.

The remaining bottles are the most interesting for a variety of reasons. First, the labels are quite colorful; secondly, Henkes is the parent company which also produces the Rynbende bottles: and thirdly, the U.S. is one of the few countries in the world where Henkes products are not sold. So that some of you don't need to get out your magnifying glasses, the bottles are: Anisette, Creme de Cacao, Cherry Brandy, Cherry Whisky, Creme de Menthe, and Apricot Brandy.

Next time...some definite surprises!





Lionstone's

SAFARI SET NO. 2

It would appear that the great success of the initial Lionstone Safari Series has brought about the issuance of a second group of bottles which not too oddly is known as Safari Series #2.

If all went according to plans, these six bottles should already be waiting for you at your fa-

vorite retailer.

Depending on the area in which you live, the bottles will contain either bourbon, 30 proof liqueur (actually a wine in disguise), or California white port. Take your choice!

As the Koala seemed to be the most popular in the first set, it's

certain that you'll find some real favorites here. A good guess is that the Mona Monkeys and the Leopards will find their way into collections first. In case you aren't too sure about the others, they are: Kangaroo, Ostrich, Cape Buffalo, and Thompson's Gazelles.

KOBY'S KOLLECTABLE KOLUMN

by BOB KOBY

Shalom! Shalom in Hebrew has a number of meanings, such as, hello, how are you?, how have you been, so long, and good-bye. So, to begin the next few articles on the following minis, I'll just say "Shalom" from The Holy Land.

To begin with, my wife and I had a tremendous time. The weather was very hot but also very dry. We had a fantastic guide for the two weeks and I also met a former classmate who I had not seen since January of 1953. He was also vacationing in Israel and now lives in Texas. I had a most enjoyable but somewhat tearful reunion with three cousins whom I have not seen since 1946. And, of course, I hunted for miniatures.

As some of the pictures now and in following issues will show, they do not have unusual shapes or great variety. The ones I did find were hidden away in nooks and crannies. I had to hunt in grocery stores, liquor stores, ice cream parlors, and markets. Tel Aviv and Jerusalem were the most fruitful places. But before I begin to describe some of the bottles, I must admit that some of the translations I will not be able to render because my knowledge of Hebrew is limited and some of the words I couldn't find in the dictionary.

WODKA LEPSZA means the better vodka. Lepsza is a Polish word. The bottle is 4 3/4 inches

high and has a mold bottom. After examining the cap, it is a plastic cover and then waxed over. As you can see, the picture depicts a Cossack dancing.

ORIGINAL 1848 BRANDY is 80 proof, the contents are light brown, the label light gold, and has a molded bottom. It is also 4 3/4 inches high.

PEAR LIQUEUR is distilled by Eliasz Distilleries and is a 64 proof. Would you believe it but while touring in the Hula Valley we drove by the plant but could not stop. Oh well, maybe next time. The label is round, half red and half blue with a picture of two pears.

KEGLEVICH VODKA is by the Italian company, Stock. The label is black with white and red lettering. It is 100 proof, "famous since 1882", and originated by Count Keglevich (never heard of him!).

ISRAEL SLIWOWITZ is a 90 proof, similar in size to the others. It sports a plastic twist on red cap and a mold bottom.

CHERRY BRANDY is interesting for it has no marked proof. Like the others, it is 4 3/4 inches high and has a mold bottom.

With the exception of the Wodka Lepsza, all the minis are marked "Kosher" for Passover.

Hope all of you have a happy holiday. Will show six more Israeli minis in the January-February '79 issue. Shalom.

--R.K.--

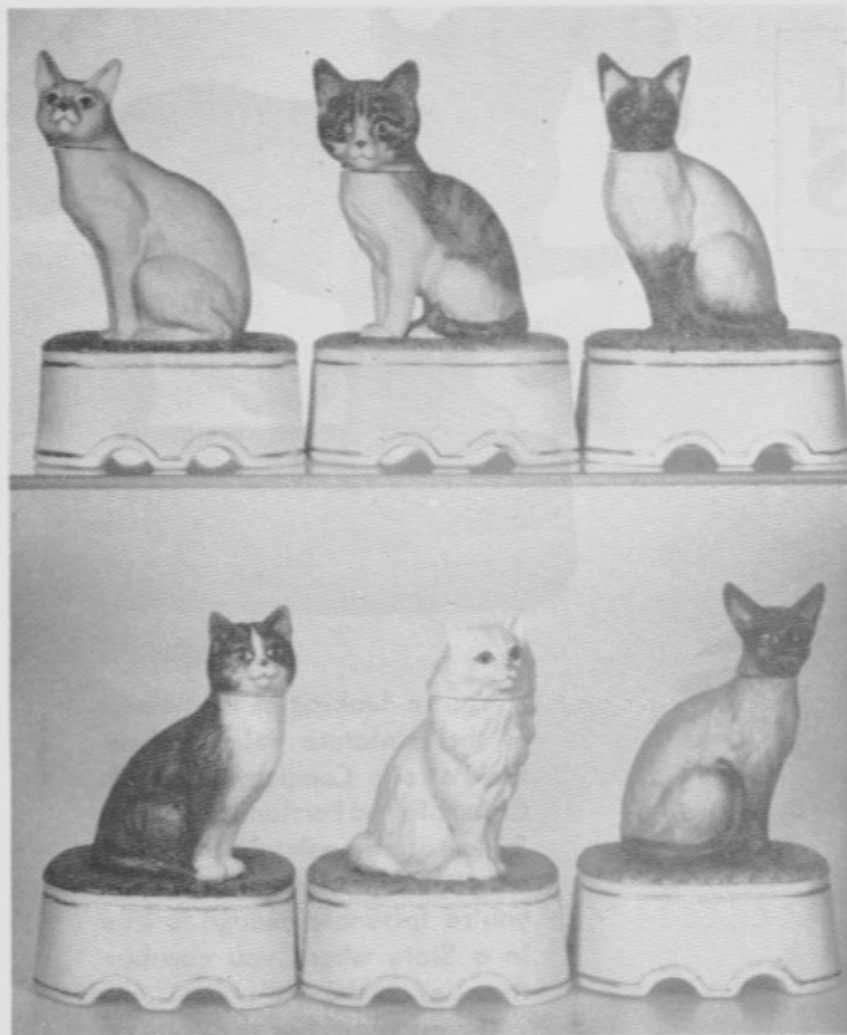


In our efforts to show you the best of what's old and new, the Hoffman name certainly keeps popping up when new bottles are considered. Last time we had those pool playing dogs and now this time, both dogs and cats. However, whereas the pool playing dogs were a little on the large size (content-wise), these bottles are all regular two ounce miniatures.

For those of you who appreciate the music boxes which appear with some regularity in the Hoffman bottles, all of these new miniatures contain music boxes. Unfortunately, can't

HOFFMAN
RAINING
CATS & DOGS!





think of offhand exactly what they play!

By now you've probably realized there are two sets of dogs and cats here. One set of each has the single animal while the other two sets each show the two animals with a most clever little stopper. It's awfully small in our pictures, so just wait until you see the bottles...they're certain to bring a smile to your face.

Look for these bottles sometime after the first of the year. Naturally they're done in bisque porcelain with the well-known Eastern quality and design.



3 NEW MINIS FROM POTTER'S



You're looking at the newest of the miniature releases from the Potter's Company of British Columbia and Portland, Oregon. By now all three should be either on your liquor store shelves (if you're fortunate enough to live in a State where you can buy them) or on the way.

If you remember the colossal success of the two bears and the miner or prospector, you'll probably jump at the opportunity to add these new ones to your collection. The Dog Sled of course is the masterpiece and is already a sell out at the company level. So if you appreciate quality in your ceramic bottles, you can't do better than these new Potter's bottles!



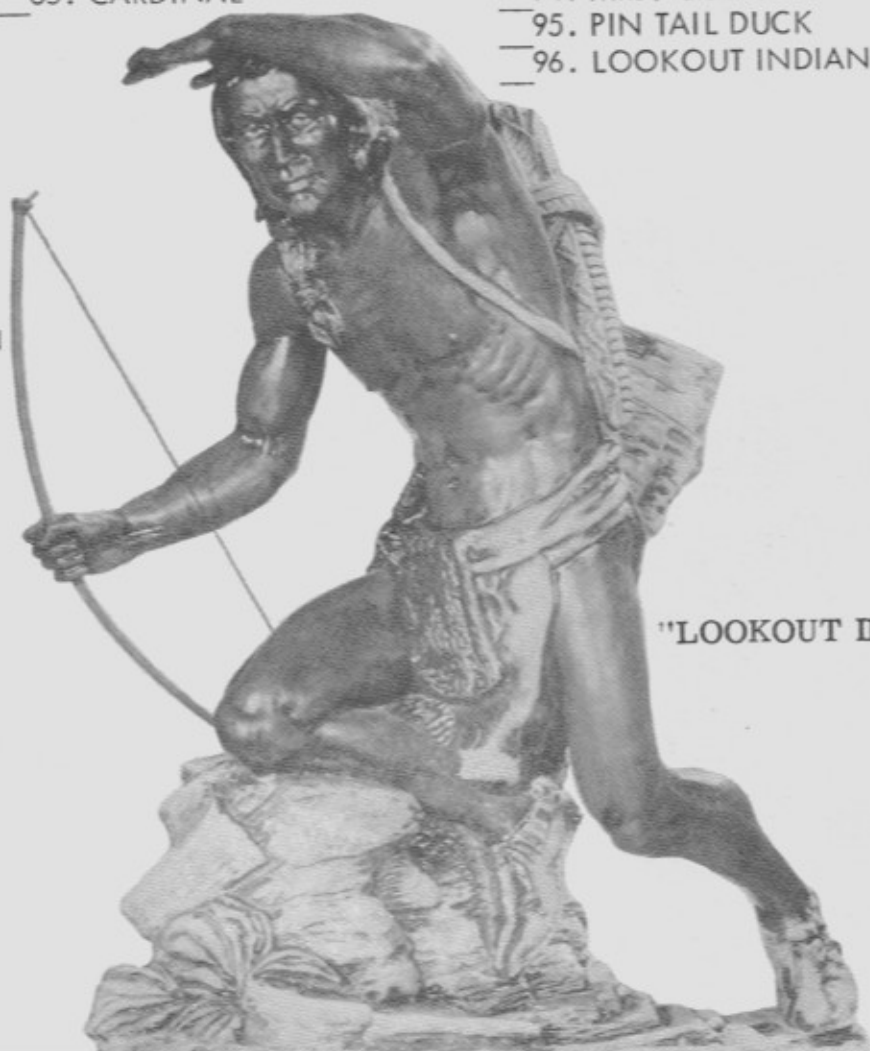
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by
Ruth Jones

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83. LOOKOUT INDIAN



"LOOKOUT INDIAN"

Mini Party -

Several years ago one of the most enjoyable get togethers of the year was the January banquet held by the Wee Bottle Club of Las Vegas in connection with the yearly Las Vegas Bottle Show and Sale. Remembering back, there were two marvelous dinners where collectors from all over the U.S. came to meet one another. It was magnificent to get to meet other collectors... many of whom you'd only heard of or some you'd corresponded with.

When the Wee Bottle Club disbanded, the need for that yearly get together was still around but a sponsor, time and place, and workers to make the necessary arrangements weren't. Then through MBC/Blue Ridge and the magazine, plans were made to hold a banquet when the collectors in Kentucky when the International Jim Beam Club held its Convention. That had to be shelved due to conflicting dates. However, this year we finally made it.

The International Jim Beam Club held its Convention in Chicago the last week in July and on the night of Tuesday, July 25th, a banquet sponsored by Blue Ridge bottles and the magazine was held at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Two dozen of us were in attendance but there were many who wanted to come but couldn't due to being a part of the Jim Beam Convention, or were unable to get to Chicago. The program was given by Mr. Brad Colton of the E. Martinoni Company...makers of Grenadier and Pancho Villa bottles. Several lucky people were the recipients of gifts compliments of Mr. Colton. Everyone in att-



l. to r. Ada Felske, Kay Williams



One view of the night's festivities at the Hyatt Regency.



l. to r. Brad Colton

Mani Success!

tendance also received Pancho Villa glass miniatures and also a personalized Jim Beam mini

A surprise to everyone (except us) were the special bottles which were made by Blue Ridge and given to commemorate the banquet. Only eighteen of these ceramic picture frame bottles were made in Japan to be given at this time only.

We're extremely sorry that we don't have pictures of everyone who was there. Most of these pictures were taken by Mr. David Williams of North Carolina. We are definitely planning to have another banquet next year in connection with the Jim Beam Club Convention in Houston. The dates of that Convention are July 22-27, 1979. If you're interested in joining the festivities, let us hear from you!! It's never too early!!!



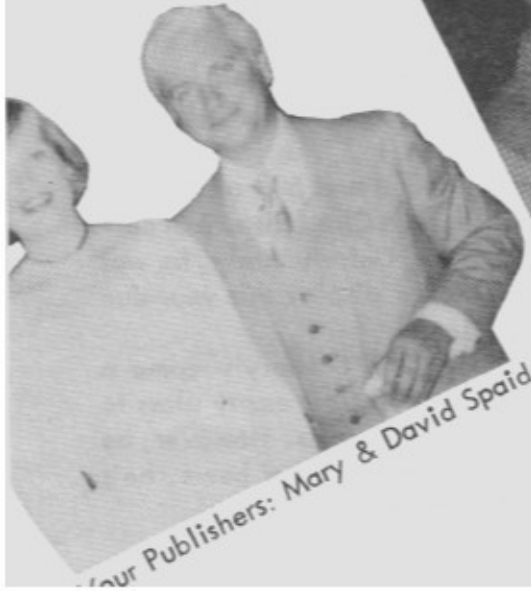
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SEE YOU HOUSTON!



MEET THE COLLECTOR

**Harry
D'Arcangelo**



For our collector this issue, we journey up to the great Northwest to meet Mr. Harry D'Arcangelo, Sr., of Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Harry began collecting seven years ago even though there were no miniatures available in Oregon at that time. Since the State Liquor stores couldn't make enough money on them, they didn't want to handle them. So traveling to Reno was a must and a large part of Harry's collection has come from Nevada.

The collection has grown to over two thousand; however, only the favorites are on display. And, as you can tell from the pictures, there are certainly an interesting number of "favorites."

In 1976 he displayed at the OBCA show and took home a Blue Ribbon in the mini category. In 1977 he won another Blue Ribbon and Best of Show at the Lewis & Clark Historical Bottle Show. Unfortunately, he was unable to display this year due to illness.

Since 1971 Harry's come a long way...from empty glass to porcelain figurals. However, be it glass, ceramic, or beers, he's still interested!

My article last time promised some wines and here are featured five different.

Our first feature is a Taplow Black Seal Port, Old Dry Tawny, measuring 3 1/4". The bust of a distinguished English gentleman with top hat is embossed just above the black, gold, and white label, which also pictures the gentleman very clearly. The bottle is made of green glass just like the Taplow's Dalucia Amontillado Sherry which is next.

The Taplow's Sherry is 2 1/2" high and bears a red, black, and white label. The initials of Marshall Taplow are embossed above this label which also features that very popular English gentleman.

Third, a Gilbey's Invalid Tonic Wine. Also made of green glass, 3 1/4" high, it sports a pink label with gold, white, and black used to compliment it. Gilbey's signature precedes a bright pink seal in the middle of which is a serpent.

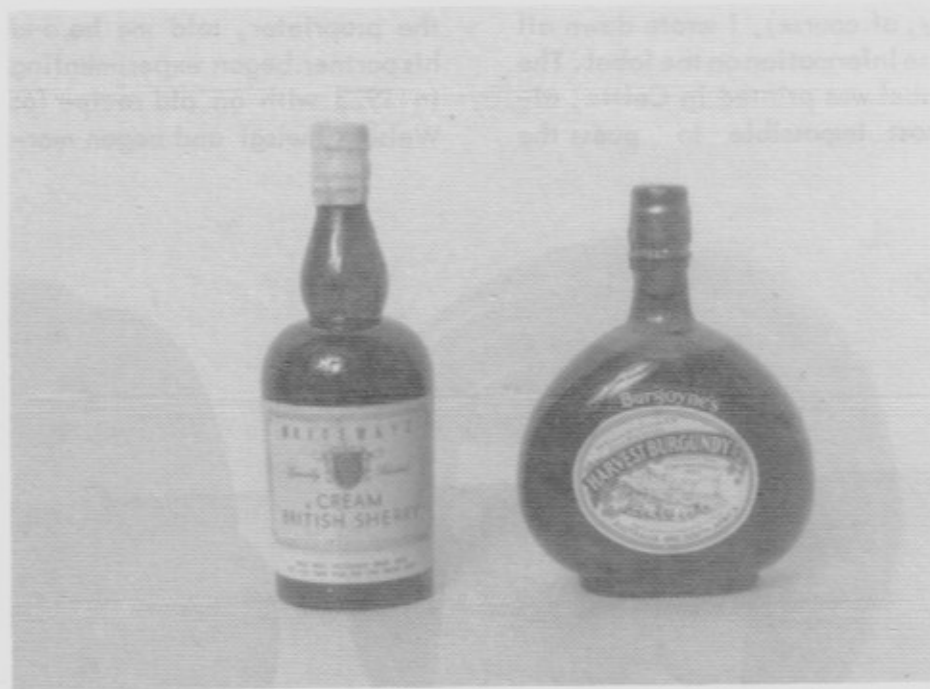
To offer a change of pace, though not visible in the pictures, is a White Ways Specially Selected Cream British Sherry, made of brown glass. A cream-colored, navy blue, and gold paper label pictures a cluster of grapes almost in the center. This bottle is 2 7/8" high.

Last, but certainly not least, is one of my favorites. It is a Burgoyne's Harvest Burgundy, 2 3/8" high and made of brown glass with a bright red metal top. The very picturesque label is one of a vineyard and reads Registered Trademark Vineyard Brand Red. Barely visible in the picture is the signature of Burgoyne, written in red across the white, black and gold label. Although the company is from



MICROMINIS

By VIC VISALLI



London, the label states the following on the bottom - "A generous wine of absolute purity from Australia and South Africa."

To close, a healthy, happy Holiday Season is wished to all of you from the three of us.
-Vic, Flo, and Tommy, too-

In Search Of The Elusive Welsh Whisky

by Ada K. Felske

During an extensive tour of Britain in May, 1978, a newspaper article in Edinburgh, Scotland, started my search for Welsh Chwisgi. Everywhere I went I looked and asked for a Welsh whisky miniature bottle.

I found Welsh whisky being served in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, where we had stopped for a pub lunch. The whisky was served by the drink, no miniature bottles in existence that the pub owner knew about. After explaining to the pub owner that I only collect miniature bottles and I couldn't carry the full-sized bottle he offered me (empty, of course), I wrote down all the information on the label. The label was printed in Celtic, almost impossible to guess the

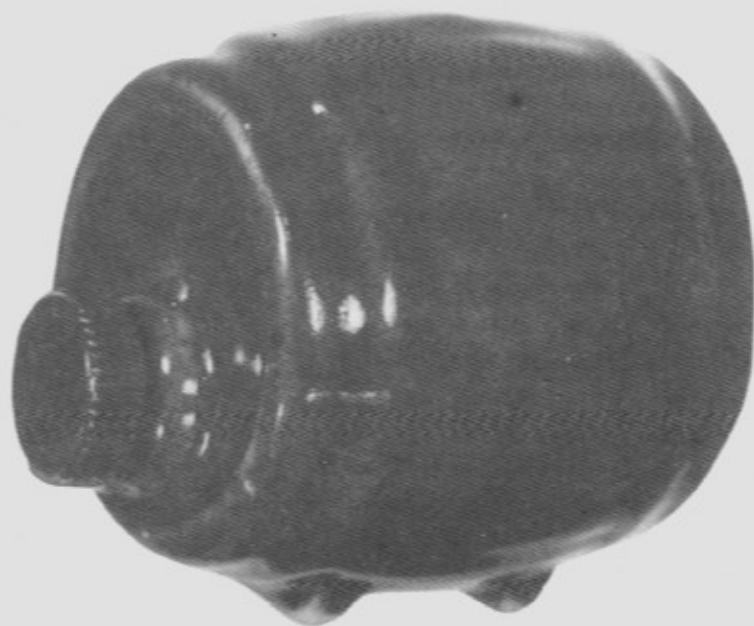
translation, but to hear the language spoken is really impossible. Mr. Hubbard did tell me the company was located in Brecon, Wales -- hence, BRYNTEG, CYMRU on the label.

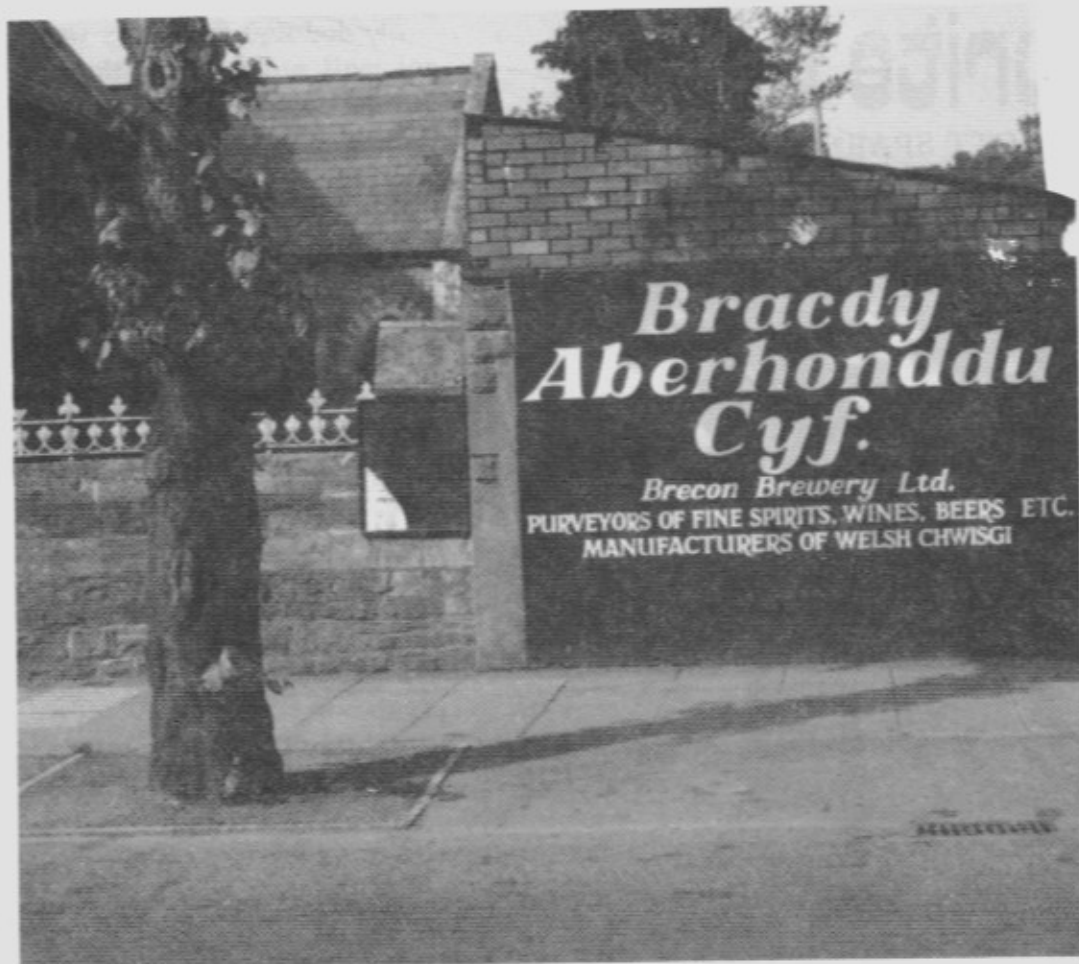
My phone call to the Wales Tourist Office in Cardiff for information (thank goodness) the clerk talked to me in English) and I obtained the name, address and phone numbers of the SWNYDON WELSH CHWISGI proprietor. I was off to Brecon in my Cortina hire car, with foot to the floorboard and visions of all kinds of miniature bottles.

Mr. Dafydd (David) Gittins, the proprietor, told me he and his partner began experimenting in 1973 with an old recipe for Welsh Chwisgi and began mar-

keting their product, called Swnydon Welsh Chwisgi, in the local area of Brecon in 1975. The company operated under the name of Powys Promotions. Since 1977 Mr. Gittins is the sole owner, doing business under the name of Brecon Brewery Ltd. He is in the process of expanding the plant which at present is a very small building adjoining his pub called "Camden Arms."

Mr. Gittins explained that SWNYDON (means sound of the wave) is the trade name of the Welsh Chwisgi sold to the home market which is principally pubs in Wales, and a few pubs in England and Scotland. SWNYMOR (means sound of the sea) is the trade name for the export market he hopes to establish in Canada





and the United States.

The only miniature bottle Mr. Gittins had to show me was a small brown pottery cask with a cork for the spigot. There were only three I could purchase, the rest were leakers. He had previously bottled a few glass miniatures and sold them to off-license stores. When he completes expansion of his building there will be more miniatures available. One he mentioned was a brown vase with viskring closure over the cork, hopefully to solve the leaking problem he had with the little casks.

If you are touring southern Wales, you might want to stop and see Mr. Gittins in Brecon to check on the progress of Welsh Chwisgi miniatures. --A.K.F.--

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My Favorite Beers

by SCOTT SPAID

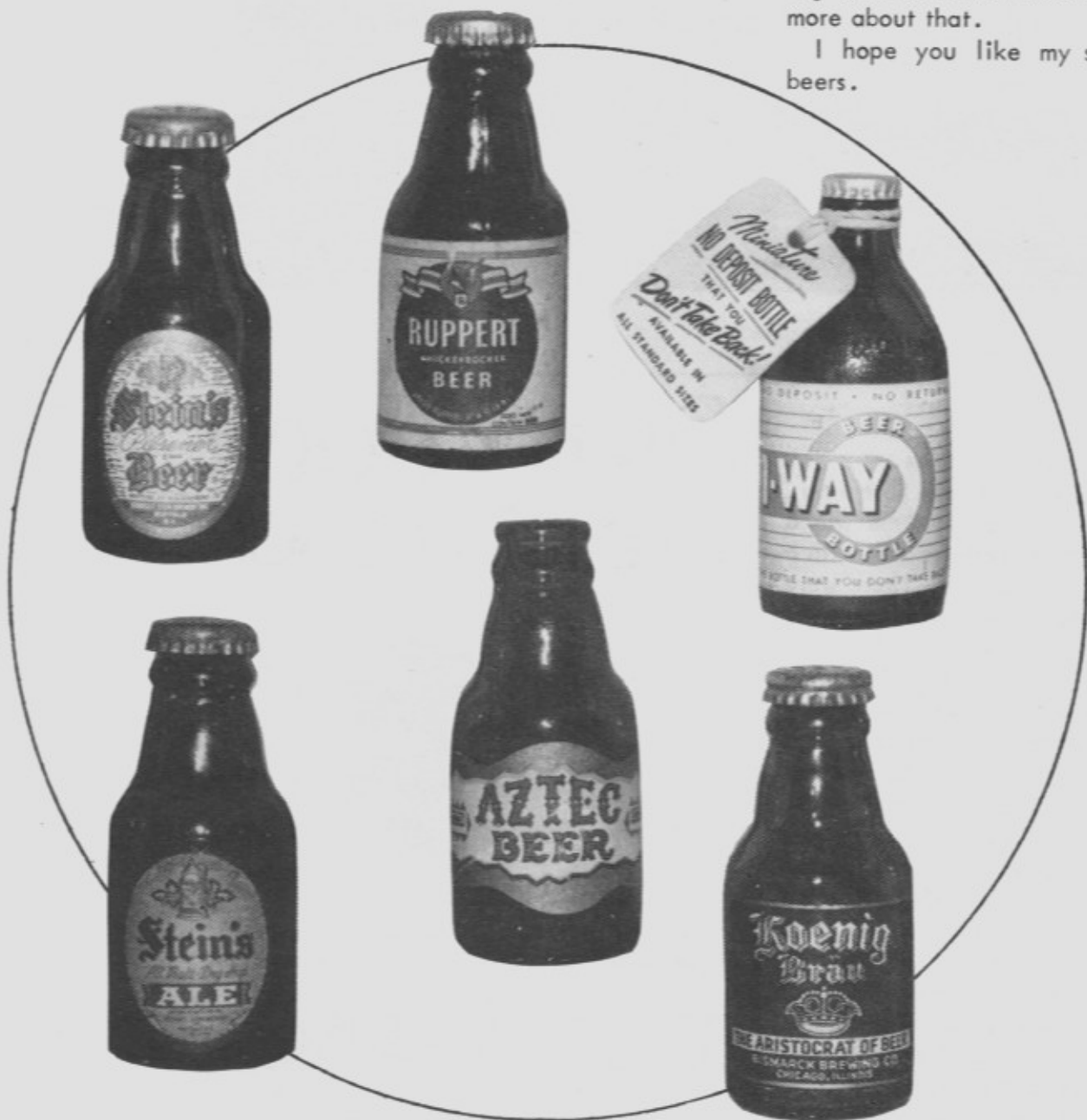
(Ed. note: Son Scott (12) was again coerced into "telling" you about some of his beers.)

My dad says that since we've got mail problems and the new article couldn't get here from Canada that I have to do another article about some of my beers.

So I took a bunch of my little stubby beers out of the case and he photographed them for me. The stubby ones are the ones I like best.

I don't know what to tell you about them except that some of my dad's friends think the Aztec is a phoney and that someone just made it to look real. I guess the lady who is going to be doing these columns would know more about that.

I hope you like my stubby beers.





"The Big 5"

OF SCOTCH

by John Sullivan



Having finished the story on the malt scotches, we will now move on to the blends which now number over 2000 registered names. The blended scotch is what most Americans drink.

The advent of blended scotch whisky begins with a group of men, known as "The Big Five." These five famous men and their companies started the blending process of scotch whisky. Quite simply, blended scotch whisky means mixing malt whisky with grain whisky. Malt whisky is only made with barley in a pot still while grain whisky is made from either rye or maize and distilled in a coffee still.

The Big Five of scotch whisky are: John Haig of John Haig & Co.; John Dewar of Dewars; John Walker of Johnnie Walker; James Buchanan of Buchanans; and James Mackie of White Horse. I will spend a bit of time with the history of these men and their companies. These are the men who really shaped the scotch whisky industry into what we know today.

The Haigs were descendants of a Norman knight, and the first record of a Haig was Petrus del Hage, whose name appears in 1162. The Haigs became farmers in the lowlands of Berwickshire. Like most Scots border families, the Haigs led a turbulent life in the middle ages.

Family feuding forced Robert Haig, a young son to leave his family home. He settled on a farm in Stirlingshire, and as was usual in 17th century Scotland, carried on a certain amount of distilling on his farm. A great great grandson of Robert's, John Haig had five sons. Upon John Haig's death, all five sons were apprenticed into their maternal grandfather's distillery of Kilbagie, and learned the art of distilling.

All the brothers but one eventually opened their own distilleries. That fifth brother by the way, went into partnership with a member of what was to later become the John Jameson Irish Whisky Company. John Jameson married one of the five boys' sister.

The youngest brother, William Haig, built a distillery in Seggie, near St. Andrews. His son, John Haig founded the grain distillery at Cameronbridge which is still going today. This is the "original" John Haig. After the death of his father, John Haig inherited his father's position as spokesman for the lowland whisky trade before the government.

In April 1877, the Cameron Bridge Distillery became one of six founding firms of the Distiller's Company Limited. John Haig and his eldest son Hugh became directors and another

son, William, became secretary of the new company. However, with the establishment of DCL, John Haig and Company became a separate company with headquarters in Markinch. In Markinch John and his sons, Hugh, William, and Alexander, now operated as John Haig Sons and Co.

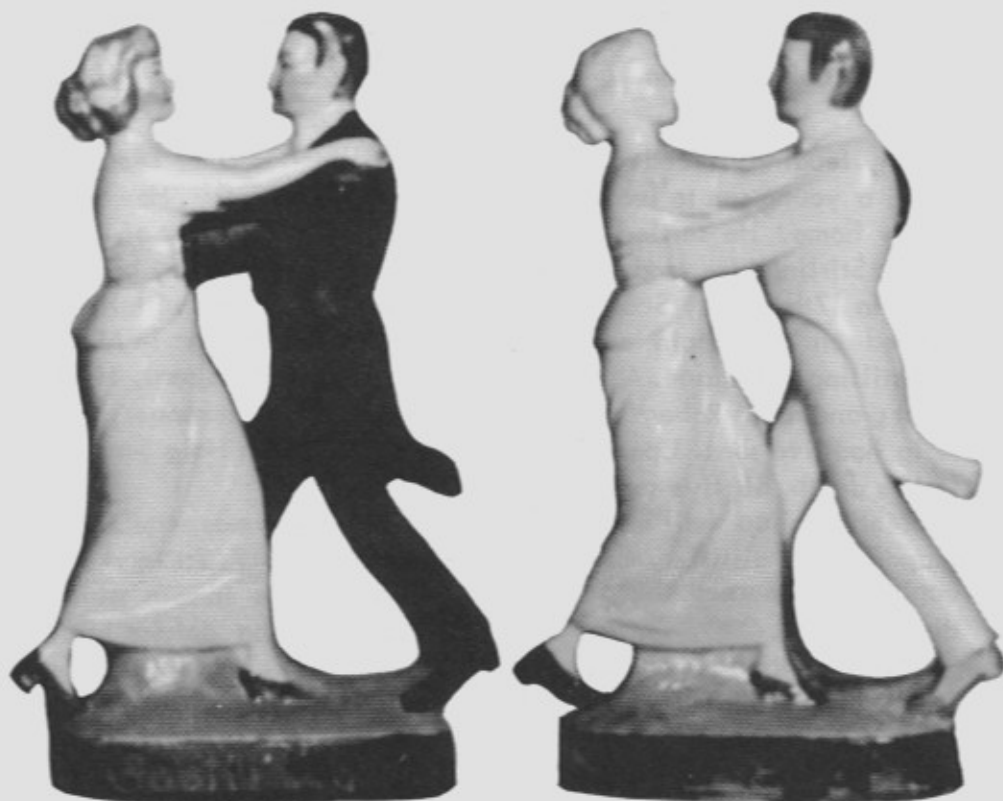
This company was acquired by the DCL in 1919. At Markinch is blended the famous whisky "Haig" and the deluxe brand "Dimple".

In 1888 another member of the family established an export business in Glasgow, named Haig & Haig, which sold, especially in America, under the brand names "Haig & Haig" and the "Pinch." This firm suffered greatly by prohibition here in the U.S. In 1923, it also joined the DCL, and became a wholly owned subsidiary of John Haig & Co. Ltd. in 1925.

Haig is the oldest of the "Big Five", and in one sense the most romantic, because of its long history. But, on the other hand, it is not quite as romantic as some others, because it is not a story of one picturesque character with great drive and creativity, who single-handedly built a great company. We will see some of these great men when we continue next time.

A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



Tonight Boozeville is holding its big Winter dance. Everyone who is anyone will be there of course. The local people will dress in their very finest for this one. The "in" dance for tonight will be the "two step" and the "castle walk".

Shown here are two giveaway dance bottles of the same style. Yet they each have a different name on the base. They are made in Germany which may account for the mix-up in English. The Castle Walk is usually thought of as a dance couple with hands over their heads as described in Vol. IV issue #2. Surely it was just a mixup in which base to use on which dancer. Another collector on the East coast has this same pair in his collection so it's not just a single mistake.

No one knows how many types, styles, and varieties there are in the German-made dance bottles. No collection that I know of has them all. New ones keep turning up.

The ones shown here are in multicolor. They are 5 3/4" tall and have the orange base with simulated wood grain back. The one with Two Step on the base was dug. It appears to have been in a fire which melted most of the color off. But in any condition, they make a fine addition to a giveaway collection.

The next time you go to a flea market or garage sale, remember there is still a German dance bottle style that has not been discovered as yet! --L.M.--

PERSONALIZED
by Al Halpern

Jim Beam

MINIATURES

This will be a short column, listing for the most part some new labels sent to me by William T. Schaffer of Baltimore, Maryland, who wrote that on a recent week-end he travelled some 190 miles around the Baltimore area seeking new Beam minis. Also we want to make some corrections on our listings.

Before we get into the list, I wish to explain the reason for discontinuing the trading values of the new Beam personalized minis. It seems that quantities of the labels alone are getting out into the market. I don't know if they're "escaping" from the distillery or from the printer who makes the labels, but they're coming from somewhere and I'm trying to locate the source. What is more, I'm referring to large quantities of labels, not just a few...because they have been offered some for sale or trade by other collectors.

Now what does this mean to Beam collecting? Let's go back a little. I was probably the first person to advocate the trading of labels through the mails among Beam mini collectors rather than risk mailing the actual glass bottle. But what I was suggesting was soaking the labels off the mini bottles, swapping the labels, then glueing the newly-acquired labels on the bottles from which you had removed the labels you swapped. Under this method, a low-issue bottle was still a low-issue. But now with the labels being printed in quantities beyond the actual order--

regardless of how many bottles are ordered -- and the surplus finding its way into the market, a low-issue bottle is no longer a low-issue.

In other words, if an organization or an individual orders say, 360 bottles -- and that's a low-issue -- there is no way one can consider it a low-issue because perhaps several hundred of the bottle labels went out the back door of the distillery or the printshop. Consequently, there's no point in setting a trading value on any Beam personalized mini issued recently or currently. My suggestion is to consider all the bottles on a one-for-one basis for trading regardless of the quantity originally ordered. If anyone has any comments to offer on this turn of events, they would be welcome.

New Beam labels to add to your list:

- * 53. BEAMING
OREGON BEAVERS
- * 54. BOVE'S HIWAY
LIQUOR FAIR
- * 31. GIANT LIQUORS
Perryville, Md.
- * 32. HARRY BODNAR
Leechburg, Pa. 15656
- * 33. HERB KANTER
- 28. LAZY B
- * 34. MARTIN LEWIN
(different than previous issues)

- * 9. OREGON BEAVER CLUB
Golddust Twins
Lela and Dona 1978
- * 25. PARK HILL LIQUORS
Denver, Colorado
- * 49. State Line Liq. Inc.
Elkton, Md. 21921
- * 50. STEEL CITY TIRE
(412) 221-0109
- 51. SPARKYS (w/Export stamp)
- * 29. WEAVER'S
LIQUORS
North East, Md.

Add this one to your Sour Mash list:

COLONIAL LIQUORS
LaPlata, Md.

And here are the inevitable corrections:

A26 should be Al Halpern, not Al Halper (obviously, a printer-error!)

G25 should be:
GENE & LIZ
LINDHOLM
River Falls, Wisc.

B46 should be:
BILL WEBB'S
MIDWAY INN
Conawingo, Maryland

R15 should be:
"Rep. of Texas"
Jim Beam Club
#57 - 1978

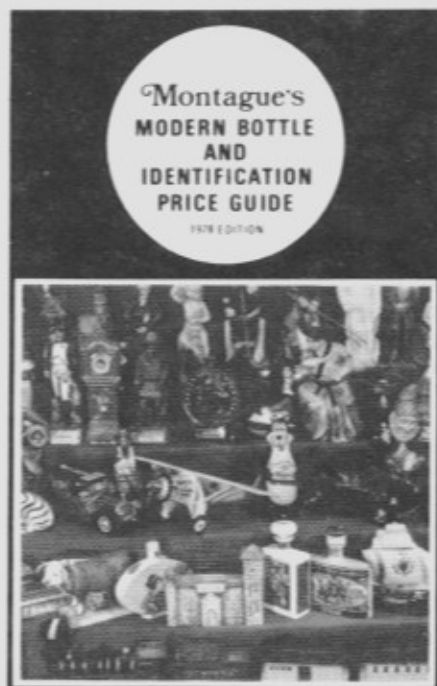
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--A.H.-- 23

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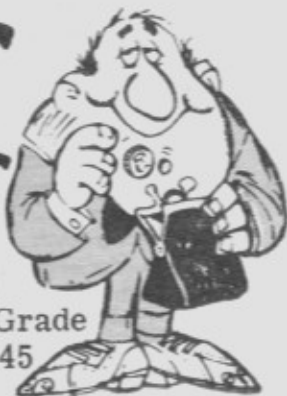
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