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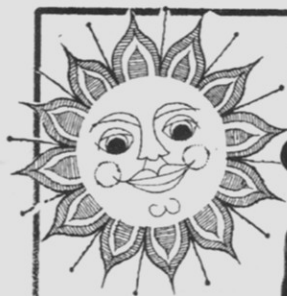


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## MINI PROFILES

HARRY FORD's name has appeared in these pages many times in the past and he'll begin with his new series Whiskies from the 1930's in Los Angeles next time. Along with his wife Caraleen, Harry specializes in whiskies, gins, and beers (as well as advertising items, old clocks, and various other collectibles). During the day, he is kept busy by working as a CPA in Los Angeles.

BARBARA GAINES is back to stay now and you'll be seeing some incredible beers in the near future. Barbara seems to hop about the U.S. and Canada quite a bit but currently may be found in Olympia, Washington, where she's just opened a new deli called the Steamboat. Usually found at all the major bottle shows, you'll probably be able to come up and say "Howdy" at the Beam Convention in Houston this July.

JIM TRIFFON is seen not once in this issue, but twice. The What's New column is now under his auspices and he'll also appear now and then with articles on what we'd like to call "special" bottles. See if you don't agree. In any case, for all that background material you may turn back to the issue where Jim was featured as Collector of the Month. What you really don't know too much about is that Jim is now spending the majority of his time working on a book about whiskey miniatures. It will be printed in full color in Japan by Kodansha and you'll be seeing more about it next time.

As we have new writers, you'll get the capsule comments here!

## WE GET LETTERS

We are new subscribers to MBC and love the magazine. We also are new collectors. We've only started about 3 years ago and have only 500 bottles so far. Since we live in Ohio we must travel to acquire any. Now, how can we get to know of bottle shows, meetings, etc. in advance so that we could plan to attend. Why are these things not advertised in MBC?

Mrs. E. Emerman  
Mayfield Hts, OH

(We've wondered ourselves. Since this type of info is a free service we provide, it seems more would want to take advantage of it!)

MBC is much better in the new format. Keep up the good work. Now my problem is I can't tell by the ads what they are selling. Full or empty? Exact size and price? I collect only full, sealed miniatures and am fairly new in this hobby but do want to know.

Ed Woratzeck  
Clayton, MO

I don't mind the size of the book, at least you're doing something about collecting. I am a small collector, 1262 and still counting. Would like to know addresses in Japan to buy bottles and any cities where bottles are more plentiful.

Richard Cotton  
Waltham, MA

(In the near future, we hope to initiate a series on collecting in foreign countries. It should help all travelers.)

First and foremost I must tell you how much we've enjoyed the MBC magazine through the past several years and even more so now. Could you tell me how I may find out where and when the bottle shows are held. I always find out too late.

Rosalyn Heying  
Waite Park, MN



# Let's Talk

First things first. Since it almost seemed as if the entire adult population of Akron, Ohio, wrote to tell us that there was a tiny mistake on last month's cover, I thought I'd mention it too. Yes, Virginia, there is only one each of January and February in every year. Since the printer has to shoot the cover twice, there was a little problem with dates. For those of you who received the last issue as the first in your subscription, please realize it should have been March-April.

The next thing to mention is everything which was promised last time for this issue didn't quite make it. We're still having some photography problems and that's what prevented the Harry Ford article from appearing this time. And those Zwacks had to be squeezed out due to space limitations. The worse thing of all though was the disappearance of an entire article which had been type-set, designed, etc. So next time we should be able to promise you Connie Avery's article on the old and new(er) Kord minis from Czechoslovakia.

John Sullivan also informed me that he's been working overtime to finish another Scotch list for next time. A good question there is what to do about all those imitation Scotches which were carried in from Europe. The Miniature Bottle Mart recently ran an article on the phonies and it's a situation which doesn't seem to want to lie down and die. However, with a little perseverance the problem basically disappeared with the ceramics and it should do likewise where the glass bottles are concerned.

Until this summer, keep thinking small.

--DMS--

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## Our Cover

The two bottles on the cover this time are definitely going to be a surprise to almost all mini collectors. However, to collectors of the larger decanters, these bottles should be familiar. The Punt or football was issued for Christmas 1978 while the tennis decanter is just now coming onto the market. Both miniatures should be available shortly and if you don't think that they're two of the cutest little characters you've seen in some time, we'll certainly be surprised!

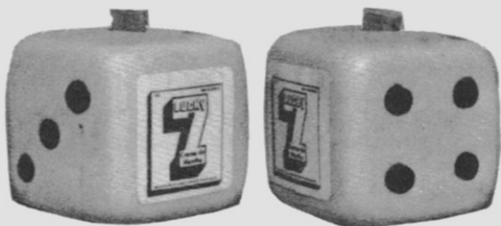
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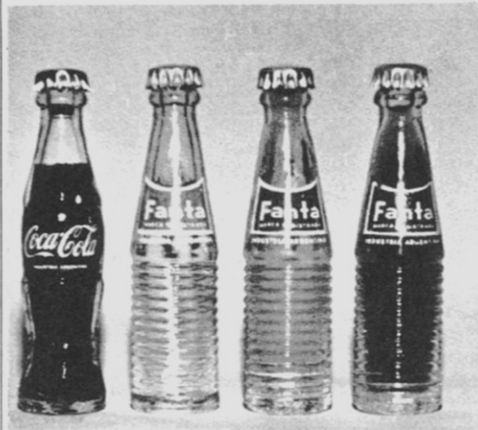
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## MICTHER'S

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## Dug Picking's **CHICKEN RANCH**

The Chicken Ranch is number five in Dug Picking's Brothel Series and to our mind, just about the cutest. It will appear in late summer and certainly will now be greatly anticipated by collectors. (A digression: for those who are concerned about the Billie's Day-N-Nite bottle, it should already be finding its way to dealers' shelves.)

The Nevada Chicken Ranch has borrowed its name from an extremely famous (or infamous) institution in the State of Texas. You'll be interested in the legend, The original Chicken Ranch was established about the time Texas became a State at a little trading post on the beautiful Colorado River at La Grange, Texas. It operated continually for over 130 years. First catering to local farmers and ranchers, then generals and privates alike stopped during the Civil War days for a bit of relaxation. Then came the great cattle herds with the cattle barons and cowboys. The cool waters and green pastures of the Chicken Ranch were a welcome sight to the footsore longhorns and saddle sore cowboys headed north to the railheads in Kansas.

Later on, the great oil booms of central Texas attracted oil millionaires and roughnecks. The ranch saw the hardships of central Texas in the great American depression. And, after World War II, it again saw generals and privates alike from the many military bases in the La-Grange-San Antonio area.

The reputation of the ranch grew worldwide and it became so much a



part of the history, growth, and settlement of the great Southwest, the Texas-born President, L. B. Johnson once paid a publicized visit to the ranch for historic value.

Then in 1974, an energetic, newly elected District Attorney closed the operations of the Chicken Ranch as under Texas law, it had been illegal for nearly 100 years. Now the Nevada Chicken Ranch carries on the tradition.

Finally, you may ask, just where did the name come from? It seems that hard cash was hard to come by in the Texas of the 1840's and the local ranchers and farmers had a barter system. The big item to barter with for the favors of the ladies in residence at the ranch were chickens.

Now, with this bottle, Dug Picking of Carson City has "immortalized" The Chicken Ranch.

# WHAT'S NEW

## Old, Odd, or Unusual

by James A. Triffon

This column is a first for me... in the world of journalism. The only writing I have ever been involved with is an occasional letter. I will attempt to maintain this column in an informative and interesting manner. I will cover a broad spectrum of the hobby, such as new, old, odd, and different bottles primarily. I'll also attempt to convey my thoughts and experience in photography, cataloging, display, cabinet making, and carpentry. The handling of plastics, such as cutting, cementing, sanding, and polishing of individual display cases will also be discussed.

So, to you readers out there, bear with me. In due time many subjects will be covered.

The first bottle to be featured is new. Praline Liqueur from New Orleans is a slender, cylindrical bottle 4 5/16" (11 cm) tall, painted a light beige in color. The contents are 50 ml (1.7 fl. ozs.) of 40 proof Pecan Liqueur bottled by Praline Emporium Co., New Orleans, Louisiana and Peoria, Illinois.

Next bottle is from Mexico and given to me recently by a friend. The bottle is short (4" or 10.2 cm), dark green glass, and filled with Crema de Vainilla. The label is most interesting and colorful. It is multi-colored and pictures a scene from one of the ancient Indian tribes of Mexico. The brand name is Xanath.

We move now to a Spanish Brandy. This is Don Juan Deluxe, 6 years old





and 80 proof. This bottle has a slight kick-up in the bottom and is 4 3/8" (11.2 cm) tall, clear glass. The label is unusual as it has the appearance of old parchment-like paper with corners turned in and the name "Don Juan" printed in gold.

To continue, the next four bottles are gins. First is a dark green glass with sides indented. This is basically square in shape. The contents are Claeryn by Bols of Amsterdam. The bottle is 3 11/16" (9.4 cm) tall, contains 37 ml at 35% alcohol and was purchased in Japan.

The second gin is another which was purchased in Japan. Also short and round with a flat spot for the four color label, this Monde Dry Gin is 75 proof with 30 ml contents and is 3 5/16" (8.5 cm) tall. The two Japanese bottles were purchased in Tokyo in August of 1978.

The last two bottles were obtained on a trip to Spain in October of 1973. The bottles are very interesting in design, shape and multi-colored labels. The first is Naranja (Orange) Gin with the unlikely name of Green Fish. It is produced in Cartagena, Spain. The very last bottle is Dry Gin and is also from Cartagena. The label on this one is predominantly red in color with, of course, a "green" fish logo. Both bottles are 4 13/16" (10.7 cm) tall and contain 5 c.l. at 80 proof. Both are nicely embossed and identical in design. On the left side are the words "Green Fish" while on the right side is the word "Spain." The back has a weblike design with the words "Dry Gin" in the center.

More next time. --J. T. --



# McCORMICK

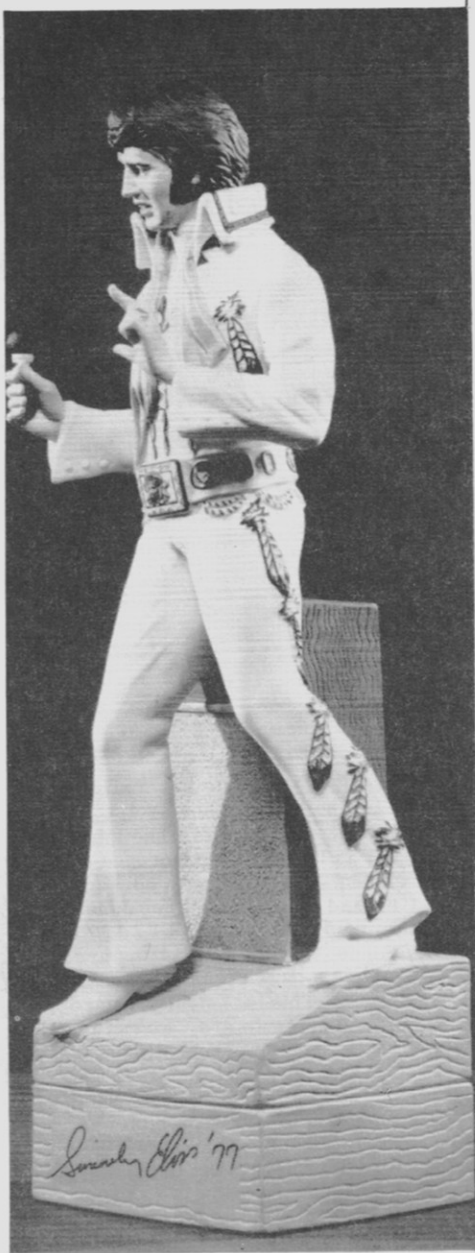
## News

It's been some time since McCormick miniatures graced these pages; however, as you can most plainly see, when they do some miniatures, they really do a job!

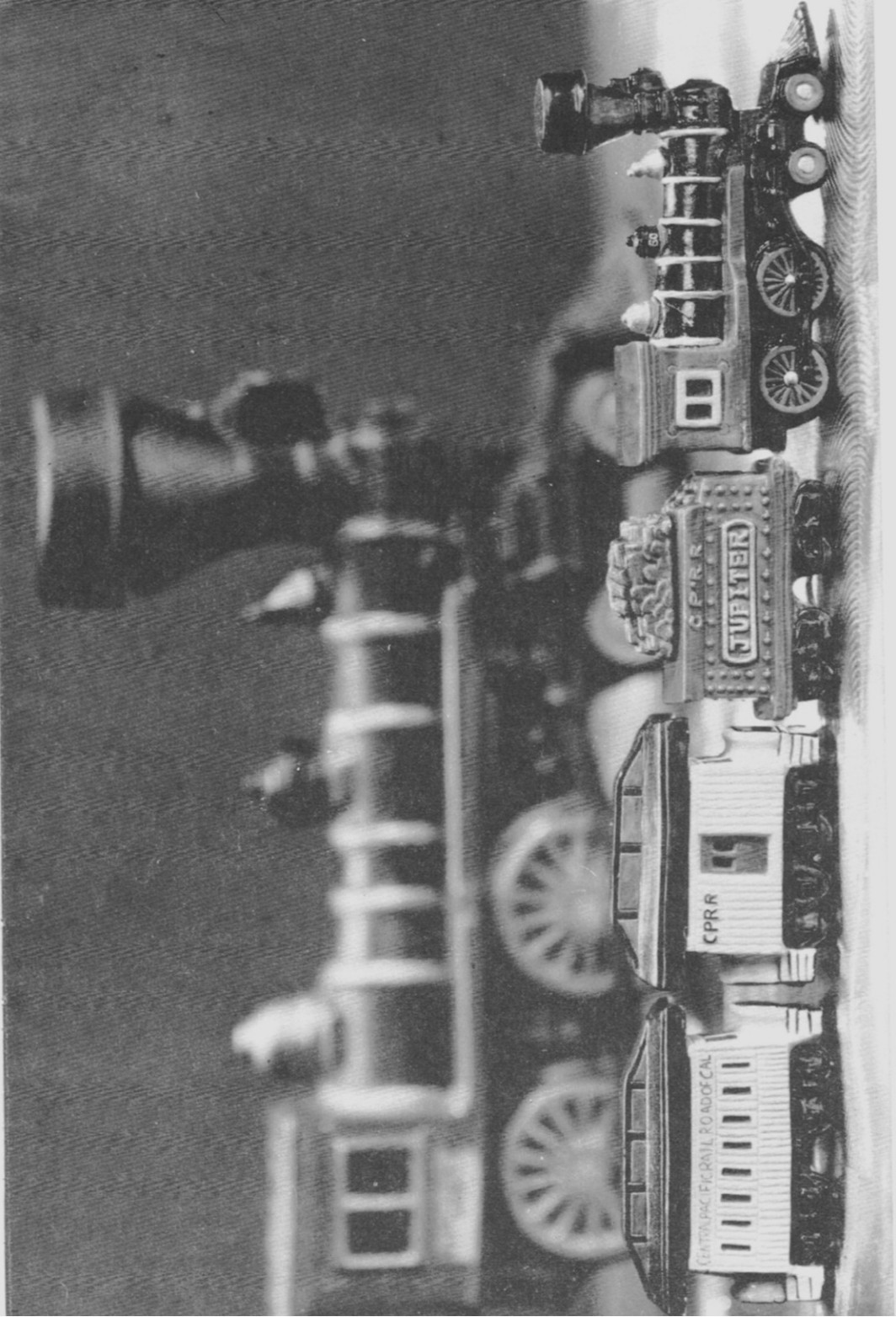
Released in May and already in the hands of many collectors is the Elvis #1 mini. When this miniature replica was first seen in the 4/5th size almost exactly one year ago, it caused a sensation. The bottle sold and sold and sold and even today is still eagerly sought. It was both a blessing and problem for McCormick because all the energies had to go into keeping up with Elvis. In any case, this mini will definitely be a hot seller because everyone who bought the big one will want the little one and then there are those who weren't able to get the big one and even those who only collect the miniatures. So, if you're interested, don't wait around on this one.

And, speaking of bottles which have gone from the large to the small, take a gander at the Jupiter Train mini set on the right hand page. Don't know yet the release date on this set or much info at all; however, you can certainly bet that this set will be even more successful than the Patriots, Gunfighters, or Confederates. And, let's face it, those were good figural bottles. Letters arrive weekly from collectors all over the U.S. wanting to know if we know of anyone who might possibly have this or that bottle so they can finish their set.

Two new issues from McCormick... one current and one for the future... and two winners! --DMS--







# Johnnie Walker

by John Sullivan



The original John Walker began in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire, in 1820 as a licensed grocer. Such licensed grocers were common in John Walker's day and have continued to be popular even today. The reason for this popularity is largely to provide a method by which a lady or her maid can purchase a bottle of whisky and hide it in her grocery basket without being seen frequenting a pub.

John's business in 1820 was that of a modest retailer. The whisky associated with his name was not born until some thirty years later. It was not until his son Alexander joined him in 1856 that the business began to expand from retail to wholesale. Within ten years, their whisky output was 100,000 gallons. This was largely Alexander's doing. He sold his whisky to ships sailing out of Glasgow. Kilmarnock at the time was reknown for its tweeds and carpets, and was quite popular with English buyers. Alexander seized this opportunity to familiarize the English with his fine whisky. In 1880, Alexander opened an office in London. In 1886, Alexander brought his two sons George and John into the firm, Alec, who became head of the firm on his father's death in 1890.

Though Alexander Walker was the real founder of the firm as blenders and exporters of Scotch Whisky, it was not until long after his death, in 1908, that the brand name of "Johnnie Walker" was established. It was invented to accompany a poster by a famous artist, Tom Browne. Previously it had been known as Walkers Kilmarnock Whisky.

If Alexander Walker was the great character who put the Walker firm on the map, it was a local chap, James Stevenson, who joined the firm in 1890, who played the main role in strengthening and expanding the firm later on. Stevenson was an administrative genius who later was to perform valuable work for the ammunition production for Great Britain in World War I. But

it was his years between joining the firm and the start of World War I that he rendered his greatest services to the firm. Working with George and Alec Walker, he succeeded in making the firm the largest blenders and bottlers of scotch whisky in the world.

In 1893, they acquired the malt distillery of Cardow at Knockando near Craigellachie on Speyside. This distillery, which we know as Cardhu was begun in 1824 by John Cumming in much the same way as George Smith started his legitimate operation in the same year. Cardow also had a long history of illegal distilling. In 1897, the firm opened a branch office in Birmingham, England, which James Stevenson was put in charge of and in 1907 they moved their London office to Dunster House, Park Lane.

During the first World War, Alec Walker and James Stevenson showed their great administrative abilities at the Ministry of Munitions, and for his services, Alec was knighted, but Stevenson went further, becoming an adviser to the Secretary of State for The Colonies and a Member of the British Empire Government Committees. He also organized the British Empire Exhibition in 1924. Stevenson's services to the government won him a Baronetcy in 1917 and a Peerage as Baron Stevenson in 1924.

James Stevenson, Alec Walker and Alec's older brother George Walker were joint directors of the firm in 1912. Around this time, the firm's rapid expansion presented a potential problem of over production of whisky. A few years earlier, John Walker and Sons had entered into negotiations with two other members of the "Big Five" Dewars and Buchanan, with the thought in mind of joining forces in the face of rising competition from DCL and the threat of over production, but unfortunately, the negotiations fell through. It was not until 1925 that Walker's, along with Buchanan's and Dewars did merge with DCL. The failure of the merger in 1910 did not lead to ultimate failure of the company because of the outbreak of World War I. Despite the problems of wars and taxes, Sir Alec



## CARDHU

Walker lived until 1950. Lord Stevenson died in 1926 at the age of 53.

Johnnie Walker's enormous export business has caused the need for a re-design of their method of operation. Their Hill Street plant in Kilmarnock was expanded in the 1950's, utilizing all the land the company had available. They had also built a new blending plant on a 32 acre site nearby at Barleith. The warehouse at Barleith can store more than 15,000 barrels of whisky. Also, at Barleith, are the largest blending vats of their kind in the world, three 40,000 gallon stainless steel lined vats.

In 1974, DCL announced that the extra capacity required by Johnnie Walker because of its expanding sales, would be met by the building of a new bottling and blending complex in Glasgow. Enormous amounts of both "Red Label" and "Black Label" are sold abroad, and indeed Johnnie Walker remains by far the best selling brand of Scotch Whisky in the world. --J. S. --

I am writing this article on the evening after attending the semi-annual meeting of the Del-Val Miniature Bottle Club, held at Bill Johnston's Lochwood Square Dance Barn, Skippack, Pennsylvania. In case you've never been fortunate enough to get there, it is a very spacious establishment, great for display, set on seventy-five acres of farmland. It was most encouraging to see such support of an organization, and it made me think back to 1973. At that time my wife and I used to attend and see just a few bottles and a handful of people. It's amazing how the club has grown and I feel a great deal of thanks should be rendered to Bill Johnston for his participation in the use of his quaint barn.

The hot dogs and homemade cakes were delicious and I'm told a special thanks should be given to Frank and Marie Merkl. Bill also extends a special thanks to each of the club officers as well as Juel Sinko and her husband Andy for their enthusiasm in publicizing the events and registration.

All in all, a wonderful time was evidently had by everyone and it was plain



## MICROMINIS

By VIC VISALLI

to see that many friendships have been formed over the past six years. Seeing people such as Mr. & Mrs. Pat McMullen, Ginny and Chip Fay, and Linus Earl and his son Cliff is always a pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon as well as mingling with other fine dealers and collectors too numerous to mention.

So get your plans in order and make arrangements to attend the October meeting! And now, two micromini beers which I promised to mention last time.

First is a 2" amber bottle which I really know nothing about. The oval, yellow, red and black label reads "Brewers European Beer Company -

Lager Beer - Made in Japan." It appears very old and has the letters A P A N J embossed on the bottom. Any volunteers for information. (Ed. note: Yes, this is just an anagram of JAPAN. Since many Orientals are unfamiliar with our alphabet characters, mistakes like this are common.)

The second bottle is... you guessed it - a member of that finely made line of Gold Seal microminis, a Double Diamond Ind. Coope Burton Pale Ale. It is 2 1/4" high, has a neck label, and a red hand is pictured on the oval red, yellow, and black label. The round label on the rear side reads "Skol."

Well, until next time. --V.V.--

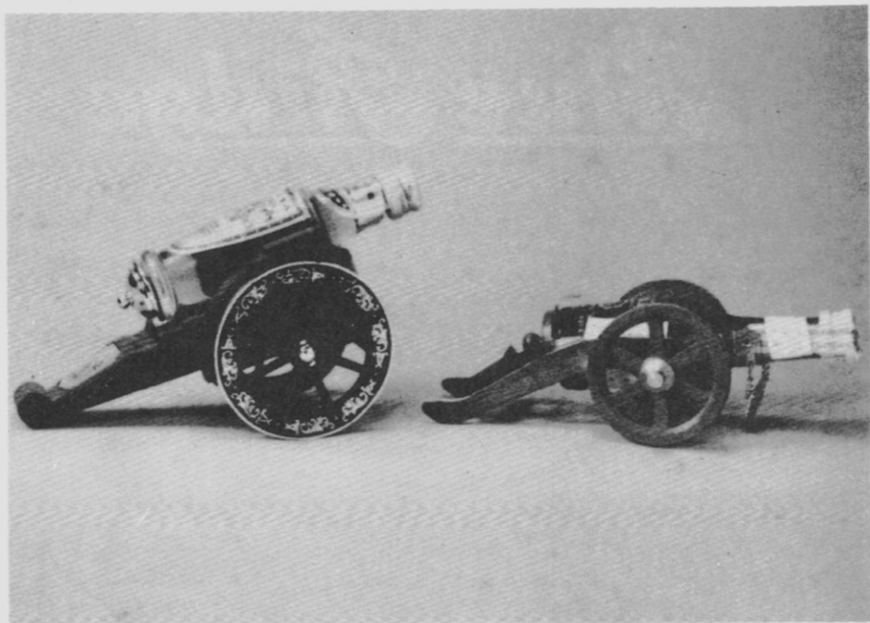
New Release From  
***Blue Ridge***



The three bottles shown here are the next three releases from the Blue Ridge Company. These are the first picture frame bottles to be produced in Japan and to our knowledge the first miniatures of this type. Only 400 sets of the three were produced and when they're gone, no more will be ordered. You'll be able to find the bottles at selected stores in California, Nevada, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Florida. Each bottle is filled with two ounces of mint cordial.

In the future you'll see a complete retrospective of all the Blue Ridge bottles produced to date.





This is the beginning of a "mini" series of articles on miniature bottles that are totally different from anything that is available here in the U.S. However, please keep in mind that I'm talking not about the bottle particularly but the way it is merchandised. The bottles were purchased in Japan, where the flair for merchandising is unequalled. I have pictured four "cannon" for you this time.

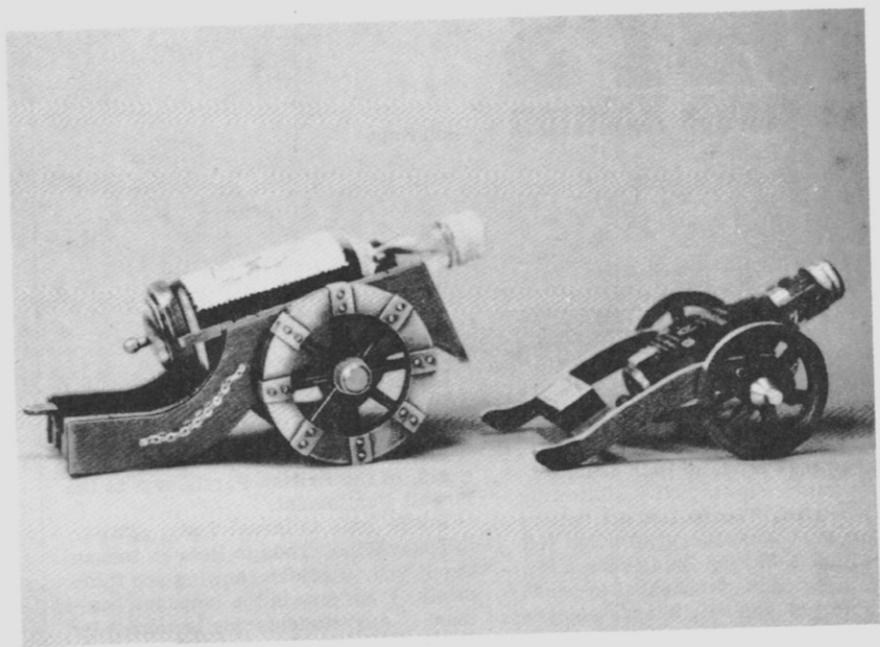
The first "bottle" is Metaxa Brandy of Greece. The gun carriage is a mold-

ed plastic, metal look, with great detail. This cannon is 6 1/8" long by 3 7/8" tall and 2 3/4" wide. The front of the carriage has a half round, brass-colored or finish shield, with the word "Metaxa" printed across the top. On the rear of the carriage there is a small shield, identical in printed de-



## **A Salute To CANNONS IN MINIATURE**

by James A. Triffon



sign and color. The wheels are most interesting, with the rims banded in gold foil or thin metal. The filigree design around the wheels and the hubs is carefully covered in gold foil or paint. Very artistic in design and color.

The next is the "Camus" cannon. The bottle is Camus Napoleon Cognac, on a gun carriage of molded plastic. This one doesn't have the design or detail of the Metaxa. At the front of the carriage, hanging with a small chain is a metal plate with the name "Cognac Camus." The chain and plate appear to be of brass. On the rear of the carriage is another name plate - "Camus Cognac." The rims of the wheels and the gun carriage are banded in gold foil or thin brass. This cannon is 6 1/8" long by 2 7/8" wide and 2 1/4" high. The "Camus" tilts up and down while the "Metaxa" is fixed, and naturally, the wheels turn.

The next is a marvelous piece of work. The carriage and wheels are molded plastic with the look of burnished copper. The bottle is "Ye Monks" Scotch Whisky. The front of the carriage has a metal plate attached with

the words "Established 1836 - Ye Monks - Scotch Whisky." At the rear of the carriage is another metal plate with the words "Ye Monks". Both of the plates have a brass look with red lettering. The small chain on the side is brass, as are the hubs of the wheels. The wheels turn, but the "cannon" does not tilt. This piece is 6 7/8" long, 3 1/8" wide and 3 1/2" high. This is really a great piece of detail and design and one of my favorites.

The last to be pictured is an "Armagnac Napoleon - Extra Old", frosted glass, flat type. Again this is molded plastic, rather plain looking compared to the others. The gun carriage, wheel rims and the wheel hubs are trimmed in gold foil. At the front of the gun is a small metal plate, hanging with brass chain, with the name "Prince D' Armagnac" Napoleon. At the rear of the carriage is the same plate and name. The wheels on this model do not turn, but the carriage will tilt up or down. This gun is 5 5/8" long, 3 5/8" wide and 2 1/2" high.

More on these very unique pieces in the future.

--J. T.--

# KOBY'S

## Kollectable Kolumn

by Bob Koby

Shalom:

To continue my mini tour of Israel, please enjoy viewing the following seven bottles. Though I do not collect beer cans, I was sorry after we left Israel that I did not bring back a few empty beer cans. I thought afterwards that some of you might have enjoyed seeing their beer cans. Not that they are different in shape or size but they do have the Hebrew lettering. I did drink a few cans while touring the country and found their beer to be somewhat light in taste and flavor. One more thing struck me funny was driving all over the country and seeing Coca-Cola signs everywhere written in Hebrew. But on to the minis now.

All bottles are bottled in the city of Binyamina, Israel. And, I imagine the first bottle is honoring the city. Binyamina Blanc Sec is of light gold contents, red plastic cap, and Special Reserve is written on the lower right as you face the bottle. Bottle number two is quite similar and is also Binyamina Blanc Sec, Special Reserve but the contents are dark red, cap is yellow and the words Blanc Sec are in red instead of green as in bottle one.

The third bottle is Israel Maagal, similar to Malaga Wine, as stated on the label. The contents are almost dark red and as you can see, the seven arm candle holder is depicted. In Hebrew it's called a Menorah. This particular menorah is an exact picture of the menorah standing in front of the parliament building in Jerusalem. It was

a gift of the British Parliament to the Israeli Parliament.

Bottle four is Israel Toda, similar to Tokay Wine. Toda in Hebrew means thank you. Besides showing you their minis, I am now in the language business. Any students for lessons? By the way, I can also speak fluent Yiddish and I can still remember some Russian, Polish, and Ukranian. My English is not so good after thirty years in this country but my wife keeps saying that with time I will master this language a little better.

The next bottle is Kumran Brandy and if I am not mistaken, there is a city by that name in Israel. The contents are light brown and it's sealed with wax on the top. The label is metal, gold in color and about the size of a quarter. It is three inches in height. Bottle six is Kumran Wine. It has the same shape label as number five but the contents are black and the string holding the label is gold and quite thin (as you can see).

The last bottle is Brandy 333 with three red stars below the writing. Contents of this bottle are light gold. The last three minis I found in a pizza stand in Jerusalem while hunting for a battery for my Sears electric watch which had just died on me. I did find a battery in a jewelry store for \$1.50 and after some conversation with the owner learned that he came from the same city in Poland as I did. What a small world it is. Until next time... --RK--





# MINIS OF ISRAEL





# MINIATURE BEERS AND GO-WITHS

by Barbara Gaines

It's that time again. I'll now try to start up where I left off last time.

As of now I have traveled over an incredible 18,000 miles through Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. I left Dayton, Ohio, in June and presently am in Olympia, Washington, where I plan to stay...maybe! I could really tell some stories...but we must talk about mini beers.

The pictures I'm about to show you are the mini beer bottle openers which I ran across while in Mazatlan, Mexico, this last December. They are a little different than what we have been used to seeing (look at the tops). And, would you believe, the price was 3500 pesos each (Ed. note: pesos?), that's \$1.56 American. I like that price, don't you? Mazatlan was the only place I found these prices by the way. Now let's look at the openers.

The first is in blonde wood, 4 1/2" tall with a white and blue label, Corona Extra, La Cerveza Mas Fina, Cerveceria Modelo S. A. Mexico D. F.

The second is in brown wood, 4 1/2" tall with a white and red label, Cerveza Carta Blanca Calidad Paemiada, Ceryficada.

Next is another brown wood bottle but 4 3/4" tall with a white and brown label, Cerveceria del Pacifica, S. A. Pacifica Clara, Mazatlan, Sin. Mexico.

The fourth one is in brown wood and is 4 1/4" tall with a white and brown label, Cerveza Superior, Cerveceria Moctezuma S. A. Oriaba, Ver. Mexico.

Finally, there's another brown wood one with a white and orange label, Calidad Paemiada, Ceryficada.

I thought you might enjoy seeing and hearing about these pieces before we get started on our regular article in the next issue.

I'm not sure how I will start yet, maybe with the alphabet. This might be a good way so we all could have pictures and the etc. to refer to. At least this would be good until someone



comes out with a book. Here I'm thinking of the new collectors as well as the older ones. However, I'm going to need all your help out there, especially for the pictures I don't have...which are many. And, information is always a great help too.

Now that I'm through traveling for a while, I've got to get back to buying some more beers for my collection... but I've first got to get to work.

Looking forward to talking to all of you in the next issue. GOOD HUNTING TO ALL (but save one for me).

--Barbara--

# A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



Like most small towns in the early 1900's, Boozeville has plenty of night life. These towns draw many people looking for work - some are busy staking out homesteads while others are mining claims. However, on Saturday night, they all head for town to have a good time.

Beer is only 5 cents a mug and for one silver dollar you can treat yourself to the upper limits of pleasure. The likenesses of some of the residents are captured here on these little giveaway bottles. The "girls" shown here would most likely work at one of the better hotels in town. Most of these party girls worked and lived on the second floor of the saloons and hotels in those days.

The first one has "a good thing for you" printed on the base. She is blond with a variety of items surrounding her such as wine, grapes, oranges, and a large red lobster. These bottles

naturally were made in Germany and this particular one is only 4 3/4" tall.

The next one is held up by a large hand. On the cuff is printed "a present for you". She is also a blond wearing a white slip with black stockings and red shoes. On the bottom of the bottle is printed SAMPLE. This one is six inches tall.

The last one is sitting in a glass which is being held by a hand. "Your Health" is printed across the glass. She is a red head with red blouse white skirt, and red shoes. A yellow rose lies at the base of the glass. The bottle itself is five inches tall.

It's interesting to see some of the very same old buildings in many towns today. The early day signs out front like "Cozy Rooms," "Ritz Rooms," and "Parlor Girls Upstairs" have been replaced with today's modern signs of "Credit Union", "Collection Agency," and "Welfare Office." --L. M. --

# Ski Country

by Ruth Jones



The real news this month is that there is no news. I called Foss Company and due to the truck strike, you probably won't see any new miniatures in Ski Country until about the time you receive the issue you've been reading.

The most disappointing news was that of the Wyoming bottle. I understand 9,000 were made, but they were so poorly done and with so much breakage that the State of Wyoming had them broken up. I wouldn't be surprised with that many made a few of them were picked up, but I don't know. I have heard however, that the bottle will be redone and out in nine or ten months.

All the delay probably means is that about six new bottles will all come in at the same time, so save a little vacation money for minis. There will be a 4/5th Cardinal that might make it soon. . .the mini has been out for a long

time.

Since that is all I have to say about Ski Country - and David might scrap my whole article (Ed. note: Never!), I will share with you a little about my trip to Cuba on a Russian ship. The stabilizers were out for two days and nights, so most of the people were green around the gills. Happily, it didn't affect us. I looked for minis in Cozumel, Grand Cayman, and finally found Havana Club Rum in Havana. Naturally I picked up a "few."

So until I can tell you something more concrete, have a great summer and I hope to see you in Houston. Speaking of Houston, we took a tour of New Orleans and saw the Superdome. The guide said the Astrodome would fit inside the Superdome. I imagine those are fighting words to some people.

--R. J. --

# Ski Country Guide

1. MAJESTIC EAGLE
2. SNOWY OWL
3. PEACOCK
4. GILA WOODPECKER
5. RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
6. RAM
7. LEADVILLE LADIES
9. CALIFORNIA CONDOR
10. GOLDEN EAGLE  
(aka Mountain Eagle)
11. MALLARD DUCK
12. CANADA GOOSE
13. PEACE DOVE
14. COLORADO SCHOOL OF  
MINES BURRO
15. ELEPHANT ON A DRUM
16. FOX ON A LOG
17. HARPY EAGLE
18. AMERICAN OSPREY
19. MOUNTAIN LION
20. GREAT GREY KANGAROO
21. OREGON CAVEMAN
22. THE RINGMASTER
23. CLYDE
24. AUSTRALIAN BLACK SWAN
25. RED-HEADED DUCK
26. CLOWN BUST
27. SAGE GROUSE
28. GREAT HORNED OWL
29. BONNIE
30. TOM THUMB
31. INDIAN DANCERS (6)
37. RACCOON
38. WOOD DUCK
39. SKIER (2)
41. TIGER ON A BALL
42. LION ON A DRUM
43. JENNY LIND (2)  
(Yellow and Blue)
45. CIGAR STORE INDIAN
46. WILD TURKEY
47. CONNECTICUT ROBIN
48. MOUNTAIN GOAT
49. LIPIZZAN
50. PALOMINO
51. BABY SNOWY OWL
52. BLACK-FOOTED FERRET
53. BLUE-WINGED TEAL
54. BROWN TROUT
55. SPECTACLED OWL
56. P. T. BARNUM
57. DONKEY POLITICAL
58. ELEPHANT POLITICAL
59. BIRTH OF FREEDOM
60. PRAIRIE CHICKEN
61. SUBMARINE
62. BROWN PELICAN
63. IVORY-BILLED WOOD-  
PECKER
64. PHEASANT
65. CARDINAL
66. HAWK EAGLE
67. TROUT #2
68. END OF THE TRAIL
69. NORTH AMERICAN  
INDIANS (6)
75. LAND-LOCKED SALMON
76. DRUM EAGLE
77. MALLARD DUCK FAMILY
78. KING EIDER DUCK
79. MUSKIE
80. SCREECH OWL FAMILY
81. RED-TAILED HAWK
82. WHITE FALCON
83. BARN SWALLOW
84. BOB CRATCHIT/TINY TIM
85. FIGHTING PHEASANTS
86. SAW WHET OWL
87. BALTIMORE ORIOLE
88. BLUE JAY
89. RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD
90. BASSETT HOUND
91. PENGUIN FAMILY
92. COYOTE FAMILY
93. ARKANSAS LABRADOR
94. SKUNK FAMILY
95. MRS. CRATCHIT
96. PIN TAIL DUCK
97. LOOKOUT INDIAN
98. INDIAN CHIEF #1
99. INDIAN CHIEF #2
100. BLACK LABRADOR

# Hoffman



You're looking at one of the most recent sets of Hoffman Originals. This miniature set is a replica of the larger bottles which were issued some time back. So far there have been twelve bottles released in the larger size and you can expect to find the next set of six minis sometime in the near future.

The six pictured here are: The Buffalo Hunter, The Stage Driver, The Trapper, Red River Breed, The Prospector, and the Flathead Squaw with Papoose. The interesting hanging case may or may not be available. That we'll have word on later.



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# The Search For Minis Across The U.S.

The following is the text from a letter received from Lew Kamann of British Columbia...for which we (and you) thank him.

"Tess and I have just returned from 3 weeks in Hawaii, and as you would guess, I haunted the liquor outlets for minis. I did find some real good I-saiahs, but the Hula Girl has been completely sold out except for one store that you had to ask for them, as they were all under lock and key. The production of them has stopped, and everyone I spoke to informed me they are making no more of them, nor the Pineapple mini Okolehao. They are having too many of the tops breaking off from the pineapple, and the Hula Girl has just about been sold out everywhere. The price in Hawaii averaged about \$7-9 for the Surfer and the King Kamehameha and the Pineapple, but the outlet that had a few Hula Girls left, the price was \$19.95. So, I would predict the Hula Girl minis are fast becoming a collectors item now. This is also

what the managers of these liquor outlets think also. They told me that they just cannot get any more Hula Girl minis, and the price for them has more than doubled, just in the past few weeks. Thought the readers would want to know."

And then from John Briskie came the following: I'm not much on writing, but...N. Y. has varied proofs and also when you say liqueurs remember that you get C.C., 100 Pipers, 7 Crown, etc. in minis here but no straight whiskeys.

"I get into Ohio frequently and can buy mini wines in grocery stores that handle wines. They are sold individually, not in case lots. (Ed. note: the whiskeys may still be bought there in case lots.)

"Massachusetts...believe it or not, I was told by many clerks that they did not handle minis until I realized they call them nips. I went back to the same store and was shown where they were."

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- 51.\*WYOMING.....Both on-sale and off-sale.

# The Club Report

We certainly have lots of news this time. First off, the first meeting of the Midwest Miniature Bottle Collectors was a huge success (which you'll see a pictorial spread of next issue) and their next meeting will be at Verne Brinker's home, 3510 So. 52nd Court, Cicero, IL (312) 652-0553 on Sunday afternoon, July 8th at 1 pm. Get in touch with Verne for more directions.

Also received a letter from Randy Austin of Oceanside, NY, who had the following to say: "By the way, the Northeast Mini Bottle Club is doing just fine. We have monthly meetings at Bongiorno's Pizza and Brew (owned by Lakeville Liquors Bob Bongiorno) at 271-19 Union Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY... with an occasional meeting at a member's house so he can show off his collection to the other members. The only dues are monies collected for refreshments at each meeting. We look forward to having more people in the New York metropolitan area join us for trading, sharing information, and just having fun as any good group of serious mini bottle collectors can!" Sounds good to me.

And finally, as far as club news goes this time, heard from Ed Ryan in upper New York with news of his yearly get together. Ed wrote: "Yawl come!!! Ye Olde Mini Bottle Museum will host its third annual Bottle Fair and Show on June 16, 1979. Come one and all and bring your family, bottles to trade, sell, etc. and your tall (mini) tales to swap! For info call or write (914) 496-3887 or Ed Ryan, Lazy Days, Washingtonville, NY 10992.

So that's news of some get togethers in the near future. Don't forget that the International Association of Jim Beam Clubs is getting together in Houston, Texas, starting July 21st (that's when the bottle show beings).

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In the publications section this time, I want to make you aware of a book which will be available later this year. Mr. Bob Kay of Batavia, IL is publishing a book on mini beers and go-withs and from what I've heard from a couple of collectors who've seen the photos, it's going to be a knockout!

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