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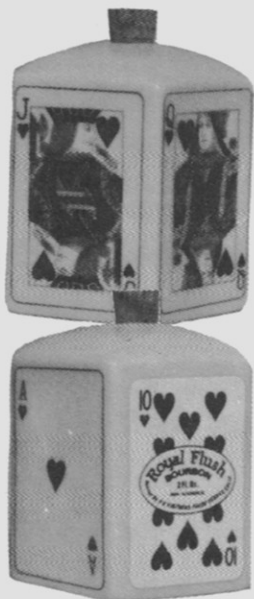
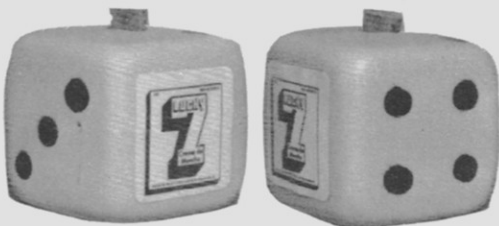
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No doubt by now you've noticed quite a change in the ad this time. The monkey is now completely sold out and there are no more than two or three dozen dice still left in the warehouse.

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Let's Talk

Gee, it's certainly been a short two months, hasn't it? Actually it's been less than that since we finally were able to get this issue out a little earlier than the few previous ones. And, there are quite a few differences this issue.

If one of your favorite columns isn't here this time, rest assured, it will return in the next issue. Several regulars didn't make it this time simply due to the time structure. Add to that the fact that one article completely disappeared and you've got an issue which was a little difficult to put together. At least we finally have the first of the promised articles by Harry Ford for you this time. The problem (once again) is in the pictures. For Harry's article, these were last minute polaroids but you may rest assured that the remainder of his magnificent bottles will be shown to better advantage.

As far as is known, John Sullivan is still working on that humungous (if that's the way you spell it) scotch list and that will probably appear next time. And hopefully the disappearing article will make its appearance.

One of the items currently being discussed in mini collecting circles has to do with the new, higher mini prices. It's going to be interesting to see what is going to happen in our inflation-filled future. Glass which used to be 50¢ is now \$1.25 in some areas and those of you who collect ceramics know what has happened there...many pieces are now in the \$19.95 and up price range. What are your feelings on the high prices...realistically, that is.

I do hope that all of you are able to do a little bottle hunting this summer even with the gas problems. So, no matter where you ramble, remember to keep thinking small. --DMS--

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Our Cover

The three bottles on the cover this time you're really going to have to look hard for. No, they are not imports of Grand Giffard, even though they are similar to those bottles released in 1968 and again several years ago. The bottle on the far right was imported as an exclusive by Dart Liquor in Stateline (Lake Tahoe), Nevada. There is a companion piece also (in blue) and they are very limited. The other two bottles will be imported in the very near future...hold on!

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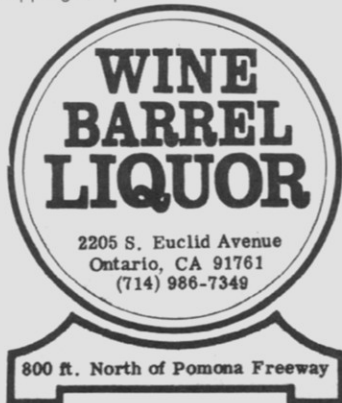
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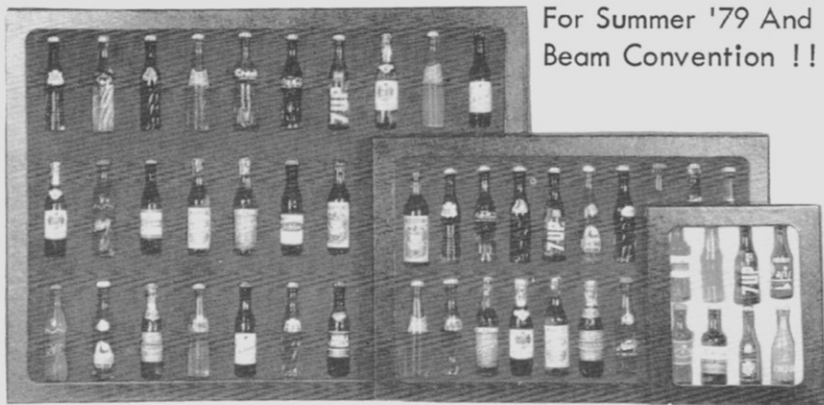


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TREASURES OF THE PAST

by Vic Visalli



After concentrating on the subject of microminis for some time now, I feel a change is in order. So I plan to show some bottles that I consider to be "treasures of the past."

The three bottles featured this time are all pre-prohibition.

An interesting story accompanies the first bottle, the one I feel is the most outstanding of the three. While my wife and I were attending a local bottle show, she excitedly called me over to show me this Old J. H. Cutter sitting on a vendor's table full of dust. Needless to say, I could have fainted when I saw the bottle and when I saw the price of 50¢, I did. After purchasing the bottle, I asked the friendly gentleman where he found it. It had come from a room of an old, condemned hotel.

The rear label reads "Compliments of Michael Sullivan, 10 High Street,

Nashua, NH." The clear glass bottle has a manila colored label with black letters. A signature on the bottom states P. Moorman & Co., Louisville, Kentucky.

The second bottle is made of dark green glass, also with a manila label. The black circle in the center contains gold writing, barely visible in the photograph. It is a Schenley Pure Rye Whiskey of the Schenley Distilling Co.

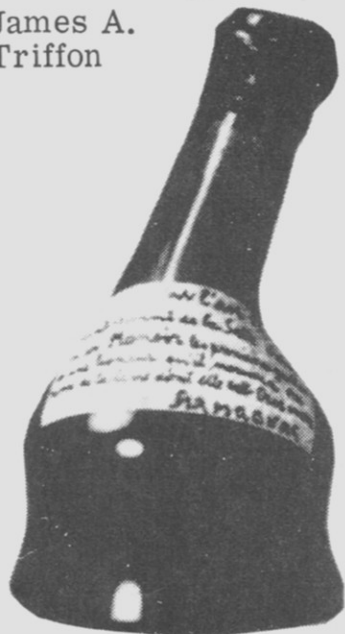
The last featured is a dark amber glass bottle. It, too, has a manila label with black script writing. It is a Fred Harvey Rye and states in the center that "this whiskey has been carefully selected, aged in the wood, and bottled under our direct supervision." I understand "Fred Harvey" was a restaurant chain in the '30's and obviously before since the bottle is pre-prohibition.

--V. V.--

WHAT'S NEW

Old, Odd, or Unusual

by James A.
Triffon



I have six bottles to describe and for you to look at, so I won't waste time and writing. There are three vodkas and three brandies from foreign lands. The first bottle is a French Brandy Armagnac 3 3/8" (8.6 cm) tall and made of dark green glass. The bottle is round with an indentation at the base and the neck is slanted to the right. Embossed on the back at the base are the words "Armagnac Saint Vivant" while on the bottom of the bottle it reads, "Made in France Modele Depose." I cannot read French, but would guess the contents at about 1 1/2 oz. This bottle also comes in a slightly larger size and may be found throughout the Orient and Europe.

The next two bottles are interesting and different in that they are plastic. Both bottles were produced and bought in Australia. The first is Remy Martin Brandy, bottled by Nathan & Wyeth Pty. Ltd., Melbourne, Sidney, and



Brisbane. The next is a Wolfschmidt Vodka (a familiar name I'm certain) of 1 5/8 fl. ozs. This was prepared and bottled by Wolfschmidt (Pacific) Pty. Ltd, Melbourne. Both bottles are 3 5/8" (9.3 cm) tall, identical in all respects as to size, shape and identification number embossed on the bottom, ACI Y23-574. Both of these are rectangular flask type. A point of interest is that I have another plastic flask type bottle of Remy Martin Brandy in my collection, but in dark green color and from France. More on this later.

The next three are flask type bottles. The first, a plain looking glass flask from Yugoslavia contains Plum Brandy from the Badel Co. The bottle is slightly oval in shape, 4 1/8" (10.5 cm) tall, 80 proof, and contains about 1 1/2 ozs. (This is my guess.) The last two are products of Australia again. Both contain Vodka by Robka. The center bottle



is generally rectangular, 3 1/2" (8.9 cm) tall and of clear glass. The last bottle is of more interest because of its shape and contents, which are Cherry Vodka. The bottle is 4" (10.2 cm) tall and contains 1 2/3 fl. oz. The sides and back are angular, or hexagonal in general shape, while the front is curved. The labels of both bottles are printed in four colors and the contents are produced by the United Distillers Pty. Ltd, Melbourne for J. J. Vickers & Co. Ltd., London, England.

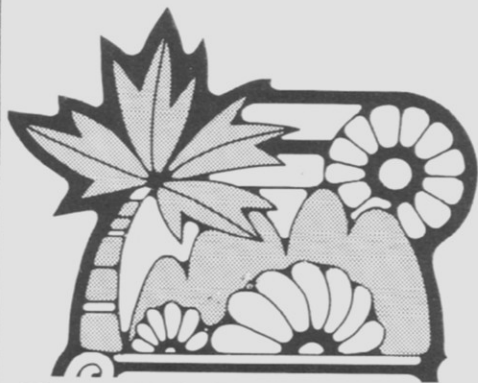
Until next time... --J. T.--

This is the beginning of a series of articles that I hope my fellow mini glass collectors will enjoy.

Most of the California whiskies and bourbons pictured have been acquired over the last several years in individual purchases or from collections. As most of the whiskey and bourbon collectors know, California was not the most productive state for minis, despite its population.

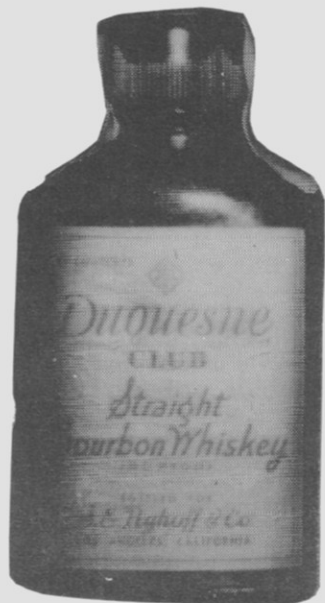
The first two bottles are from the S. E. Rykoff Co. This company was started in 1911 and today is the seventy-seventh largest industrial company in California. They are food service specialists for restaurants and institutions.

The first bottle is 100 proof, Fillmore Straight Whiskey. This red and yellow label shows a picture of President Fillmore. The banner reads "Arbiter" and "Elegantine." This bottle contains one year old bourbon that



California Whiskies

by Harry Ford



was distilled in Pennsylvania. The California tax stamp is dated August 6, 1936.

The second bottle from this company is in a brown glass bottle with a black plastic top. The bottle appears to have been made for some other purpose. The contents are Duquesne Club Straight Bourbon Whiskey (100 proof). The back label says "Distilled from cereal grain in the Spring of 1934." The bottle has a beautiful embossed gold label with green lettering.

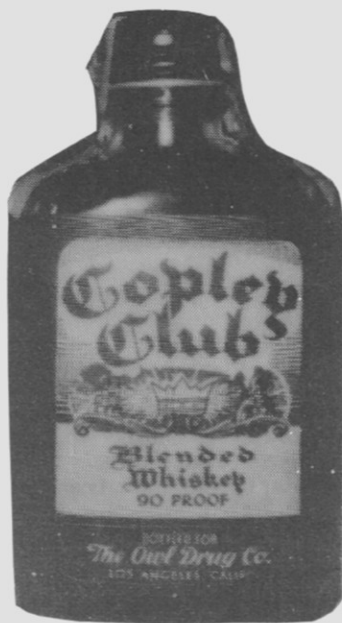
The next two bottles are from the Owl Drug Company of Los Angeles, Calif. Many bottle collectors who dig for old bottles are familiar with the embossed pre-prohibition bottles from this company.

The Old Royalty brand is 80 proof,

Straight Bourbon Whiskey. The label is done in red, white, and black. The back of the bottle has an orange and white paper California tax stamp. These two ounce - two cent number tax stamps were issued right after prohibition. This one is dated Nov. 7, 1935. These tax stamps were replaced by the orange decal tax stamps as shown on the Fillmore Whiskey.

The last bottle was also bottled for the Owl Drug Company. It is 90 proof Blended Whiskey of the Copley Club Brand. This label is red, white, and black. A California decal tax stamp (Nov. 30, 1935) is on the back.

I will try in future articles to show you some bottles from local Los Angeles area stores and from Northern California. Good bottle hunting.





MINIATURE BEERS AND GO-WITHS

by Barbara Gaines



This is my third article and once again very pleased to be sharing with you pictures and information on your and my favorite hobby, Miniature Beers and Go-Withs. However, before I get started, I'd like to extend my "thanks" to Scott Spaid for his past help with the beer article. Also I'd like to tell his father how much I like the new size of MBC. How about you? Let's all get behind him, OK. (Ed. note: unsolicited, honestly, folks.) Sorry for missing an issue. As you heard, my pictures just didn't turn out. (Oh, well!)

Thought I might get started by showing you the beers by the alphabet. Picture #1 is the Arrow Beer, medium or 4" with a foil label "Imperial Lagered" by the Globe Brewing Co., of Baltimore Maryland.

Picture #2 shows two A-1's medium or 4". One has a red foil label, the other has a white decal label. Both of these are by the Arizona Brewing Co. of Phoenix, Arizona.

Picture #3 shows three of the Acme beers. A very colorful label on them

all, which you have to agree. The first is the medium of 4" with a paper label by Acme Breweries, San Francisco, Calif. The next two are tall or 4 1/4" with the first having a paper label from the same Acme Breweries while the second is an Acme Lager with a decal label by California Brewing of San Francisco.

I will wait until next issue to show the stubbies, since there are several of them. By that time I hope to have my collection that's in boxes in Dayton here with me in Olympia, Wash. I might be able to take some more pictures.

The rest of this article I would like to take the time to answer some questions the best I can. I had a letter from a newer collector in Pennsylvania, but after writing him, I discovered I didn't have his address. Sorry!

So now let's talk about when miniature beers were first made. From what I know, they started in and around the late 1800's and early 1900's. Of course these were pre-prohibition beers with



blob tops. Most of the time these had cork stoppers which were later replaced with metal caps. These bottles were embossed sometimes with the name of the brewery, others had embossing on one side and paper labels on the other side. I'll talk more about these early beers in a future M. B. C. when I've got the pictures to show.

Around 1933, the Muth Company of Buffalo, New York, came on the scene making miniature beers for advertising purposes. Then a little later came Bill's Specialty Manufacturing Co. from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I think we know Bill's a little better since they did make several novelty and specialty beers. Most of these I find very difficult to locate. However, we all do collect these and are proud to display them with our collections.

These beers came in the following sizes: 4 1/4, 4, 3 1/4, and 3 inches. They were also called tall, medium, tall stubby, and stubby. They come in paper, foil and decal labels with salt and pepper caps or solid caps and do

not contain beer.

There was also another company by the name of Owens-Illinois which made the Pabst bottles and possibly others. The latest now comes from Taiwan and these are poorly made. But...we all collect them (sometimes they're all you can find so you're glad to get them) as later on that's all there may be.

There is much to be said about Miniature Beers and their Go-Withs. I enjoy collecting the wooden beer openers, steins, mugs, cans, chalk back bar pieces, etc. as much as anything.

By the way, I hear there's a Miniature Beer Book once again in the making. Wouldn't that be great for all of us collectors? We will keep our fingers crossed. Once again I would be pleased to hear from any of you out there with your ideas, pictures, and information. Keep in mind this is your article as well as mine. You may now write me direct to: 9940 Overlook Dr. N.W., Olympia, WA 98502 or phone (206) 866-2290.

-Barbara-

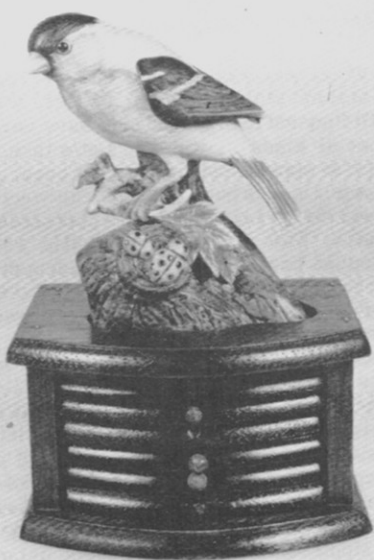
Birds, birds, birds. Throughout the years, a great many companies have come out with ceramic bird bottles. In the past even Hoffman Originals itself has issued several outstanding pieces. Now however, Hoffman is going to release a set of six miniature birds which are going to be marketed as no miniatures have been previously in the U. S. The set is called The Song Birds and each of the six has a two ounce capacity. They will be available wherever miniatures are sold and that should include the markets where they may be filled with non-alcoholic contents.

The great point of interest about these pieces though is that they are not only bottles but coaster sets. If you'd wondered what those wooden bases were, be in doubt no longer. The bird bottle is permanently attached to the coaster set. Certainly to a great many people this will be much more important than a music box. And, think what great gifts they'll make for your non-collecting friends (which is always a marvelous way to get a new collector interested).

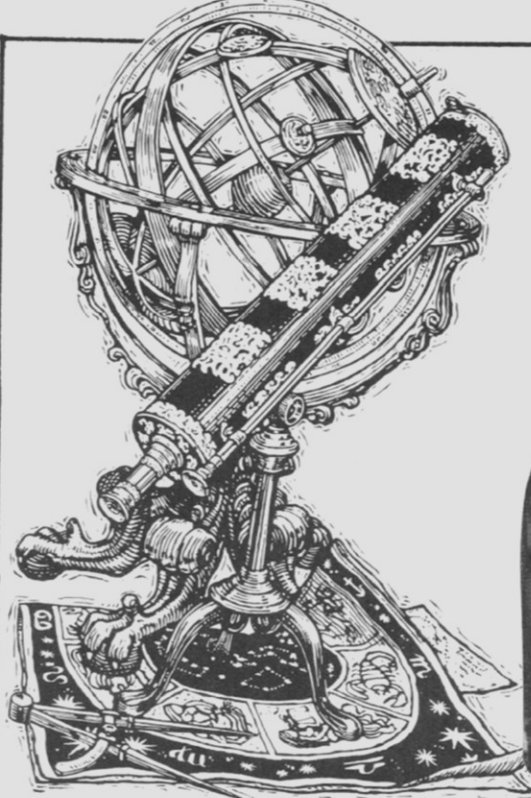
Along with these little birds, you can finally expect the set of six horses and the miniature panda with cub. Many other bottles will have larger than 2 oz. capacities so would not be considered true miniatures by some; however, variety is still the spice of life and you'll definitely want to take a look at some of these bottles before you make your final decisions!



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NEW WHISKIES



When you visit Europe and you like to collect miniature liquor bottles, you will find that many countries have very special kinds of whisky. Let's take a look at some most interesting ones.

A few issues back, Ada Felske wrote about the strangely-named whisky from Wales, Swn y don. This bottle was brought back to me here in Germany by a friend who visited Wales. If you remember her article, she pictured the ceramic jug.

Going from Wales to Belgium, we find two whiskies. First is the Old Mackay in a nice small bottle. It's Belgian Whisky made with Scottish malt and neutral domestic spirits. It's prepared and bottled by the de Beuke-laer from Antwerp which today makes liqueurs and sweets. The other whisky is Montlee. This is also a blend using the pure malt and neutral spirits. It is prepared and bottled in Chassart, Belgium. The label states that it is the finest blended whisky and shows a romantic hill picture.

In Eastern Europe, they also like whisky. The Kord Distillery in Czechoslovakia made the blended Kord whis-

ky. It's a four year old and on the back label you can read: "Quality and taste of Whisky is the business of our distillery." (I don't know the taste!!)

In Italy you can find many Italian whiskies. The Redil Whisky is a blend with Italian spirits and Scotch Whisky as is also the George Denis. The age of this second whisky is not very high as the color is clear like water.

We go now all the way up to the Netherlands for two seldom seen bottles. The first is called Tops. It is a total product of the Netherlands and is made by Tops Ltd. The other whisky is also of an unknown age by the producer, Jansen Ltd., was established in 1777; hence this is Whisky 1777.

From the Netherlands, a quick stop in West Berlin. There the Savoy Distillery makes its Savoy Whisky. It's a blend with many Scotch malt whiskies and some German grain whisky. The label is very attractive with the old cloth on the top and a very red seal.

Finally we come to some Scotch bottles which you don't find in Scotland. Double Point is a Scotch whisky from the McLintoch Ltd. distillery, but it

HORIZONS

FROM FAR-AWAY PLACES

by Frank N. Gerlach



is bottled in Germany. The James 007 comes from Glasgow but is imported and bottled only for Austria. The last Scotch is called Scotty. The sole distributor for Germany is the Sporn Ltd. company of Hamburg. On the label is no mention of the distillery.

I hope you've enjoyed this short European tour of whiskies. --F.N.G.--



Ski Country

by Ruth Jones



I'm almost late with my article this time, but it's the same old story --- nothing new to report. No matter how long I waited! The Snow Leopard and Chukkar Partridge are at the distillery so they should be in at least by the time you receive this issue. Warrior #1 and #2 are still on the west coast waiting for heads. Don't ask me what happened to their heads. I've no idea. And, they were waiting for their heads in the last article I wrote!

I have had many requests for Ski Country to make a deer, antelope or elk...also more of the Colorado birds. Since I have absolutely nothing to do with what they put out, I will make the

suggestion, but I know they have been asked before. The horns and legs are very difficult to fire without sagging, even harder to clean. I do ceramics, so I know some of the problems. Personally, I am a little tired of "families." The babies are cute, but the smaller they are, the more difficult, and it adds quite a bit to the price.

I am looking forward to the meeting of the mini collectors in Houston. Bet there will be a lot more attend this year. It will be the middle of the summer when you read this, and I expect at least six minis to have been released by then, so get ready.

See you in Houston. --R. J. --

Ski Country Guide

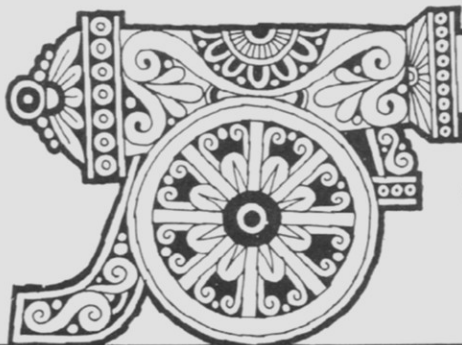
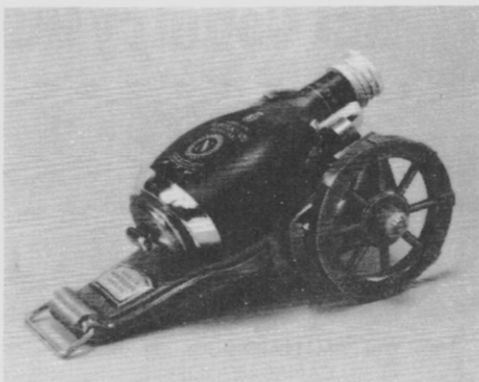
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This is the next in my series on "different" bottles which will be described from time to time. I am continuing the article I started in the last issue on "cannons."

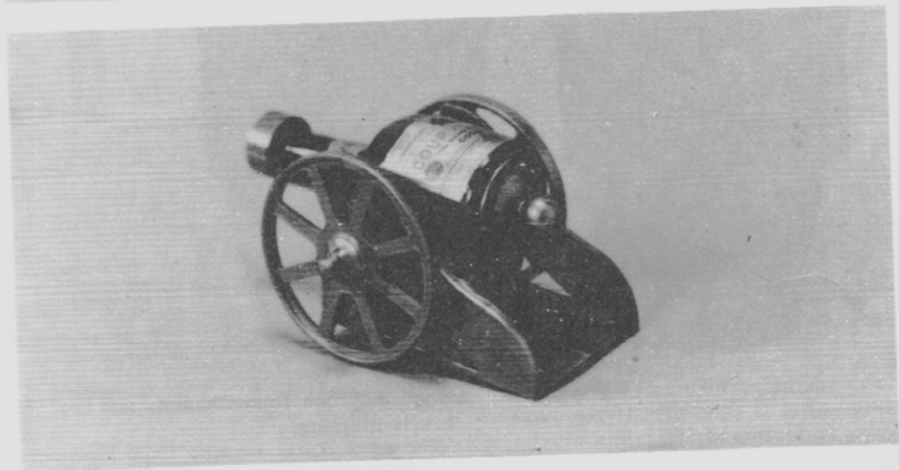
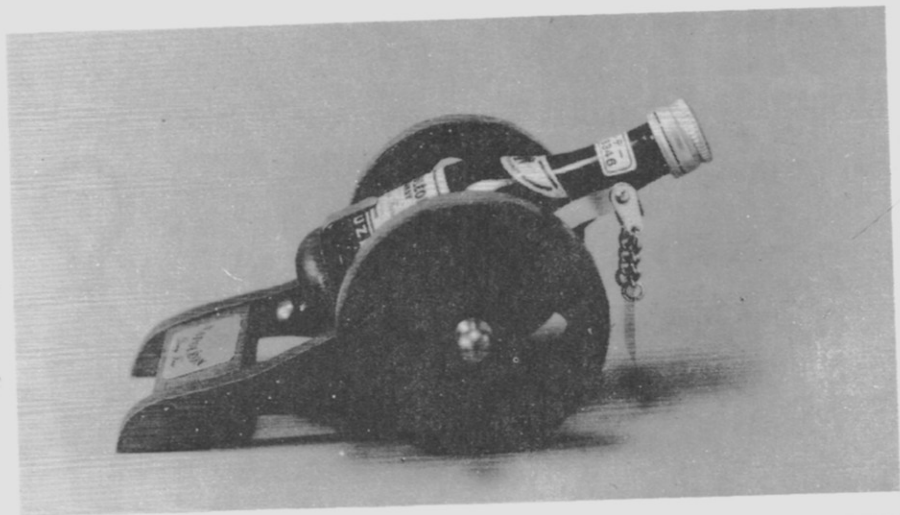
The first one is a really nice piece of work, in great detail, color and proportion. The bottle is a frosted glass flat type of 30 ml in capacity and contains Marquis de Montesquiou. The gun carriage is of molded plastic in an antique bronze looking color. On the front of the carriage is a round shield with the Montesquiou logo while on the rear of the carriage is a small brass type plate with the name "Marquis de Montesquiou Armagnac." The wheels turn; however, the "cannon" carriage does not tilt. The dimensions of the piece are: 5 1/2" in length, 3 1/4" wide, and 3 1/8" tall. This is an exceptionally fine piece of work and one of my favorites.

The next is both quite imposing in size and design. A bottle of Napoleon Brandy in dark green glass containing 45 ml of Ducauze. The carriage, would you believe, is all hardwood, possibly teak or mahogany. The wheels are made to turn and the cannon tilts up and down. There is a copper foil band around the rims of the wheels and the hubs and the knob on the breech of the cannon are turned brass. This cannon is 6 3/8" long, 4" wide, and 3 1/4" tall. There is a name plate in brass hanging on a chain from the neck of the carriage with the name Napoleon in black letters and a red letter "N" in a laurel wreath. On the rear of the carriage is the same place and logo. All in all, a nice piece to have in any collection.



A Salute To CANNONS IN MINIATURE

by James A. Triffon



My third "cannon" is different from any that I have described previously. This is true because of the design and the fact it is of all metal construction. The bottle is from the Marquis de Vibrac and is a flat frosted glass. It contains 30 ml of Armagnac Napoleon. This very unique piece is of brass plated wire and metal framework. The spokes of the wheels look like they have been brazed or welded to the rim of the wheels (which do turn) while the cannon does not tilt. The rear of the carriage has the usual identification name plate as all the previous pieces described. This one is 5 1/8" in length, 3 3/8" wide and 3 3/8" tall... and to

repeat, a nice piece of work and welcome in any collection.

The last to be pictured is the Courvoisier "cannon." The bottle is dark green glass and contains 1 oz. Courvoisier VSOP Cognac. The gun carriage wheels and stand are all plastic but antique brass in color. The front of the carriage has the word "Courvoisier" embossed in it. The wheels turn but the "gun" does not tilt. This gun is 4 1/2" long, 3 1/8" wide and 2 3/4" tall. Incidentally, this piece, along with the Camus cannon previously described, came from the collection of our editor.

More on these unusual French/Japanese pieces next time. --J. T.--

KOBY'S

Kollectable Kolumn by Bob Koby



Shalom:

I was somewhat fortunate recently (and my wallet is somewhat lighter) in finding a collection of 500 minis which included some rare figurals both from the U. S. A. and Europe. Bottle one is only a few months old for me as I got it from a fellow worker who recently vacationed in Greece. As you can see, it's a two-faced (joke) mini. It is glass, similar to frosted bottles, but not exactly frosted. It contains Oyzo (?) and is 4 1/2 inches tall. One side depicts the Goddess Athena and the other side depicts the Olympian Zeus. The balance of the writing is Greek to me. As you notice, I'm full of jokes in this issue.

Bottle number two is from the Southern Sales Company of Miami, Florida. The only way I can describe this item is to say that it is in the shape of an umbrella. It's plastic, 4 3/4" tall, con-

tained Jamaica Rum Cordial, and the cork is missing.

The next bottle is also from Manhattan. Anybody drooling out there in mini world? I drooled when I first saw the following. It is the famous Manhattan Fan Lady (or so I was told). I have only seen two or three others since I've been in this hobby. She's 2 1/2 inches tall, goldplated, but carries no labels.

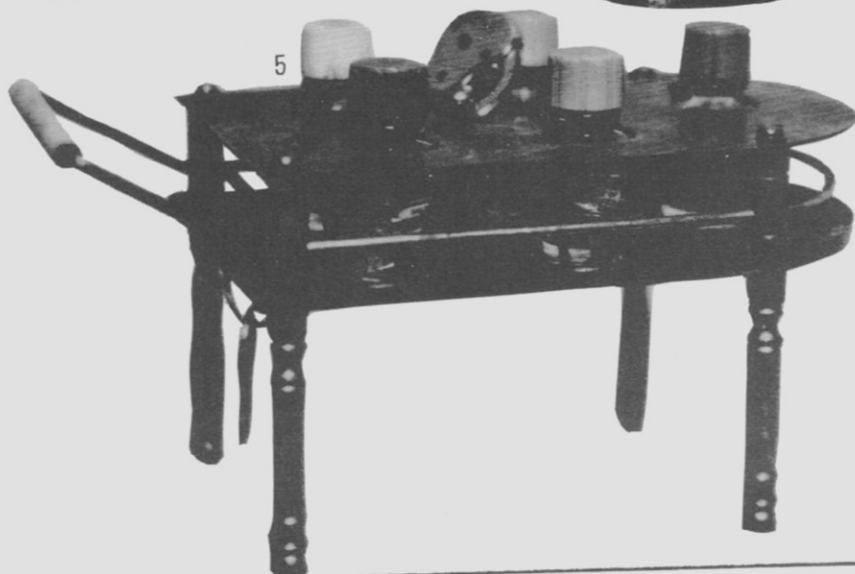
The fourth item is also from the Manhattan company. This is their famous lamp with shade and three cordial micro bottles under the shade. When you pull on the gold plated chain, the little tray comes down and the three cordials are exposed. I cannot give you any more information on the lamp because it's gone already. I had to recoup some of the money for the 500 mini collection I bought which I mentioned



above.

My last item for this issue is the Manhattan Serving Cart. As you can see, it comes with the lock and key. It is 2 inches tall, 2 1/2 inches wide and 5 inches long. The five little bottles are all cordials: Creme de Rose, Apricot, Creme de Menthe, Creme de Cacao, and Creme de Violet. The cart itself is all metal, gold plated and the legs may be unscrewed. Now you see why I drooled when I first saw these minis.

Happy hunting and in the next issue I'll have a few more rare American minis. Hope you all are having a very nice summer. --R. K. --



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On the night of Saturday, April 14, 1979, the organizational meeting of the Midwest Miniature Bottle Collectors was held at the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The accompanying pictures give just a hint of what it was like that evening; however, you may be certain that the "proverbial good time was had by all."

Organized through the efforts of Mr. Verne Brinker of Cicero, Illinois, and Mr. Jim Kruse of Peoria, Illinois, the club got off to a roaring good start. Collectors from Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, and yours truly representing California were in attendance. And, almost everyone brought bottles to swap and sell.

The second meeting was scheduled for July 8th at the Brinkers while possibly the third get together will be held in conjunction with the Chicago Bottle Show which takes place during the Labor Day weekend.

After talking with many of the people present, it was easy to conclude that this club should have a long and happy life. One of the great attractions of course is that all miniatures are available in both Illinois and Wisconsin. One collector had his day made when he found the Ski Country Wild Turkey in a retail store for \$14.95. So, look for big things from the Midwest Miniature Bottle Collectors!



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The Club Report

In our publications section this time, I'd like to publicly answer those letters we've been receiving about the whiskey mini book which Jim Triffon is doing. The book will be ready later this year (first ad should be in the next Sept-Oct issue) and will picture all the bottles in color. The book will be soft-bound; however, on extremely heavy coated stock. There will be one hundred signed, numbered copies printed in hardback covers, but only a portion of those will be available for sale. This will be the first book to ever picture and identify whiskey miniatures as they should be shown. It will be a knockout!

In our Club Report this time, there is one very intriguing point of information I think you'll be fascinated with. I recently received a letter from a collector in Kobe, Japan, and he informs me that there is now a miniature club active there in Kobe which was founded a few months ago. So far there are fifteen members and that's certainly a great start. We'll keep you posted on this club and also on the clubs in both Italy and South America. The Italian Club, Club delle Mignonnettes, is very active with chapters all over Italy and yearly get together in October at the Holiday Inn in Rome for a huge sale and auction.

Last time we told you about the new Midwest Club and I'm certain everyone will enjoy the pictures shown earlier in this issue.

This time I'd like to again give "equal time" and tell you about the other Midwest Club, the Great Lakes Miniature Bottle Club. This club has been in existence now for several years and surely has some avid members. Everyone should remember the articles by (and about) Pat McMullen and he certainly is the "Dean". I don't want to single out too many members for want of skipping anyone, but there are a great group of workers in this club... and as we all know, that's what counts!

The club meets periodically at the members' homes and it's definitely too bad that you all can't share some of

their meetings with them. There's been a certain white elephant traveling around for a number of years now that deserves a whole article by itself, so

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that's another time. Suffice it to say, it's been the subject of a lot of fun.

Bulletins for the club are most ably done by Jean Davis and she'd love to hear from one and all. And, speaking of Jean, I believe she's hosting the club picnic on Sept. 9th. So, get in touch. Remember, you're never a stranger when you're a collector!

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