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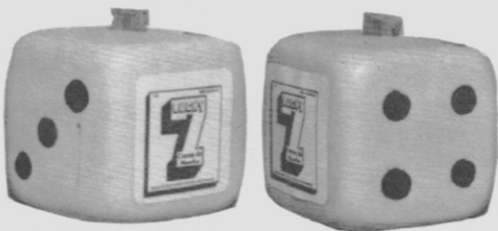
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Let's Talk

Where do we start? I guess a good place is to talk about some very important telephone calls which we've received lately. One was from Mr. Bill Johnston (and his name should certainly be familiar to you all by now) and he told of being called to speak in favor of the possible legalization of minis for the State of Pennsylvania. These things do take time, but keep your fingers crossed. This is a great deal more important to all of us than just a legalization. It shows the interest, the desire, and the knowledge that miniatures and their collectors are to be reckoned with!

Next John Sullivan called and said "the list" is ready. It's not in this issue, but it will be in the next one. This Scotch list is gargantuan to say the least and should be welcome by all straight glass collectors.

Other calls have come in from both distributors and dealers and the word everywhere is the same. The miniature business (yes, we also have to think of it as a business) is booming. More and more people are becoming involved with the clubs and in all other facets because they've found out that there are others with the same fascination. (Isn't that a most apt word?)

As seems to be the case, a few of the regulars are missing but will DEFINITELY return in the next issue. Both Jim Trifon (with his regular column) and his specialty column will reappear next time as will Harry Ford with more of those glorious old California whiskies. And, we promise the pictures will be better.

That's about it for now. Hope you were able to get lots of old and new bottles this summer and keep thinking small. --DMS--

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Our Cover

Certainly hope you're impressed with the "piece" on the cover this time. We can't really say glass bottle or figural because this is quite a unique piece. It comes from Singapore and is but one of a large number of similar advertising and/or creative marketing pieces which are available there. Most are found as integral advertising pieces for several different cognacs...Martell, Courvoisier, etc. If your travels take you to Singapore, these will only be found in Chinatown!

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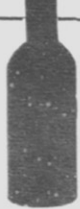
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MINIATURE BEERS AND GO-WITHS

by Barbara Caines

Once again it's time to chat with all of you collectors out there. Very happy to be writing my fourth article. I had a lot of nice reports from several collectors while attending the N.A.B.A. Convention.

Just got back to Olympia after attending the Jim Beam Convention in Houston, Texas. Then spent a couple of days in Dayton, Ohio, before heading for the N. A. B. A. in Troy, Michigan. Many of you may not know about this convention or be a member. It's something all you mini beer collectors should join and attend once a year. This year Stroh's Beer was our host. The first night we took a tour of the plant, drank all the beer we wanted, and were then treated to a German dinner. It was enjoyed by all four bus loads. Many THANKS to everyone at Stroh's Brewery for the nice evening. Next year this event will be in Golden, Colorado, with Coors Beer our host. So how about becoming a member and joining us there!

All of us mini beer collectors had a great time going from room to room, trying to find a beer we didn't have before our fellow collectors got there. Think everyone went home with a few to add to their collections. We traded and bought from each other and I know I made out quite well (beer-wise, not money-wise).

Now I don't want to boast, but yours truly (believe it or not) got the prize beer (or label) not seen before. And, it came home with me. From what I understand, it had been passed up by several as looking like a common Blatz with a foil label. I almost passed it up too.

I had put it down while talking with Becky Kennedy. Then suddenly I re-picked it up and said, "Gosh, Becky,

this is a decal label." Was I surprised and pleased all at the same time. Behind this beer there's quite a story which some of you already know so I'll save that for a later date. This is a common brand as you well know but it's a Blatz decal label. Don't think anyone has one, do you? (Ed. note: picture didn't turn out, so we'll do it another time.)

Now it's time to continue on with beers as promised in the last MBC. First here are three decal labels: #1 Acme Beer from Acme Breweries, S. F., CA. #2 Acme Beer from Acme Breweries Los Angeles-San Francisco. #3 Acme Beer, non-fattening (Vernon) from Acme Brewing Co. The #4 is an Acme with a paper label from Acme Breweries, S. F., Ca. #5 Acme with a foil label, no-deposit no-return in pebble glass from the same as the last. All beautiful bottles and only 3" tall. The last one is the Atlantic from Charlotte, N. C. and it's a foil label.

In my last article I said something about a mini beer book in the making. While I'm writing this it may already be at the printer's. It really looks good. (I'll tell you all about it next time, if he'll let me!) With a little luck from Santa, maybe we could all find it in our Christmas stockings...great, eh?

As always looking forward to hearing from any of you out there...with news, pictures of beers, etc. for future information and MBC articles.

See you next time and GOOD HUNTING. Oops, almost forgot. For those of you who know me, the Steamboat Deli is now open as of 8-17-79 at 6541G Sexton Dr. N. W., Olympia, Washington 98502. Phone is (206) 866-1216 so drop in when you're in the area or give me a call at least. --Barb--





photo by Bill Feig

Meet The Collector: D.K. Beer

by Joan Goldberger
Sunday Advocate Baton Rouge, LA

If you're a collector, you know the pleasure of living with the things you love. Those who love books line their walls with hundreds of volumes. Collectors of quilts use them for bed and table coverings or hang them on the walls as art. Collectors of fine art and folk art display their treasures in many different ways.

Dave Beer has designed a way to enjoy his unique collection at least three times a day. Several thousand miniature liquor and liqueur bottles are housed in specially designed cabinets in the kitchen, serving pantry and breakfast room of his home. But though Dave and Thelma Beer enjoy being surrounded by the colorful bottle collection at meal times, they never partake of a drop of the contents. All of the

miniatures are filled.

There's a saying that a true collector can always find a place for something he loves. Dave Beer is that kind of collector. A glance at a bottle recalls a wonderful trip, a wonderful friend, a wonderful experience.

This enthusiastic collector isn't a bottle digger, but he is a bottle hunter. And he has hunted for them all over the world. To call his prizes a bottle collection is a misnomer, however. They are more like miniature works of art. Birds, animals, cowboys and Indians, famous figures of the past all march across the shelves. Scenes from history, cartoon and fiction characters, foreign and American artifacts and symbols all reflect vivid colors behind the glass doors.

These collectibles bear no resemblance to what Dave calls "airplane" bottles or miniatures -- those little whiskey bottles served on plane flights. Few are made of glass. Most are hand-painted porcelain. And oddly, they are distributed by distilleries as advertising pieces for their contents and are sold through liquor stores in the United States. It is a regulated hobby, however, and the bottles are not always easy to come by.

Miniatures can hold no more than two ounces of the liquid refreshment. The bottle designs are commissioned by the distilleries from several manufacturers and are filled at the distiller. But those miniatures containing hard liquor cannot be shipped through the U.S. mail, so they must be emptied. Miniature bottles containing liqueurs can be mailed to the collectors. (Ed. note: since when?) And in Louisiana the two ounce miniatures cannot be sold by liquor stores at all. Many of the designs are in limited editions and are difficult to find. In foreign countries they can be found almost anywhere, and are sold in many unlikely places.

Dave came by his affection for miniature liquor bottles naturally. His father was in the wholesale liquor business in Vicksburg, Miss., many years ago. He sold the products he handled all over Mississippi and his slogan was "My name is Beer, I sell Whiskey." When Mississippi went dry around 1909, Mr. Beer simply moved his business across the river to Delta, La.

All that remains from that era of the Beer liquor business is a miniature earthenware jug imprinted with the message "Sample of my \$2.00 Whiskey - W. D. Beer - Delta, La." Dave says the \$2 whiskey in those days meant \$2 a gallon and the miniature jug truly held a sample. It is his most prized miniature and he's had it almost all of his life.

A lot of water went down the Mississippi River flowing past Vicksburg and Baton Rouge before Dave collected another bottle, however. Our miniature enthusiast is 79 years young, and began to collect the unusual bottles about 15 years ago when he and Thelma had the time to travel extensively. Now he's lost count of the exact number of bottles in his collection, but he hasn't lost a single memory of how he acquired

each miniature.

There are a number of national collectors' clubs and publications keeping serious collectors informed about each new bottle issues or the rare chance of being able to find a discontinued series. Dave belongs to several club and corresponds with many members and officers. Occasionally he orders a new bottle from one of the publications' advertisements, but his greatest pleasure has been finding the miniatures when he and Thelma traveled.

There's never been any difficulty bringing the miniatures back through customs after a trip abroad. But there have been some unusual experiences and some very large "hauls". Often the Beers have had to buy an inexpensive suitcase to get the bottles home. Once the captain of the plane took Dave's packages in the cockpit to avoid their being unpacked for custom's inspection. He sent his own suitcase back with Dave.

Another trip included a tour of Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France, and Yugoslavia and the travelers brought back 60 bottles. Dave says it was a beautiful trip and he has fond memories of it reinforced daily by the miniature collection.

Thelma has raced down a hill in Switzerland to buy a decorated jug. In Amsterdam they purchased a row of beautiful Delft houses and a windmill - really miniature bottles. In Frankfurt they found traditional beer mugs with pewter covers - in miniature. From Italy - the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Towers of Napoli, the Cathedral of Sienna and the Pantheon; from England - three dimensional miniature English Pubs and Dickensian street scenes, "Home of the Famous Pisco Punch."

There are beautiful Oriental figures and miniature vases from Hong Kong and Singapore. Limoges jugs from France hold more liquid refreshment. The Beers have found miniatures on the Isle of Capri, on the dock at Istanbul, in Bled, Yugoslavia, where a gendarme helped them find a bottle shop. Every foreign trip has been with a group and though there have never been any other miniature bottle collectors traveling with them, the entire tour always joined the search before the end of the journey, according to

Dave. A cherished set of four volumes, really book bottles, was completed by a close friend who found the discontinued Volume IV in Hawaii.

Small Wedgewood plates in pink, blue and green with the traditional white design are filled from the back. A locomotive has moving wheels and is filled through the smoke stack. The conning tower of a submarine comes up for the liquor. Olympiade figures from Rome are filled with Maraschino liqueurs. Heads come off each figure in a beautiful porcelain dog series. Miniatures are filled in every conceivable way - from the top or bottom, the front or back.

There is early Americana and late Americana. A tiny replica of Tun Tavern recalls the recruiting of men for Washington's Marines in 1775. Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry, John Paul Jones, John Hancock, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Paul Revere and Betsy Ross sit together on the shelves while the Fife and Drum Corps plays the tune. Lewis and Clark set out on their expedition; General Custer makes his last stand.

Four Confederate generals proudly wave their flags on the backs of small flasks. Teddy Roosevelt rides his horse and there's a Shootout at O. K. Corral.

Looking for entertainment? Come to the circus. P. T. Barnum is there with the Tall Man and the Midget, the Sword Swallower and the Snake Charmer. All the Clowns perform. Shoot a pair of dice bottles. Or follow the map on the back of the replica of the Shamrock in Carson City. A pretty girl points the way.

Porky Pig and Leprechauns, Laurel and Hardy, Will Rogers and Mark Twain, Lindbergh and the Spirit of St. Louis all have a segment of our history to tell.

Miniature wild animals and birds in realistic settings are reminiscent of Audubon or Boehm. A dozen small duck decoys are painted authentically. A fox waits on a hollow log for a rabbit. There are Eskimos and Huskies and Polar bears.

Napoleon and Joan of Arc tell of French history. The two imported miniatures representing the Martyred Joan were made available to Dave by a pub-

lisher of a collector's magazine. They have become great friends through the mail and the publisher wanted to add these rare figures to the quality collection.

Bonnie and Clyde will mow you down. There's hardly a category of anything not represented in this imaginative collection.

At first, Dave started buying as he traveled around. He didn't even know about the clubs and publications at that time; he simply collected what appealed to him. Fifteen years later he has a very comprehensive collection. The president of a national collectors' club recently wrote, "I must say, from what I can see, this is one of the finest miniature collections that I have ever seen, and I have seen quite a few."

Our collector has never attended a miniature bottle collector's convention. He doesn't even know of any other miniature collectors in this area. But he has made many friends through the years via correspondence. Now he's looking forward to get together.

There are a dozen large decanters in the Beer collection. Each holds a fifth and is interesting too - Here Comes Santa, a Scotch Bagpiper, a Moonshine Man, a Spanish Don of dark Wedgewood. Most of the large decorative bottles are gifts from friends. The latest is a musical LSU Tiger decanter with a moveable head - GO, TIGERS, GO!

Thirty days is the longest time he's let go by without acquiring a new miniature. He has no duplicates and is anxiously awaiting delivery of a new commemorative miniature bottle, the late and great Elvis Presley.

Dave admits to being like a child with his favorite toys. He has always had a special interest in history, so perhaps his historical bottles are at the top of his list. But he loves them all, enjoys studying the intricate details daily, definitely believes that small is beautiful. And most of all he loves recalling all the special memories and friendships associated with each.

Dave says that he won't collect many more. He's running out of space. "Well, maybe just a few more. I can rearrange some of the lower shelves."

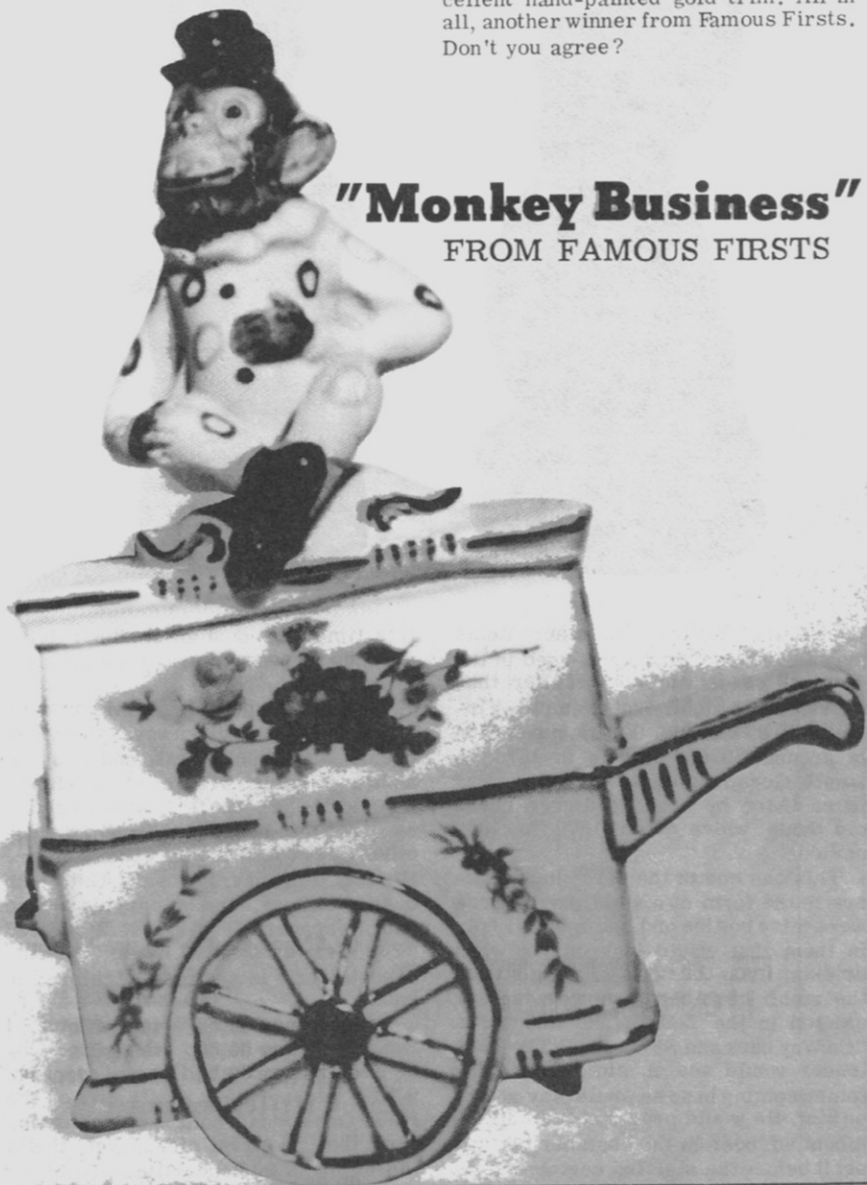
C'mon now, this isn't just a monkey sitting on top of a push cart, this is the new Famous Firsts Hurdy-Gurdy miniature which appeared quite suddenly this summer in several markets. Both dealers and collectors alike were delighted with the clever bottle. And, of course, for you purists, it's a minia-

ture of a larger size bottle which came out many years ago.

One of the most interesting aspects of the bottle is that it has two "finishes". The monkey is in bisque while the musical "pushcart" is in high or overglaze. There are also six separate decals on the bottle as well as some excellent hand-painted gold trim. All in all, another winner from Famous Firsts. Don't you agree?

"Monkey Business"

FROM FAMOUS FIRSTS



A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



Giveaway bottles and other items may have been made and used in the Boozevilles of America earlier than previously thought. For example, Virginia City, Nevada, had a population of around 30,000 people in 1870. A small German made giveaway was found there by a bottle digger in the old dump which dated 1870 to 1880 period.

This was one of the 3 1/2 inch leakers in the form of a small boy. These were false bottles and had a small hole in them that would leak on you when drinking from the neck. They also had the small chamber pots with the eye painted in the bottom and the words "Go Way back and Sit Down." The bartender would see an old repeat customer coming in so he would play a joke on him. He would pour just a small amount of beer in the chamber pot and set it before the startled customer. By

this time the customer didn't trust anybody and wasn't sure if the pot contained beer or not.

The goats shown here are both early styles of ceramic giveaways. The first one is 6 1/4 inches tall and is all in a brown color with a shiny glaze. It could be one of the first types of giveaway bottles. It appears very old. The other one is multicolor with no glaze. His coat is orange, pants are white with orange stripes, and he carries a cane and newspaper. On the base is printed "You Get My Goat." He is 7 1/4 inches tall and is completely colored in back.

Here comes the bartender now. I wonder what he has up his sleeve. Oh, he's handing out small pocket mirrors with a picture of a pretty girl on the back. Oops, don't hold it upside down. Now, that's not a bit nice...yet, that's the way it is in Boozeville. --LM--



Some Rare Scotches



To whet your appetite for the monster scotch list by John Sullivan next time, thought you'd like to see a handful of seldom seen scotches. We'll leave the descriptive passages to those who really know what they're talking about when it comes to Scotch and just let you enjoy the bottles. However, two small pieces of information you may find interesting. The Windsor Castle has already had a label change this year and King Edward I was hand carried up from Brazil. Scotch collectors, start hunting once again!

KOBY'S

Kollectable Kolumn by Bob Koby

Shalom:

So as not to take up much space with my descriptions of bottles I've decided to limit my words and show you minis instead. Being a general accumulator I shall try to show you minis of interest to all in this hobby.

The first two bottles are dedicated to The Mayor of Irish Hills of St. Joseph, Michigan, Mr. Pat McMullen. I hope you enjoy looking at them and by the time this issue goes to press you'll be enjoying them at home. I know you have been looking for an Old Forester WABASH so here it is. The second mini is a Mitchell's SHAMROCK blended Irish Whisky. It is as old as you have been collecting minis. The Maryland meter tax stamp is dated July 29, 1938.

Mini number three is from Spain, the shape of a bunch of grapes. I have them in two colors, one green and one light orange.

Number four has a soft spot on my shelves...Manhattan. As you can see, it is a Grecian water pitcher. On the back it depicts a woman carrying some object in Grecian garb. It's three inches tall and 2 1/2 inches wide.

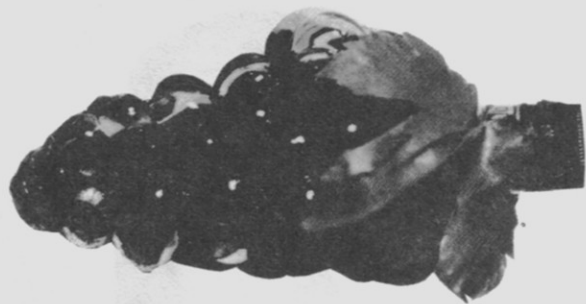
If any of you have The Mini World 1971-72 Identification Guide by your editor, please refer to page nineteen to see this mini. Not much has been written or mentioned about this particular item. Mine is empty and in mint condition with a Maryland postage-size tax stamp.

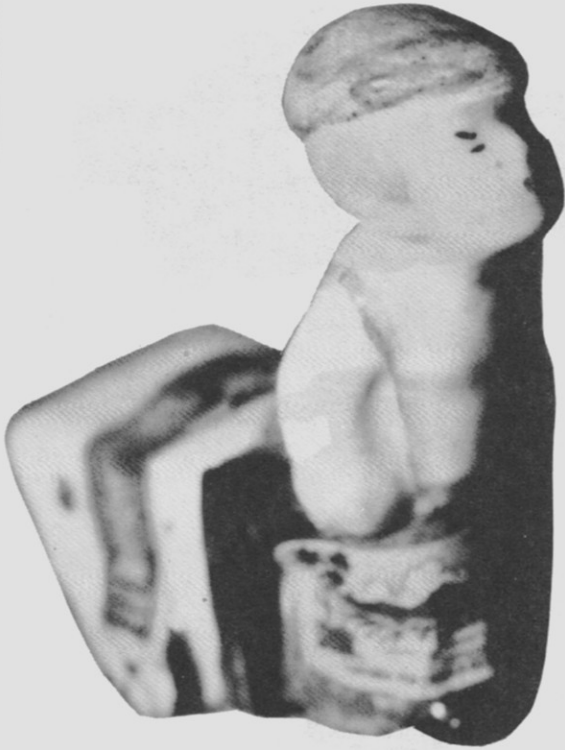
This little kangaroo is made out of plastic. Four inches tall and containing Cognac Cordial, it was issued by Southern Sales of Jacksonville, Florida. Light honey colored and the cork stopper comes at the end of the tail.

So as not to bore you anymore, I'll just let my last mini speak for itself. Naturally it's a Manhattan, the Clock with removable glass dome. More in two months.

--R. K. --









Thanks to Mel and Thea Steinhart of Monsey, New York, you are finally looking at the first four of the Rum Carioca Ragtime Circus. Previously only the Pirates at the Treasure Chest, the Ox-Cart, the Jug with Lamp Shade, and the straight glass pieces have been shown.

The Ragtime Circus was issued in late 1940 or early 1941. It did appear on a price list sent out by Mannie's (King of the Miniatures) of Miami, Florida, in January of 1941. Listed then were twenty-seven different pieces which ranged in price from \$2.50 to \$4.00. (With inflation what it's been and still is, that was a hefty amount almost forty years ago!)

Included in the entire series are the

following: Small Duck, Small Elephant, Small Airedale, Small Puppy, Small Terrier, Girl with Basket, Boy with Cart (the last two seen here), Rabbit, Girl with Cart, Boy with Cigar, Baby Lamb (those were all \$2.50@), Clown, Owl, Elephant, Pelican, Dachshund, Monkey, Razorback Hog, Donkey, Flea Hound, Large Duck, Prancer, Sparkplug, Airplane Dog, Pluto, Camel, and Lightlip Bulldog.

To say that these bottles are scarce might be the miniature collector's understatement of the year. They are almost non-existent. If any of you have even one in your collections, please send us a picture so that it may be shared with everyone.


Ski Country

Christmas 1979

Limited Edition



Ebenezer
Scrooge



At last! I do have some information. Found out the distillery closed shop July 13th to August 1st. That stops any of the new issues fast. Some of the Chukker Partridges were released in Illinois and some went to Galveston, Texas, before the shutdown. The rest of the places can expect them sometime in August.

Warrior #1 and Warrior #2 are in empty. Finally got the heads. So I predict the full ones the latter part of August. Also, the Wyoming bottle that was supposed to be out in August will probably be a little later than that and will be close to looking like the 4/5th size; however, there are some minor changes. The Ceremonial Indian should be out "any day".

The Great Spirit it seems is in limbo. No idea what will happen there or even when it will happen. The fox family in the 4/5th size should be out right away, and since that is a 1200 issue, all you 4/5th collectors don't wait around. The miniature will be some time later. The large size is already on the coast, so it won't be too long before your favorite liquor store has it.

A little free advertising now. The Liquor Mart on Highway 54 just out of Estes Park is operated by some very enthusiastic Ski Country people. I went in while we were spending some time in the Big Thompson Canyon with all our family and we were surprised to see how many figurals they had. I, of course, told them of the great advantages of receiving the MBC... that it not only told about Ski Country, but all of the other great miniatures coming out. I am sure they will soon be a part of the MBC family. For those of you who are still planning on a vacation in Estes Park, or are going through to somewhere else, the Liquor Mart has a great supply of minis... and the 4/5th sizes also.

Sorry I didn't make the Beam Convention in Houston. Sure did plan on it, but a broken wrist bone and a cast on your right arm are not very conducive to traveling. I have watched the weather there and it must have been wet in more ways than one.

The next issue we'll be talking about the new Christmas bottle and I hope to have a picture. --R. J. --



Ski Country

by Ruth Jones

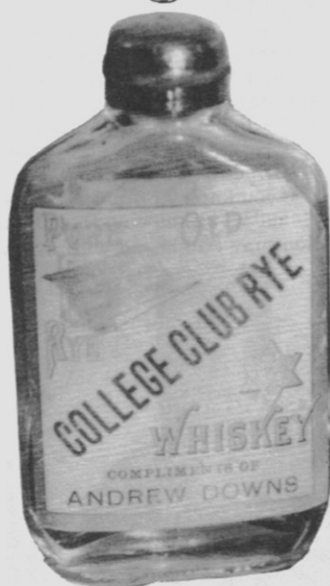
Ski Country Guide

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. BLACK LABRADOR
99. SNOW LEOPARD
100. CHUKKAR PARTRIDGE
101. INDIAN CHIEF #1
102. INDIAN CHIEF #2



TREASURES OF THE PAST

by Vic Visalli



Well, another summer has gone and here's hoping you all had an enjoyable one.

The two bottles I'd like to feature this time are also pre-prohibition, the first being a College Club Pure Old Rye. It's a clear, thick glass flask with a heavy metal screw top. The bottle features a predominantly white label, with red and black letters. The scroll in the top left portion of the label, star in the right portion of the label, and border are all silver. The scroll reads "Distilled from selected grain and is absolutely pure." The interesting thing about this bottle is that on the rear of the label, which can be

seen through the back of the bottle, is handwritten "Well Hyrum Green, here goes Little Joe." This was obviously written on the label before being stuck on the bottle and then given as a personal gift.

The second bottle is a Monticello Pure Rye Whiskey. Made of brown glass, it has two labels. The back label is unusual to me for even at this time a message was written "to the consumer". The barrel number as well as the date the whiskey was bottled and distilled are typed in red but the age has made them barely visible. It is a product of the Monticello Distilling Company of Maryland. --V.V.--

The CREAM Of The CROP

In any collection of old glass bottles, the prizes are usually those pieces which are either beautifully done... the product of the glass blower's or mold maker's art... or they have magnificent labels which are seldom seen. The four bottles shown here fit very nicely into both categories.

All four are products of the British Columbia Distilling Co., Ltd. of New Westminster, B. C., Canada. They were imported into the U. S. at the end of prohibition by the World Importers, Inc. of Seattle and San Francisco. Each bottle bears both a Canadian tax stamp from 1929 and the regular U. S. Federal strip stamp. Two of these particular bottles have California state tax stamps from 1935.

Each glass flask is beautifully em-

bossed with ridges and crests as well as the B C D Co (on the back). The bottles came in both clear and dark glass. Besides these four, there are others in the series. A Coon Hollow Bourbon Whiskey came out in 1932 and a scotch-type (the name of which escapes me now, but John Sullivan could tell us) whisky was available at the same time.

The B C D is a Canadian Straight Bourbon Whiskey of two ounce capacity and 100 proof. The Monogram is a six year old Canadian Whisky distilled at 90 proof. Four Aces and Old Pitt are both American Style Rye Whiskey distilled at 100 proof.

If you know of others in this series, please let us know so that the information may be shared with everyone.





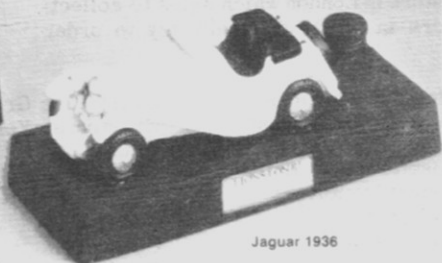
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The four little automotive beauties seen above are the first miniature issues from Lionstone for some time. And, from the looks of them, they're certainly worth the wait. As you can probably tell from the picture, the ceramic cars are actually sitting on the wood-grain style bases which hold the liquor. Undoubtedly the bottles will be available with the usual contents depending on the area: bourbon, wine, or liqueur.

Also due soon from Lionstone will be the set of miniature clowns which are exact duplicates of the four large clown decanters issued in the last few months. These are extremely nice and will be featured here soon.

Car bottles in miniature have been in quite short supply. For you figural collectors, how many can you remember? And, of those you do remember, how many were made to be sold in the United States? A set of four cars with movable wheels was issued in Italy a few years back and it finally made its way here and the four were sold in the State of Maryland with wine contents. There was also a very crude group of cars made in Italy sometime ago. These had "Old Store" Scotch labels. And, if you go back to the 1930's you can find some molded glass cars, usually from Mexico. Now, how many have been omitted... hmmm?

From Merry Ole England

The list reproduced here for you is quite impressive, you'll have to agree. It was sent to us by Mr. Mike Weingart of Houston, Texas. Mike is fortunate enough to get to travel around quite a bit, so on a trip to the British Isles this summer, he ran across a store in London which ships to collectors in England. Don't try to order

from the U.S. However, should you find yourself in England, you might make this shop a highpoint on your trip. It's J. Bourbon, Ltd., and is located at 81, Wardour Street, London, W1V 4LY. There are certainly some tempting names here and we all have Mike to thank!

Advocaat Warninks	Chartreuse Green	Kummel Crystallised
Amaretto Di Saronno	Chartreuse Yellow	Mandarine Crystallised
Amaretto & Brandy Casoni	Chianti	Mandarine Napoleon
Anisette Marie Brizard	Chivas Regal	Marsala (six flavors)
Apricot De Kuyper	Chocolate Mint Bols	Maraschino Bols
Apricot Bols	Cointreau	Matchbox Whisky
Apricot Casoni	Coconut	MacSporn Whisky
Apry	Cordial Medoc	Mead Stone Jugs
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Benedictine B & B	Curacao Orange Cusenier	Nocino
Bitter Orange Bols	Curacao Dry Orange Bols	Old Forester Bourbon
Blackberry	Drambuie	Ouzo Metaxa
Black Bottle Whisky	Dubonnet	Ovoro China (four flavors)
Blair Atholl Malt Whisky	Dufftown Glenlivet Malt	Paradise Blue Crystallised
Blue Curacao Bols	Fraise M. B.	Parfait Amour Bols
Blue Curacao D. K.	Framboise Des Alpes	Parfait Amour M. B.
Brandy:	Galliano	Parfait Amour D. K.
Martell ***	Genepy Des Alpes Crystallised	Pasha Coffee
Courvoisier ***	Gins:	Peach Brandy Cusenier
Hennessy Bras Arme	Booths	Peach Brandy D. K.
Hine ***	High & Dry	Pear William M. B.
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Remy Martin VSOP	Glavya	Port Ruby Sandemans
Three Barrells Grape	Glenfiddich Malt	Port Partners Sandemans
Beaupre Grape	Glenlivet Malt	Prunelle L'Abbe Francois
Capa Negra Spanish	Gold Liqueur Bols	Royal Mint Chocolate
Bronte Jugs	Grand Marnier	Royal Orange Chocolate
Cacao Lejay Lagoute	Grappa	Royal Ginger Chocolate
Calisay	Grundel	Rum:
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We don't usually have new bottles, but we do have a new Jim Beam private label - Yankee Spirits. The price is \$2.50 plus postage. Our Special this

time is a real goodie. We are offering four Riemerschmid china bottles: the china coffeepot, Enzian Jug, Munchen Vase, and Cherry with Rum Jug. Buy these four bottles and we'll ship you three Riemerschmid glass bottles free. The three are: Goldwasser, Bavarian Monastery Liqueur and Blackberry Liqueur. These bottles are very attractive, embossed with monks, monasteries, etc. and have a value of \$7.50. This whole package of seven bottles is only \$16.00ppd. The offer is good until Nov. 1st.

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The Club Report

An update. Last time the new book by Jim Triffon was announced. As promised, the first ad is in this issue. The book, The Whiskey Miniature Bottle Collection, Vol. 1, will be available in November. Check last issue's comments for further details.

The new beer book appears to be getting closer and closer to publication also. Next time we should have further information for you on this volume.

Not much to tell you about this time and there's a good reason for that. The good reason is that nobody tells us "nuttin'". We'll amend that, the Del-Val Club is once again having its semi-annual miniature bottle fair at Bill Johnston's Lochwood Barn in Skippack, Pennsylvania. The date is the first Sunday in October, the 7th, and the Fair runs from 11am to 5pm. However, as everyone knows, lots of good bottles change hands before and after those hours. There will be door prizes, raffle prizes, lots of "freebies" and over twenty dealers with thousands of bottles for sale. Thanks to Jack Regenhart for keeping us all posted.

While in Japan, I met with the man (Mr. H. Miura) who helped organize the growing club in Kobe. Enthusiasm among collectors is very great in Japan and one dealer told me he has a mailing list of over two hundred local people he notifies when a group of new bottles arrive. More bottles seem to be available in Japan each year but few of them are Japanese products.

Don't know exactly what's going on down south...and by south, I mean a long way down. Many of you know there are clubs in South America but so much of S. A. has fallen on difficult times due to inflation. In Argentina this year alone, the inflation rate has hit well over 100%. And we complain about the double digit inflation...think of triple digit inflation!!

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