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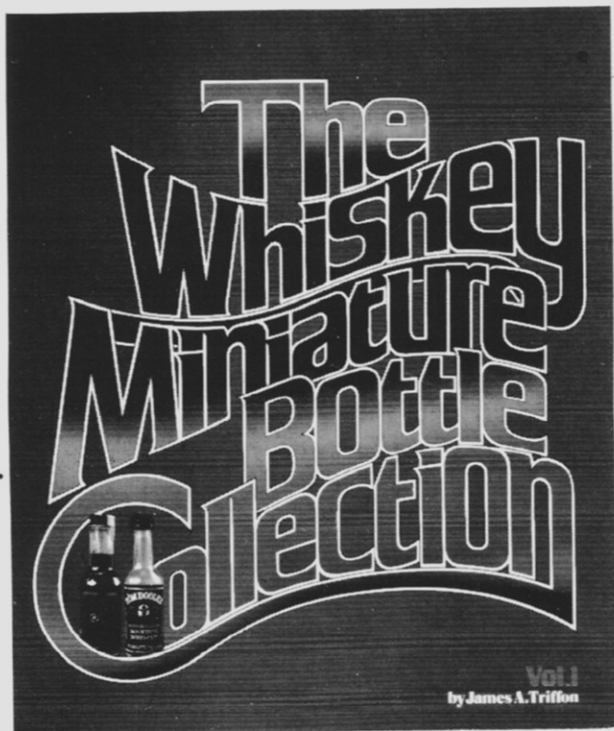
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Let's Talk

This is the first issue of our seventh year of publishing MBC and it's been really something to reminisce back over the past few years. During that time we have seen the miniature collecting hobby mushroom; however, I personally do not believe we have seen much more than the "tip of the iceberg." Time, of course, will tell but enthusiasm always has been catching!

Taking a look at this issue, you will see that Jim Triffon is back; however, Harry Ford's articles won't begin until we can do justice with the photographs. So, old whiskey collectors, hang in there. We do have some very nice articles about cabinetry, a special bottle sold up in Canada (actually bottles when you consider the two articles), and our collector in Germany, Mr. Frank Gerlach.

Next time you can look forward to more information concerning the bottles on the cover as we were just forwarded some very interesting facts. There will also be a brand new (first time ever) gin list which was painstakingly compiled by Mr. Alkei Manuel of New York. And, to further whet your appetite, Mr. Don Prorise has done a marvelous article and pictures on some of his pre-prohibition bourbons and ryes.

We're still working on the binder situation. It appears that the people who do this sort of thing are fairly independent as we still have nothing concrete to report.

Finally, have you noticed the new 50ml bottles making their appearances?

See you in April. --DMS--

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Our Cover

The complete story on these bottles is found on pp. 12-13. At least, we thought it was the complete story until we recently found out otherwise. Next time you'll find out even more about this set of six (total) issued in Japan by the Eishogen Co. And, we'll even have a way for you to get them... at a reasonable price.

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A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod

In the dimly-lighted, smoke-filled pool halls and saloons of Boozeville, you rarely see a lady at the bar. In fact, this is the first time that I have seen this lady. Wonder who she is? Could she be one of the "girls" on her day off? Or is she one of the really early libbers? Anyway it's a big improvement over the ugly old devils that you usually see in here.

This lady belongs to Cecil Johnston of Portland, Oregon. She must be a very rare specimen. This one is a match holder and unfortunately not a bottle but is done in the same way. Now we know that there has to be a bottle of this same design out there some-

where just waiting to be found. She is almost as tall as the "One of the Boys" bottle. He is 6 3/4 inches high and is one of the more common bottles in the giveaways. She is wearing a black dress, blue hat with white feather, white shoes and red stockings. She is sitting on a bar stool with the words "One of the Girls" printed in black.

Think I'll go over and ask what her name is. Maybe she's one of the show girls from down the street. Oops, too late. One of the boys named Cecil Johnston just moved in and is talking to her. Well, I guess it's finders-keepers as she is going with him to his place!

--L. M. --

Ski Country

by Ruth Jones

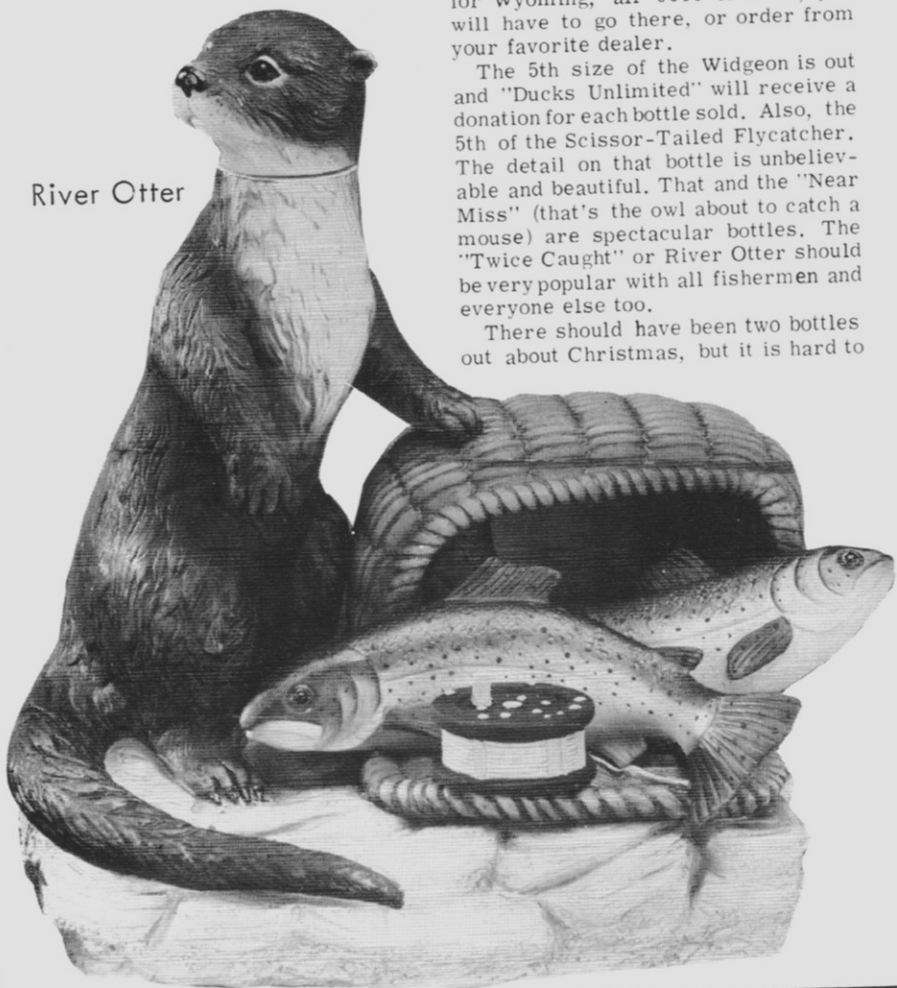


There are several new bottles to tell you about, but I haven't any idea when they will be out. Two have come out since the last article, Scrooge and the Wyoming bottle. Scrooge made it for Christmas and I think that is the only one on time for ages. Now with the Wyoming bottle they really did a good job on that one the second time around. Since the Wyoming bottle is exclusive for Wyoming, all 9000 of them, you will have to go there, or order from your favorite dealer.

The 5th size of the Widgeon is out and "Ducks Unlimited" will receive a donation for each bottle sold. Also, the 5th of the Scissor-Tailed Flycatcher. The detail on that bottle is unbelievable and beautiful. That and the "Near Miss" (that's the owl about to catch a mouse) are spectacular bottles. The "Twice Caught" or River Otter should be very popular with all fishermen and everyone else too.

There should have been two bottles out about Christmas, but it is hard to

River Otter



tell which ones the distillery will decide to let loose. All I know is that all will eventually be released.

Sorry I have to close, have to work on Income Tax. Horrible thought! I hope you have already gotten all the new minis, or catch up on some of the older issues.

P. S. The miniature Fly Catchers are in and beautiful. Also, the Great Spirit and Ceremonial Dancer are in empty, so that means they will be in the liquor stores soon. These were supposed to have been sent back to be redone, but without approval they have been released. I think everyone would have been happier if they had been redone. Can't seem to get anything right about when an issue is to be out.

'Til Spring. --R. J. --

Widgeon



SKI COUNTRY
Scissor-Tailed
Flycatcher



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
103. SCISSOR-TAILED FLYCATCHER
104. FOX FAMILY
105. GREAT SPIRIT
106. WYOMING BRONCO



TREASURES OF THE PAST

by Vic Visalli



Here's hoping this is the beginning of a healthy and prosperous New Year!

I'd like to start off the New Year by featuring four pre-prohibition jugs which I'm sure are not new to most of you but, however, are not easy to come by.

All four pottery jugs pictured are of oatmeal color. Blue paint lettering is stencilled under a glaze.

The first jug is from the N. M. Uri Co., of Louisville, Kentucky. It contained hand-made, international sour mash. This jug's uniqueness lies in its wooden handle and wire bail, whereas most other jugs have one or two ceramic handles. It is unusual to find this

type of jug with handle and bail intact.

Next is an Old Mell-Sale Rye, Pure Whiskey. No other info here.

The third jug reads West Baden Springs, Indiana, 1902. Perhaps it contained either whiskey (obvious for the first two jugs), vinegar, cider, etc. - some of the contents often given in items of this sort during this period of time.

Last is a Jones Bros. and Co., Blue Grass Belle - Vinegar, of Louisville, Kentucky. Although quite desirable in its own right, not as much as the first two.

These jugs range from 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 inches tall.

-- V V --

FROM **S&S Imports**



DAVID & VENUS

Coming this spring from S & S Imports in San Pedro, California, is the pair of magnificent ceramics seen on this page for the first time ever. The two pieces should certainly look familiar to you as they're representations of the famous Michelangelo's David

and Botticelli's Venus.

This pair was created in pure white porcelain in a very limited edition of only 600 sets. These "art" pieces will be available shortly and look for them to go quickly.

The set of six bottles pictured here (and three of which are also seen on the cover) are a most beautiful, well-designed, and (it would seem) expensive set to have in your collection.

The bottles were discovered in only two or three places in travels through Japan, yet 6000 of each piece were made. Produced by two or more ceramic companies, the bottles were issued by the Eishogen Company and contain sake.

They were made to commemorate the signing of the Sino-Japanese Peace Treaty in 1979. The pieces were recreated from illustrations of Chinese snuff bottles taken from the book The Collectors Book of Snuff Bottles by Bob C. Stevens.

At the International Chinese Snuff Bottle Society Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this past October, a most remarkable thing happened. On the night of October 19, 1979, one set of six bottles was put up for auction. A collector from Connecticut, Mr. Janos Szekeres, made the winning bid of \$850.00!!

BEAUTIES FROM JAPAN





KOBY'S

Kollectable Kolumn

by Bob Koby

Starting with this issue, I've decided not to go into describing the shape, height, and such of the minis I'll be showing. Instead I will endeavor to show more pictures of bottles.

Bottle number one should be of interest to figural collectors who are always looking for those hard to find Manhattan or any other American figurals. This one is or was made by Southern Sales but from reading past issues of club papers and Snyder's books, I'm sure the same company made this Cherry Branch for Manhattan.

Bottle number two is Lejon Brandy. Since I began to submit material to M. B. C., I've always shown figurals, rare straights or current unusual minis. Little attention has been given to the other brands of drinks in this hobby. Bottle number three is Hartley Brandy, five years old. It was produced and bottled by Shewan Jones Inc., Lodi, California, and distributed by National Distillers Products.

Number four is College Inn Cherry Flavored Brandy. Made and bottled by College Inn Wine and Spirits Division Food Products of College Inn, Chicago, Illinois, this is a most unusual bottle. Just to mention a few other minis from this company, I have The Four Georges Triple Sec, The Four Georges Creme de Cacao, Creme de Menthe (metal twist cap, clear, square with sloping sides) and a Creme de Menthe in a different shape (clear, tear drop shape).

Number five is a Kopke Brandy, product of Portugal by Dundalk Liqueur of Baltimore, Maryland... the bottler and distributor. Number six is E. Martin ten year old Brandy. Popper Morson was the importer and the bottle is also a product of Portugal. It has a 7 1/2¢ Florida gold tax stamp vintage 1949-52.



Number seven is a Golden Wedding Blended Whiskey. Number eight is another version of the G & W Blended Whiskey. I'm showing these two because in all my travels and in seeing so many collections, I've never seen the above two in anyone's collection.

To begin 1980 (and I hope it will be a great year for you mini-wise), I'm showing two more Southern Sales minis. I'll not describe the basket but will mention that both are Chianti cordials. One label is green and one is red.

--R. K. --





MEET THE



THE COLLECTOR: Frank Gerlach

To meet with our collector this time, we journey to Cologne, Germany, to see Frank Gerlach and his collection. Many of the foreign whiskeys previously seen in these pages came from Frank and you'll also remember the articles he has written for all of us. So, let's listen to what he has to say:

"On December 1st I was 29 years old, am married, and have two little girls (3 months and 20 months). By profession I am a policeman in Cologne and am now in a special branch of the Criminal Investigation Department. I am a Chief Inspector in the Identification Department. But when I am at my home, I spend a good deal of time with my miniature whiskeys.

"For five years now I've collected whisk(e)y miniatures from all over the world. At this time I have 646 different brands, not counting brands with different labels, another proof, or a different shaped bottle. I am a most proud owner of some very rare and old bottles from Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Scotland. All of these are whisky.

"It all began with the birthday of a colleague. I bought 25 different miniatures and saw some very nice whisky minis. So I thought to myself, it's better to collect some bottles than to give them away. That began my looking, searching, and buying. It's not very easy in Germany to collect miniatures,



in fact, it's a very rare hobby. My collecting friends all live in foreign countries: USA, Scotland, Italy, and Japan.

"It's also not very easy to have this hobby with my family. My brothers and friends are always saying that they want to come and drink all the closed bottles. So I must always have larger whisky bottles on hand for drinking.

"I do have two friends in the nearby area who now also collect whisky miniatures. At first I thought my collection was very big. Many newspapers have written about my hobby, but when I

read the MBC and saw the other collectors, particularly in the U. S. or my friend in Glasgow, I must say that my collection is very small. But I think I have many excellent bottles because some of these rare bottles my friends in other countries can never buy.

"So, at last I say that I am most happy to have contact with other collectors through the MBC!"

(Ed. note: Take a good look at some of those brand names in the photos and you'll certainly have to agree that Frank has some magnificent bottles!)



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by Lew Kamann

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Many articles have been written about the merchandising of miniature liquor bottles, and I feel that the accompanying photo of three miniature Canadian Club Whisky bottles, which were sold for the festive Christmas season in our British Columbia liquor stores at a retail price of \$3.70 plus tax, is a real winner for Hiram Walker and Sons Limited Distillery of Walkerville, Canada. It's a wonderful stocking stuffer.

The plastic 1 1/2 inch diameter tube containing the three bottles is 15 in. tall (or long) and the white heavy plastic handle is another few inches taller making it 17 3/8 inches in overall length. There is a plastic base insert on the bottom of the tube, and they will free stand on the base. There is a red ribbon with about five turns around the tube. Starting at the base, and curling

around it to the start of the handle, there are six stars embossed on both sides of the curve of the handle.

They were brought in to our city liquor outlets by a good friend of mine, and of the mini collectors here on Vancouver Island, Mr. Max G. Abbott, the District Manager for Hiram Walker - Gooderham & Worts Distilleries. I took this picture with my Pronto Polaroid camera and am sorry the clarity is not as good as it could be; however, I wanted to share this with all the MBC readers. There aren't the stories to write about minis here in British Columbia due to our past antiquated liquor laws, but they are now improving somewhat. Maybe, just maybe, there will be other stories and photos to follow this one from up here! --L. K. --



The SCREECH Story

Long before any liquor board was created to take alcohol under its benevolent wing, the Jamaican rum which was eventually to be known as Screech was a mainstay of the Newfoundland diet. Salt fish was shipped to the West Indies in exchange for rum; the fish became the national dish of Jamaicans and the rum became the traditional drink of Newfoundlanders.

Not being overly concerned with alcohol content, the early fishermen tended to drink the rum at incredibly high strength with no attempt made to temper the taste. When the government took control of the liquor business in the early 20th century they put the rum in a very sophisticated unlabelled bottle, but fortunately did not alter the rum itself. This delightful product might have continued indefinitely as a nameless rum except for the influx of American servicemen to the island during World War II.

As the story goes, the commanding officer of the first detachment was taking advantage of Newfoundland hospitality for the first time and was offered a drop of rum as an after dinner drink. Seeing his host toss back the liquid with nary a quiver, the unsuspecting American adhered to local custom and downed the drink in one gulp.

The look of shock and the glorious shades of color on the American's face were overshadowed by the bloodcurdling howl made by the poor fellow as soon as he managed to regain his breath. Sympathetic persons from miles around rushed to the house to assist the poor creature in such obvious agony and of course to satisfy their curiosity as to what was going on. Among the first to arrive was a garrulous old American sergeant who pounded on the door and demanded "What the crapes was that ungodly screech?"

The taciturn Newf who had answered the door replied simply, "The screech? 'Tis the rum, me son."

Thus was born a legend. As word of the incident was passed around, the soldiers determined to try this mysterious "screech" and finding its effects as devastating as the name implies, adopted it as their favorite.

The opportunistic liquor board immediately pounced on this name and reputation and began labelling Newfoundland Screech. While having to tone down the alcohol content slightly in deference to a less robust clientele, the liquor board has allowed Screech to retain its character and the product is as impressive as ever, especially to the uninitiated.

MCCORMICK PONY EXPRESS



The newest issue from McCormick Distilling Company of Weston, Missouri, is this Pony Express rider. This one sort of "smuck" out before most collectors were even aware of it and it's disappeared in a number of areas where it first hit. Unfortunately since the train wasn't able to be released, this is a nice bonus for us from the McCormick Company.

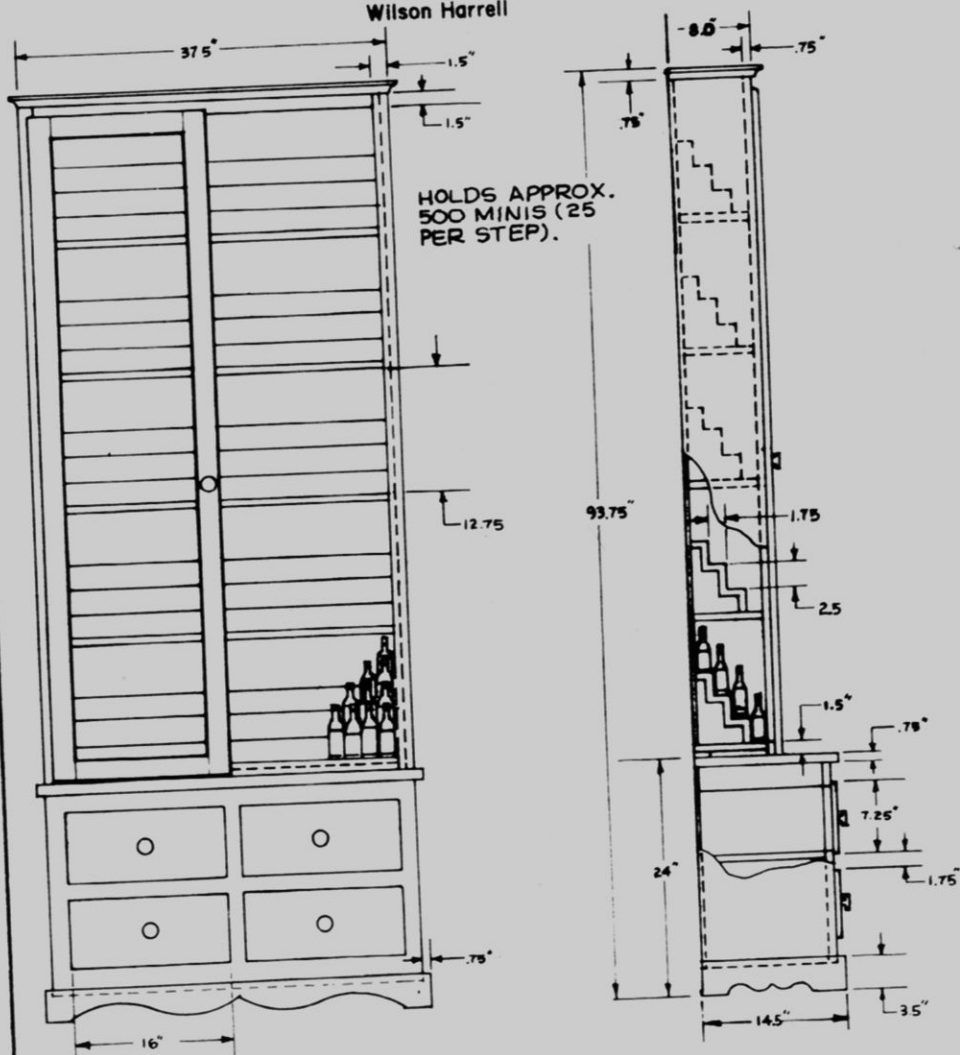
P. S. Got your Elvis yet?

SHOWING OFF YOUR COLLECTION!

BOTTLE CABINET

Scale - $3/4" = 1'-0"$

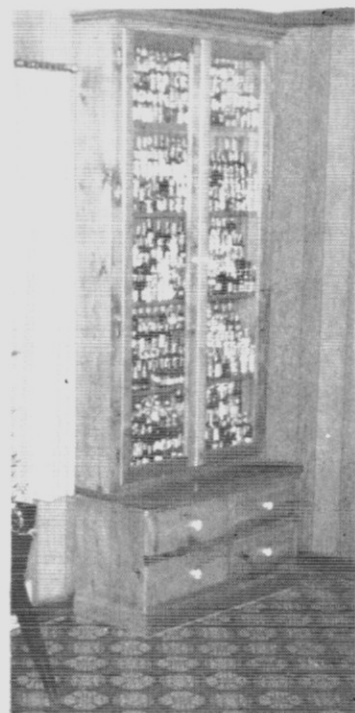
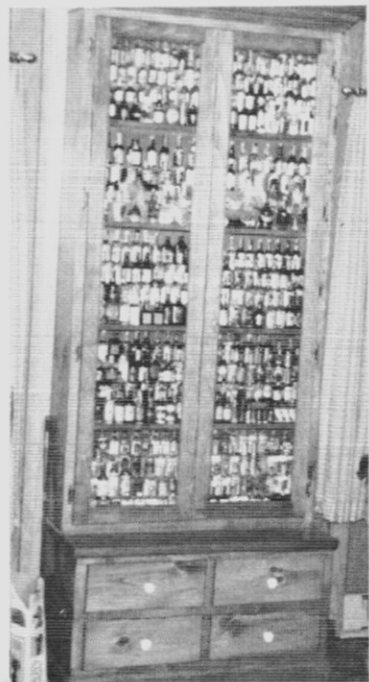
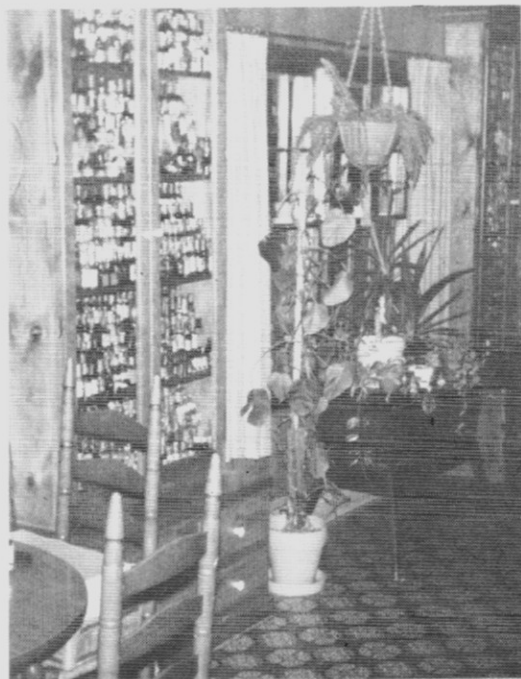
Wilson Harrell



One of the "largest" problems of a "small" collector is where do I display all of my bottles. An answer to that question has been provided by Mr. Wilson Harrell of Newport News, Virginia. Shown on these two pages are both the pictures of the finished cabinets (con-

taining a marvelous assortment of bottles) and the diagrams for building your own cabinets.

A tip of the hat from all of us to you, Mr. Harrell for sharing with us your expertise. OK, Woodworkers, get on the ball!



VODKA



IN MINIATURE

by Jim Triffon

This author returns with the "What's New" articles after an absence of three months or so. This was due to serious illness of a member of my family and frustrating problems of my camera and photographic techniques. Hopefully these are behind me and I can get on with an informative and picturesque column for you.

I have pictured for this return article, eight vodkas from seven countries. In the first group of four, we begin with Puschkin. This crystal clear 80 proof bottle is 4 3/4" (12.1 cm) tall with the top third tapered in and slightly dimpled. The label is predominantly blue in color, outlined in silver. This is a German product exported to Japan and contains 40 ml of vodka.

Next is the Suntory-mild vodka from Japan also. This is a 70 proof with a 50 ml capacity. The bottle is rectangular

in shape with the sides embossed with a reedlike pattern. It is 4 3/8" or 11.2 cm tall. Both these bottles were purchased in Tokyo on a recent trip.

The third bottle is of domestic origin... Los Angeles, CA and Bardstown, KY. Royal Gate is a product of Haas Brothers in San Francisco and it is believed that the bottle was sold only in Reno, Nevada, for a short time in 1979. It is 1/10 pt., 80 proof, the standard round shape of most of our bottles, and is 4 9/16" or 11.7 cm tall. The label is very striking and colorful... multi-colored and outlined in a gold border.

Next is a vodka from Greece called Omega from Lucas D. Tsotras Co. of Piraeus, Greece. What makes this unusual is the shape which is octagonal, tapering in to a slender, round neck. The bottle is 4 5/8" (11.8 cm) tall with



a multi-colored, but distinctively designed label. The capacity and proof are undetermined.

The next group starts with the domestic vodka Samovar. A Schenley product, it is 1/10 pt., 4 1/2" (11.5cm) tall, and clear glass. The label is red, white, and blue with a silver border and outline of the "Iron Cross." This bottle has a web-like streak of white paint on the outside which is difficult to make out in the photo.

Next is a bottle imported from the United Kingdom into the United States. Imported and bottled by Kulov Distillers Company of Philadelphia, this bottle is Kulov by name, 80 proof, unknown capacity, and 4 3/4" (12.1 cm) tall. The label is a foil-like multi-colored design and shape, very handsome and distinctive with the lettering outlined in shiny gold. At the very bottom of

the label in very small letters are the words "The Crown Jewel Vodka."

Following this is Wisers's International Vodka from Belleville, Ontario, Canada. This is 80 proof, 1.6 fl. oz. (45 ml), and 4 5/8" (11.8 cm) tall. The bottle is square in shape with a round slender neck. The label is plain, but nice looking in color and lettering, principally red with gold outline.

Last, but certainly not least, is a bottle from Greenland, produced in Denmark. The contents are 80 proof, 50 ml (1.7 fl. oz.), 100% grain neutral spirits Co. A/S - Copenhagen, Denmark. By name, Sermeq Vodka, made with genuine 1000 year old glacial ice. This is a standard round, clear bottle, 4 3/4" (12.1 cm) tall with a very nice looking label in various shades of blue and silver.

For next time... some surprises.

The Swiss Village Fays

(formerly Chips Nips)

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Hi! There was a great crowd at Skippack, and we enjoyed it immensely. It's so nice to see so many of our old friends on this nice occasion.

The Riemerschmid Special was very successful, and we have decided to continue it until the first of the year. It has just dawned on me that this is the last edition before Christmas, so we gathered together all our animals and sport bottles and have come up with the following:

MINI SPORT BOTTLES-SCOTLAND

Tennis Ball
Golf Ball \$16.00 ppd
Soccer Ball
Curling Stone

MINI ANIMALS-SCOTLAND

Doe Head
Rabbit
Scottie Dog \$20.00 ppd
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Lochness Monster - Beret

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The Search For Minis Across The U.S.

How'd you like that report last time from Gary Shuster? Several people have written us a little thanks for it, but the thanks really must go to Gary who compiled all the info.

Want to make a correction now on something we ran a while back. That excellent shop in London, Bourbon Liquors, will not ship anywhere. This comes from a collector in England, John Lovett, who tells me that he buys there quite frequently.

The original list of bottles from that shop came from Mike Weingart of Houston and Mike has come through with more info... here goes:

"Another Memo from Mike. Just got back from Florida with about 30 more bottles for my collection. In Tampa, found about 15 at A. B. C. Liquors, Inc. They have a number of locations. Most have the same items, but I did pick up one each at two other A. B. C. locations. They're the main game in town. Others have minis, but

not like A. B. C.'s selection. There are even A. B. C. bottles in light and dark rum, vodka, and gin. Paid about \$10 for all fifteen bottles.

"In Fort Lauderdale, got nearly a dozen or so at Mayhue's. They have several locations too. The liquor store at the Miami airport has a pretty good selection, but I had all but one of what they were offering. And, I'm glad that for they were high. A scotch cost me \$2.80 and their Reimerschmid's are \$8@, while the same item at Mayhue's is only \$3.25.

"Was also in San Diego last week and made a mini-bottle run down to Tijuana. Got a dozen and a half there. Mostly liquors and brandy/wine."

Again thanks to Mike for keeping us abreast of some of his finds and the good places to buy them. Certainly it would be nice if we could hear from a few others about their travels!

Maybe next time we'll have the chart up-to-date... hold on.

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The Club Report

We've got lots of news this time. It's a busy time of year for the clubs and they're all running in high gear. One big problem here though is that by the time we get most of the news to you, it's too late for you to do anything about it. So the more in advance we do know something, the better it is for all concerned!

The Midwest Miniature Bottle Club is going full steam with their Mini Bottle Fair in Chicago (see ad elsewhere). In talking with Verne Brinker and Jim Kruse, it appears that the table sales have been more than brisk and that reservations for the banquet are closing in on that "sold out" sign quickly. If you can be there, it shouldn't be missed.

However, if you can't manage to be there, you'll certainly want to make the show in Skippack which is the week later (April 27th). Better yet, make the extra effort and attend the Del-Val get together even if you do go to Chicago. Being out here on the west coast, some of us get light headed at the mere idea of being able to go to two shows just a week apart.

Norm Luber who does the excellent Del-Val bulletin asked when the "Silver Phantom" was going to make a fair in Skippack. Well, the heart is willing, but the pocketbook is weak. Anyway, I'll get there yet!

Jean Davis of the Great Lakes Club is back with us and just came out with a very interesting bulletin. Glad you're doing better, Jean. Their next meeting will be March 23rd at the Hoods in Brighton, Michigan.

From Canada comes word that the Club Mini Barman has been having an Amaretto tasting with around 100 members in attendance. Don't have word on their next get together; however, your club should receive an exchange bulletin with theirs.

Since I was talking about getting your info in early, how's this? Ed Ryan, curator of Ye Olde Mini Bottle Museum in Washingtonville, New York, wrote that he's planning a bottle show on June 14th which also happens to be Flag Day. I've talked to a good many people who

have been to Ed's the past couple of years, so circle that date and make plans now. It's never too early. You can contact Ed at Lazy Days, Mountain Lodge Rd., Washingtonville, NY 10992.

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Guess that's about all we've got any room for. You'll hear more about the west coast clubs next time. Certainly wish we'd hear more from the Northwest group. They're active, just quiet! See you next time.

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