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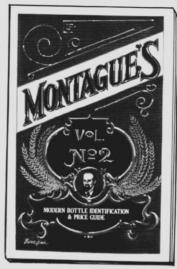
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Let's Talk

Thus begins year eight. And, for mini collectors, it should be a good year. With the possible exception of the 1930's, interest in our favorite little collectibles is probably at its

highest point.

This issue we're doing something entirely different. You've probably already noticed that the feature articles are way down this month. The reason is that starting on p. 19 and running for eight consecutive pages is a Manhattan catalog from the early 1940's. This should solve quite a few private arguments among many collectors as to what certain bottles actually were. And, for those who've never had any knowledge of some of these bottles, now you've got something else to search for at the flea markets and swap meets.

You'll certainly enjoy the first of Fred Jinkens articles on his cognacs. For those of us who would love to add them to our own collections, Fred has an absolutely disgusting amount of magnificent cognac bottles. (I guess jealousy has to rear its ugly head every now and then.) Martell is covered in this first article.

Because of the length of the Manhattan catalog, the gin list by Al Manuel has been pushed back to next time as was the start of a new series by John E. Johns on pressed glass bottles. Also next time you can expect an article from South America by Alfredo Spinelli and all our old regulars...or new regulars as the case may be.

As I said above, 1981 is off to a good start and is going to be a great year for minis!

--DMS--

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Our Cover

Pictured for you on the cover this time is the first miniature bottle issued by the Old Commonwealth Company of Louisville, Kentucky. Only 4,800 of these were shipped to West Virginia in October and they've disappeared quickly. The min is an exact replica of the famous fifth size Coal Miner sold only in West Virginia in 1975...a mere 21,000 of those were sold in forty-eight hours!

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Old, Odd, or Unusual

by James A. Triffon

I have some new and unusual bottles for you this time. My apologies for the photographs, as they are a little dark. I am still working and experimenting on this particular problem in black and white photography, and those of you yho have done any of this type of photography know exactly what I mean.

To get on with my article this time. I will start with an unusually named bottle. "SCORPION POISON." This bottle is 4 1 2" (11, 5 cm) tall of standard shape and clear glass. The contents are 50 ml of 80 proof Tequila. distilled by Tequila Cuervo, S. A. Mexico, imported and bottled by Heublein, Inc. There is a great label to go along with the name. It is gold color background, all black letters, and shaded red in the upper left hand corner. On the right side there is an outline drawing of a scorpion in copper color. On the bottom of the label, in black letters are the words - "not for sale." This bottle was a gift to attendees at an electronics convention where John Sullivan received the bottle and passed it on.

Next bottle is unusual in shape and contents. It is a little taller than normal, being 5 3/16" (13.2 cm) and 50 ml-46 proof - of melon liqueur. This is a product of Japan. Suntory Limited in Osaka and Tokyo. The bottom half of the bottle is square and molded to look and feel like an ice cube with a round, tapered top half. The bottle is clear glass with the contents an emerald green. A very nice bottle for any collection and currently available in almost all states which sell minis.

The third bottle in this photo is rather short, being 3 5/8" (9.3 cm) tall, "Lemonier Liqueur." an Italian import. This liqueur is made from natural lemon peel or 74 proof and 25 ml capacity. It is embossed around the base with the words "F. Bisleri - Milano." The bottle is clear glass, round with a tapered, round slender neck. The label is in shades of gold, yellow and bronze, outlined in gold foil.

The next four are new, odd and un-



usual. They are all scotch whiskies from Germany (courtesy of Frank Gerlack). I will not give any description or definition of scotch, as this has been written by experts in the field.

The first two are identical in size and shape. They are 4 9 16" (11.7 cm) tall, and 40 ml capacity. They are flat bottles with both sides curved in and a slender, round neck, of clear glass. The bottle on the left is "Golden King" 5 year, original Scotch Whisky, 75 proof. The label is black, white and gold in color.

The bottle on the right is "Old Crack-man" blended Scotch Whisky. 12 year in 75 proof. The label has a white back-ground with the lettering in red, black and gold colors.

My next bottle is a standard round,



clear glass, 4 3 4" (12.1 cm) with a blue cap. This is white scotch whisky named "Carnaby Street" with no proof or capacity listed. It is distilled by the Longman Bonding Co. Ltd. Glasgow. The label is multi-colored with a picture of a Highlander or Clansman in the center.

Last, but not least, is a rather small bottle in height and capacity and diameter. The bottle is 3 13 16" (9.7 cm) tall. This is named "Scotty" and contains 75 proof blended Scotch Whisky. It is a clear glass cylinder with a gold and black cap. The label is multi-colored with a predominant white background and a Scotsman in the center.

These last four bottles I would consider quite rare in this country and a great addition to any collection.



COGNAC by Fred Jenkins

The Romans were responsible for the starting of grape growing and wine making in the Charente Region of France when they invaded France and brought with them cuttings of the white grape wines.

In the 15th century using an Alambic (an onion space pot still) the Moors had left behind some five centuries before, the vintners began to distill their white wines and use the product for export and trade. The Dutch really liked this new distilled product and called it Brandewijn, which meant burnt wine. The name evolved to finally become Brandy.

Early French alchemists thought alcohol had magical powers, such as to prolong life, and the distilled product the French vintners made was as clear as water; so that the term Eau de Vie or water of life was given to the product they made.

In 1579 the Chevalier De La Croix Marrion, or the Knight of the Brown Cross, discovered the process of double distillation and began to age his Eau de Vie in wooden barrels. This was the beginning of what we know today as Cognac, Cognac is the name of a small town located in the very heart of the Charente Region, and lent its name to the famous product. By the 18th century, everyone wanted the Brandy from Cognac.

At the time Cognac was becoming very popular, other countries started coming out with their own version of the product. The Germans called theirs Kognak; the Spanish called its Coñac; and so on. With everyone else in on the bandwagon, it was very difficult for the consumer to tell which was the real Cognac and which was the imitation.

To clarify things for the consumer, the French government on the first of May 1909, set up laws stating that to have Cognac on the label the Brandy must have come from the natural product of white wines found in the Charente Region, and nowhere else. All other products not from this region must be called Brandy.

The region referred to as The Cog-



nac Region of France is broken down into several separate areas. The areas are as follows:

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For those who don't know, "champagne" means "fields" and these six areas make up about 2,500,000 acres of land, and are really a very small area.

After all is said and done, the main difference between Cognac and Brandy is that Brandy can be made by anyone. anywhere; however, Cognac comes only from the Natural product of the distillation of the white wines of the Charente Region.

The bottles pictured here are from Martell and Company. I am sure you have heard the name. The following is a short history of the company.

Martell's was founded by Jean Martell, who in 1715 moved from the Channel Islands and set up a business in Cognac, France, where he specialized in the Brandy trade. At that time he was exporting his product to England,

I have no idea when these two were made. The bottle on the right has an import stamp from Mexico but no Mexican stamp. Both bottles are in mint condition.

The 20 year old is from the 1930's, imported by Park & Tilford of New York. The Cordon Bleu is from the 1930's also. Cordon Bleu is one of Martell's better cognacs. The 3 Star was sold at Blum's Liquor Store in New Orleans and bottled in 1934. The VSOP has no date on it.

These are three brand new bottles sent to me recently by Martell. They are: V.S.O.P. Medallion, Cordon Bleu, and 3 Star.











Holland, Germany, Scandanavia, and the Channel Islands.

When he died in 1753, he left a growing business to his wife. In 1767, she took her two sons, Jean and Frederic, into a partnership. After her death in 1786, the two sons formed their company - Jean et Frederic Martell - which was again shortened in 1807 to J. et F. Martell as the label reads today.

Martell's is still family-owned and has been handed down from one generation to the next. I thank them for the bottles I am showing in this article and the assistance they have given me in researching their Cognac product. Unfortunately, they were unable to supply us with the information as to when they first started using miniatures.

DUG PICKING'S

BROTHEL SERIES

These "Houses" are legal in our great State, some in the same old historic buildings and mines where they were 100 years ago. These old mining towns were rough places then and they still are today. Things have the hand much.

Our decanters all have a reason, the places are known for certain things. The "Moonlight Ranch" out of Carson City has a big moon for a sign sitting in the sagebrush off Highway 50 East. The "Shamrock" in Lathrop Wells has shamrocks painted all over it. Traveling between Las Vegas and Reno you can't miss it. In the old mining town of Mina, the "Lucky Strike" is said to be the oldest in the State. "Billies Day-N-Night" has alot of black ladies in Sodaville which is an old town like Mina.

"Fran's Ranch" in Beatty has a six passenger Beach Craft on the airstrip near the road. Six men forgot to put the wheels down but made it safely when they landed. Coming to "Janies Ranch" in Queens, we find it at the bottom of Nevada's tallest peak, Boundary Peak. "La Belle's" in Lovelock has the prettiest old bar in the West. "Bobbies Buckeye Bar" in Tonopah is in the old Buckeye Mine where they took out silver and are still sitting on gold. Today Tonopah is the busiest mining town in the West. The "Stardust" in Elv is where the MX is going strong, so wait until you see that one. "Joe Conforte's Mustang Ranch" is a mustang bottle and (I hope) pictured here. 'Club Mona Lisa" in Elkohas the oldest bar in the State and the bottle will feature a girl. just sitting on that piano. "Patcia's Hacienda" in Wells has ... well, wait until you see that Mexican Hacienda and the senorita!

These are all limited edition decanters from the best known "Houses" in the State of Nevada! --D. P.--



On the Mustang, the map is underneath the bottle. The Conforte's Mustang Bridge Ranch is 15 miles outside Reno on I 80. It's the largest "House" in the State with 55 "operators". Here, Sally Conforte's the Boss!

Patcia's is in Wells, Nevada, on U.S. I 80 near the Utah border, Beside I 80 at the railroad tracks leaving town, you'll see the old "Hacienda" where the "Cowboys" hang out. PATCIA'S HACIENDA KOBY'S Kollectable Kolumn

by Bob Koby











In a previous article, I promised to show some more Arrow minis. Because the following twelve Old Mr. Boston are the last ones I've had, I'll show more Arrow in a future issue. So as to give the art director more space to show these bottles, I'll forego a long description and let you all enjoy these minis. Until next time. --R. K. --





BEAUTIES FROM THE ORIENT

The four unusual and attractive pieces that I will attempt to describe this issue are from Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. Again, the problems of black and white photography continue to plague me, so please bear with me!

My first offering is a truly unique bit of merchandising. It is a replica of the SST Concorde in flight. The bottle is a true miniature, as all the bottles are in this series, but the overall size of this piece is quite large. The length is almost 13" and the height 7 1 2" with the wingspan at 5 1/2". This is a Remy Martin bottle of Cognac V.S.O.P. in dark green glass of 80 proof and 1/16 pt, in capacity, I would consider this a standard cognac bottle in size and content. The stand or display for the bottle is bright red plastic with the words Remy Martin embossed or in raised letters both front and back in bright gold. The Concorde is white plastic with the words Remy Martin in bright gold letters. Just behind the cockpit and on the tail in the same bright gold is a logo of Pegasus. There is a bright red stripe running the length of the airplane through the window section. The airplane has a lot of nice detail molded in and has excellent proportion and scale. This one is sold only in Singapore and is wroth searching out.

The next two pieces are lamp replicas. The first one is a tall Hurricane lantern in plastic and glass. This lantern is 9 1/4" tall and 4" wide including the handle, or 2 3/4" in diameter without the handle. The bottle is Ye Monks Scotch Whisky, 86 proof and 48 ml capacity in clear glass. The main body of part of the lamp is a molded plastic in a marbled amber color. The top of the lamp actually contains a candle in a glass, amber-colored shade. A superb replica in design, color, size and proportion.



My third entry this month is a Courvoisier lamp. The bottle is Courvoisier Cognac in dark green glass with the proof and capacity unknown. The lamp is 7" tall and has a lamp shade width or diameter of 4 1/4". This is again a molded plastic design in superb detail and color. The base is brown with an engraved filigree detail molded into it and has three bright gold bands to accent the color. The wire from the base to the shade is in bright gold, square twist, in one piece. The lamp shade is a remarkable bit of work. It is plastic, with the look and feel of engraved hammered and burnished copper. This one comes to us from Hong Kong.

My last, but not least, is a carving of a bear. The bottle is Nikka Whisky - G&G. It is of clear glass, oval shape and 50 ml capacity with 86 proof. The holder for this bottle is 4 1 '2" tall, 4 3/4" wide and 2 3/4" deep. It is of hardwood, carved into the shape and look of a bear. There has been a dark brown stain and then lacquer applied to give it glass. I am sure there must be a story here of some kind in Japanese lore or legend, but I do not have any knowledge of same.

As in previous articles, a truly unique and unusual group, available only in the Orient and worth the effort and money to obtain.

Next issue, another look into the fascinating bottles of the Orient.

--J. T. --









HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I have just called to see what will be new for the first part of 1981 and they told me the first one would probably be the Ruffed Grouse. That threw me until I looked it up in the bird book. I think all grouse are pretty much the same as to their habits, but the Ruffed Grouse is quite a pretty bird - lots of color - and certainly different than the Sage Grouse already out.

Next is the Banded Mallard and hopefully David has a picture as it was pictured in the last PBR. Then the Badger Family and then the Bobcat with Chipto be 1800 Ruffed Grouse, 2400 each of the Banded Mallard and Badger Family and 1800 Bobcat with Chipmunk.

Last time we got the Bullrider and don't forget that is a very low mintage bottle with only 1200 pieces. The Easter Eagle almost waited for next Easter but was worth the wait. We also had the Dahl Sheep (lots of good comments on that one) and the Woodduck plaque Ithink is great. I have seen the Desert Sheep in miniature so I am sure that is one that we will get in the near future. (Ed. note: The bottle was recently issued.) Since there are four different ones in that series, don't let one get by.

I have been promised pictures, so

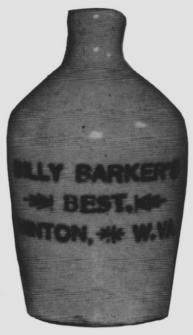


maybe I can get them in in time before the next issue goes to press. I am sure there will be something to please every-

one - everything but the price! They keep getting higher, but the quality is so good, how can you resist? --RJ--







To begin with, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year!

You may remember that in the Nov-Dec issue, my article consisted of blown glass animals from Bob Koby, and you may recall me saying that we would follow with old whiskies. However, let's deviate for some issues to some old jugs...favorites of mine.

As you may know, jugs were given out as samples, either as gifts for advertisement or to customers, during the period of 1890-1910. Most are of oatmeal color and/or oatmeal and brown combination. The writing is usually

dark blue, under a glaze. It is clear to see they were hand made. Some of the earlier ones could be described as being made of "pottery," "crock," or "clay"; colored of dark brown with inscribed lettering.

Jugs contained a variety of whiskey, cider, vinegar, mineral water, and even mercury.

The two jugs pictured are from the Union Liquor Co., Hinton, West Virginia, which obviously contained whiskey and Billy Barker's Best, also from Hinton, West Virginia.

Next time, more jugs. -- V. V. --



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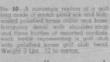






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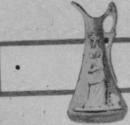
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