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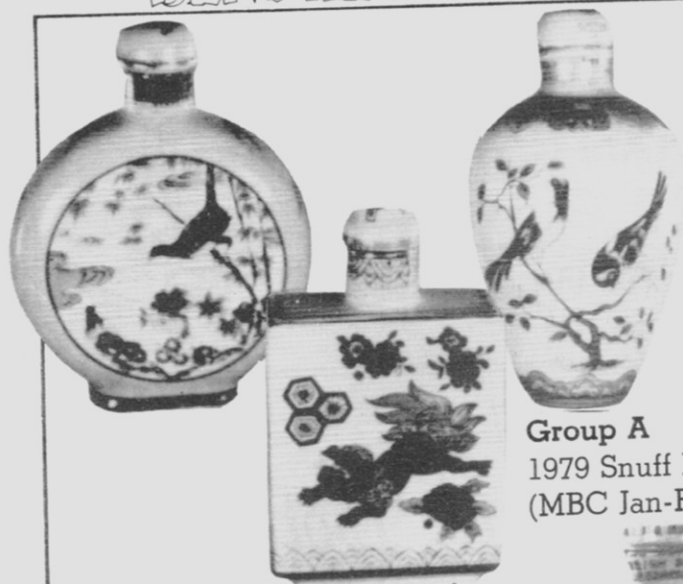
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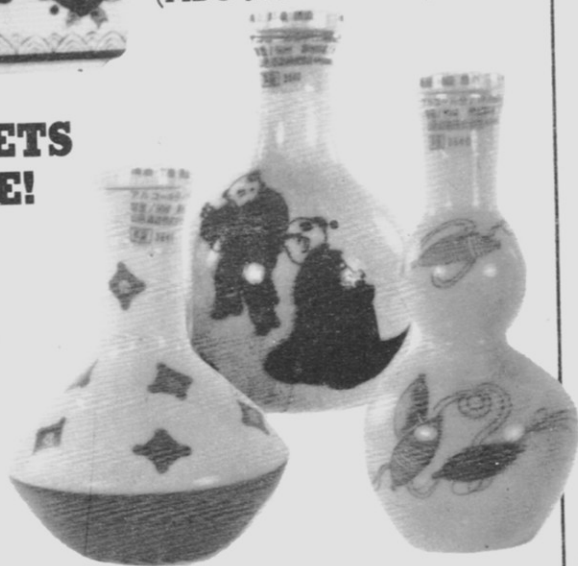
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Let's Talk

Good news! Many of you will already know, but for those who don't, Pennsylvania is now finally selling some minis in their state stores. Yes, they are in groups and you might have to buy a few more than you'd possibly planned on, but they are available. And that, as the saying goes, is a foot in the door. A large part of this I'm certain is due to the activities of Bill Johnston who wouldn't take "no" for an answer and just didn't give up in the face of those incredible bureaucratic odds.

Speaking of Bill, check out the ad on p. 26 as the Del-Val Show is always held at Bill's in Skippack. Some of you won't get this issue in time to read the ad before the show (thanks to our lovely mail delivery) but if you do and you can make it to Skippack...you owe it to yourself. Likewise the shows in Chicago and Los Angeles.

This time most of your favorites are here and whoever is missing should be returning shortly. Jim Triffon has been working on lists and is now attempting to master a computer so when he does, the Miniature Book of Lists will be forthcoming.

Bob Kay is back with us this issue with some absolutely incredible beers from Wisconsin. Frank Gerlach has "pride" in his selections this time, and we even have the results of last year's "what do you collect" poll. Ada Felske will be back with us in the May-June issue and there will also be information on a new bottle price guide book to be available this summer.

See you in the spring!

--DMS--

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Our Cover

The cover this time features the newest of the Hoffman National Collectors Club bottles. This is Mister Salesman and as before, he's an exclusive for the club members. In the miniature line this is the eighth offering made to the members. The previous piece was the Mr. Lucky Backbar piece with the leprechaun's arm around a straight glass bottle. Rumor has it that Hoffman will issue a very limited supply of straight whiskies, also.

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DAY SEVEN
Motorcoach GRASMERIE OBAN via DUMFRIES, stop for shopping and visit Sterling Castle. Evening: Dinner at hotel Great Western

DAY EIGHT
OBAN. Full day excursion to include Loch Ness and part of the "Whiskey Trail", stopping at the distilleries of Glenfiddich or Glenlivet as well

as the towns of Tomintoul and Dufftown for mini shopping. Evening dinner at hotel.

DAY NINE
AM leisure in Oban for last minute shopping. PM Motorcoach OBAN AYR via Loch Lomond. Evening: farewell dinner at hotel - Caledonian.

DAY TEN
Motorcoach Ayr PRESTWICK airport to LONDON HEATHROW airport. Catch TWA flight #701 leaving 3:30pm arriving NYC 6:05pm EST.

For a complete description of this incredible tour, write to Lee Weiss care of Global Network Travel (address at bottom). Better yet, send her your \$100 deposit because space is limited to only 40 collectors. And, we all know there are more than 40 dyed-in-the-wool Scotch collectors around...for them this trip is a must! We leave July 29, 1982, so don't delay.

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MINIATURE by Bob Kay BEERS



Wisconsin has always been a big beer producing state and, as such, it represents a fertile hunting ground for mini beers. MBB has catalogued ninety-seven different glass miniature beer bottles which represent Wisconsin beers. Because there were so many I couldn't cover them all in this article. I am omitting Blatz, Pabst, and Miller bottles altogether and covering only a few Schlitz bottles in order to concentrate on some of the less well known Wisconsin brands.

The Gettleman Brewing Company was located in Milwaukee. Three Gettleman mini beers are pictured: Gettleman \$1000 and Gettleman Rathskeller Beer in both tall and medium sizes. The medium size is relatively scarce. All of the bottles are about 30 years old. The miniature Gettleman labels were even

produced on the same type of paper that the full-size bottles used. The \$1000 Beer used foil paper while the Rathskeller Beer used plain paper. As is the case with virtually all other mini beers, these miniature labels are quite authentic reproductions of their full-size counterparts.

The Jos. Schlitz Brewing Company of Milwaukee was quite proud of their Schlitz Palm Garden display at the 1939 Worlds Fair in New York. Among the souvenirs available at the fair were the mini beers pictured here. Wooden mini bottle openers with the same label were also available. There were at least two sizes in both the glass bottles and the wooden openers. All used the same decal label. These souvenirs apparently were produced in relatively small quantities as they are extreme-



ly scarce today. Most Worlds Fair collectors have neither seen nor heard of these mini bottles from the 1939 New York Worlds Fair. The body label is similar to the old brown label used by Schlitz except along the top edge it says, "Schlitz Palm Garden Souvenir" in small print. At a casual glance these minis look somewhat like the more common Schlitz minis. But be sure to read the neck label. On the souvenir bottles it says "1939 Worlds Fair--New York". These bottles are by far the most difficult of the Schlitz minis available.

The Kingsbury Breweries Company of Sheboygan, WI, went out of business in 1962. Around 1952-56 two mini beers were produced. Each contained the same Kingsbury Pale Beer decal label. This label was applied to both tall size (4 1/4 inch) and medium size (4 inch) bottles. The Kingsbury Breweries Co. also had a brewery in Manitowoc, WI, and this brewery boasts a different set of minis from around the same period. Although the brand name, Kingsbury Pale Beer, is the same, the Manitowoc yellow-paper label is quite different from the Sheboygan decal label. Of the two versions, the Sheboygan mini is the hardest to find today.

The Mathie-Ruder Brewing Co. of Wausau, WI, went out of business in 1955. These four minis represent Mathie Ruder's leading brand, Red Ribbon Beer. Two different label styles were used. One pictures a cavalier holding a mug of beer while the second shows a picture of the Mathie-Ruder Brewery. This pair is often found as a salt/pepper set in miniature. As mini bottles go, they are scarce. The 3 1/4 inch stubby miniature with the factory scene label is the only one of its kind known in collectors' circles. The other bottle with the cavalier on it is somewhat of a mystery. The label appears to be smudged but is clearly a much larger version than the first cavalier label. I can only guess that this is an earlier version although it, too, is the only one known of this type. All of the Red Ribbon bottles have decal labels and are excellent additions to a mini beer collection. As these mini beers were produced in the early '30's, they are now almost 50 years old!

The Mineral Spring Brewing Co. of Mineral Point, WI, was a small brewery which closed in 1960. The two mini

beers pictured were produced to commemorate their Centennial Special label. The neck label dates the occasion, 1852-1952.

The G. Heileman Brewing Co. of LaCrosse, WI, is still very much alive today. The tall bottle pictured, Heileman's Old Style Lager Beer, was produced around 1936 and is a very authentic reproduction of the 1936 full size bottle. Today it's quite rare. The medium size bottle is somewhat controversial because it may be a fake. Most collectors now believe that this label was cut out of a full size bottle label or other advertising material of about the right size. Several such bottles were found, but curiously, the label sizes vary from bottle to bottle. At the time I wrote the book I wasn't sure, now I'm convinced it's a fake.

The Two Rivers Beverage Co. of Two Rivers, WI, was another relatively small Wisconsin brewery that finally closed in 1966. The Golden Drops Lager Beer pictured was produced about 1936. This label is really outstanding due to its vivid colors. Unfortunately the colors were so bright they faded easily--thus top-grade bottles are hard to find. The White Cap Beer is also from the Two Rivers Beverage Co. It was produced around 1950. The Golden Drops label is a decal label while the White Cap label is a paper label. Both are authentic reproductions of their full-size counterparts and both are quite scarce.

The Hochgreve Brewing Co. of Green Bay, WI, closed in 1949. The Hochgreve Special Beer pictured was produced around 1936. This decal label is just as attractive and even more elusive than the Golden Drops bottle. Obviously it represents a choice addition to any collection.

The Potosi Pure Malt Beer is from the Potosi Brewing Co., of Potosi, WI. This brewery closed in 1972, although the label shown on the mini beer was produced around 1936. This bottle represented somewhat of a surprise in mini beer circles as it remained undiscovered until around 1974-75. Since then between 10 and 20 bottles have surfaced. It is a colorful decal label and a difficult bottle to locate in better condition.

The William Jung Products Co. of Random Lake, WI, produced the Jung





Old Country Beer shown next to the Potosi. This is also a very colorful decal label of 1936 vintage and is also a rare bottle, not easily found by collectors.

The Fox Head Brewing Co. of Waukesha, WI, produced the Fox Head 400 Beer brand. A miniature version of it is shown next to the Jung bottle. It's a foil label and used to be considered a choice addition to any collection. Unfortunately, a large number of unused labels has surfaced--as reported previously in this column. Hence, the labels are now readily available for the application to any available bottle. A few 4 inch versions were found before the cache of labels surfaced.

The last bottle pictured is from the Million's Brewery, Inc. of New Lisbon, WI. This brewery closed in 1940, not long after the label shown on the bottle was produced. The Million's

Wisconsin Select mini beer is quite a rare bottle.

If you get the idea that most of the mini beers discussed in this article are rare -- you're right! There are so many mini beers from Wisconsin I just didn't have space to cover the more common ones.

'Til next time. --Bob Kay--

MINI BEER NEWS

Quite a good selection of mini beers were offered in the most recent Brau Haus mail bid auction which closed on January 29, 1982. Some of the better bottles auctioned included: Patrick Henry, Manhattan, Manru Lager, Old Craft Brew, Primo, Camden Pilsner (stubby), Southern Select, Pennsy, Hulls and Fauerbach. I understand the bidding was brisk with at least one bottle going for over \$200.

A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



"Name your poison." These words were often used by bartenders in the saloons of Boozeville. Whiskey was somehow associated with poison and yet there is one china jug labeled like this: "Meredith's Diamond Club Pure Rye Whisky" and "Expressly for Medical Use". This one came out about 1890 from East Liverpool, Ohio.

The bottles shown here are two of the many poison types. They were whiskey giveaways. The figural skeleton was made in Germany. It is all brown and white and printed "Poison Noble H. Lovering, Watsonville, Cal". These German ones are hard to find,

especially with "compliments of..." There are two or three types like this made in Japan, but they are definitely not as well made.

The other bottle is a four inch pocket flask made in Japan. It shows a skeleton in a sitting position and wearing a black robe. There is a gold colored cross on top of the skull. The skeleton is on a green background with "Poison" written at the bottom.

Your liver can process about one ounce of booze every half hour...so, what the heck, I'll have another double poison!

--L. M. --



SCOT'S PRIDE

by Frank Gerlach

In late 1981, the firm of Gordon & Macphail in Elgin, Scotland, issued a most interesting set of four Scotch bottles. This is a malt scotch collection with each miniature showing a typical picture from the area it represents. Each bottle contains 80 proof

(40% by volume) 12 year old malt and as shown comes in a tartan carton. From left to right, the bottles are: Pride of Orkney, Pride of the Lowlands, Pride of Strathspey, and Pride of Islay.

--F. N. G.--

JAPANESE WHISKIES

We've had a good many lists in the past and this one is certainly not too lengthy; however, it has represented a good deal of work to compile. It was first given to me in late summer 1981 and then I was reminded of it again recently. Dr. Takasi Funabiki of Kobe, Japan, was instrumental in the compilation, but additions have also been made.

Many bottles are current, while others have been discontinued. However, being discontinued doesn't necessarily mean gone forever as the Nikka Hi and Hi Hi point out. These two

brand names seem to have played leap frog over the past few years.

Naturally there are omissions but those are mainly small label variations. Some oddballs which are also not included are a Tory's Whiskey manufactured under license in Mexico and a rubber bottle of number 46. Yes, a rubber bottle... same interesting bottle shape, same labels, etc.

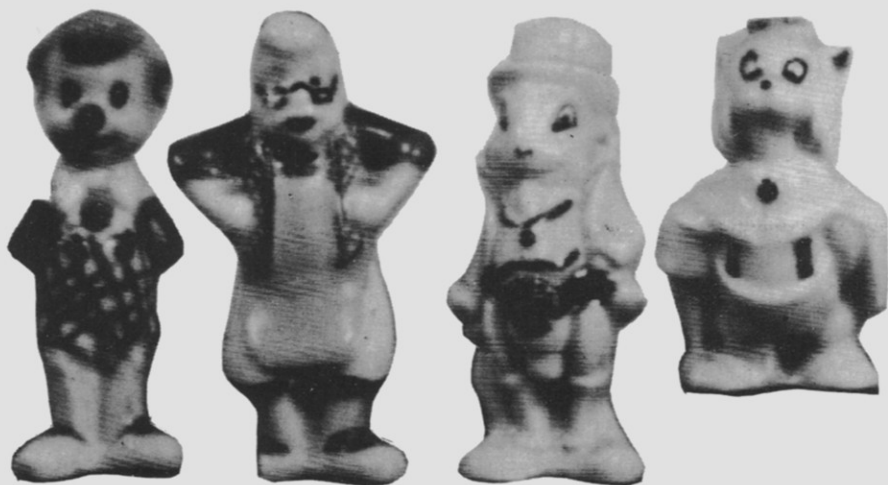
One final point. For those of you who don't already have it, the Suntory Royal SR (#68) has been discontinued and the only available ones are in the stores.

1. ALICE Merit	Rectangular	84	Taihei Joza Co.
2. ALICE	"	84	"
3. ALICE V. O. A.	"	86	"
4. ALICE White	Round	84	"
5. ALICE Very Old	Square	84	"
6. OCEAN Very Rare Old	Decanter	?	Daikoku Budoshu Co.
7. OLD OCEAN Very Rare	Square	86	Sanraku-Ocean Co.
8. OLD OCEAN 12 Yr.	Slightly Round	86	"
9. OCEAN OLD Special Old	"	86	"
10. OCEAN SP	"	86	"
11. OCEAN BRIGHT	Square	78	"

12. J. B. A. Jupiter	"	?	Toyce-Shuzo Co.
13. J. B. A. Ace	Round	?	"
14. SUNLUCK	Square	?	Sanraku-Shuzo Co.
15. GOLDEN HORSE	Round	84	Toa-Shuzo Co.
16. GOLDEN HORSE Symphony	"	86	"
17. ROBERT BROWN	"	86	Kirin-Seagram Ltd.
18. SENDAI	Round	80	Nikka Whisky Dist
19. SILVER FOX	Round	74	Toa-Shuzo Co.
20. MOROZOFF White	Round	80	Morozoff-Shuzo
21. MONDE Crystal 3 1/2	Decanter	80	Monde-Shuzo
22. MONDE Crystal 4 5/8	"	80	"
23. NIKKA G & G Taketsuru Blend	Oval	86	Nikka Whisky Dist
24. NIKKA G & G White	"	86	"
25. NIKKA G & G Black	"	86	"
26. NIKKA G & G	"	86	"
27. NIKKA G & G	Jug	86	"
28. SUPER NIKKA Rare Old	Pear	86	"
29. SUPER NIKKA	"	86	"
30. SUPER NIKKA (different label)	"	86	"
31. SUPER NIKKA (20 ml size)	"	86	"
32. HI NIKKA	Square	78	"
33. HI NIKKA Deluxe	"	78	"
34. NIKKA Bear	"	78	"
35. NIKKA Rare Old	"	78	"
36. HI HI NIKKA Black Print	"	78	"
37. HI HI NIKKA Red Print	"	78	"
38. OLD NIKKA	"	?	"
39. OLD NIKKA (different label)	"	?	"
40. BLACK NIKKA	"	84	"
41. WHITE NIKKA	"	84	"
42. GOLD NIKKA	"	86	"
43. NIKKA NORTHLAND	Round	78	"
44. NIKKA NORTHLAND Special Grade	Square	86	"
45. NIKKA KINGSLAND	Decanter	86	"
46. SUNTORY Rare Old Island	Round	?	Kotobukiya
47. SUNTORY Old Rye Whisky	"	?	"
48. SUNTORY Finest Old	Oval	?	Suntory Ltd.
49. OLD SUNTORY Extra Special	"	86.8	"
50. SUNTORY OLD Imported	"	86.8	"
51. SUNTORY OLD Finest Old	"	86	"
52. SUNTORY OLD Very Rare Old	"	86	"
53. SUNTORY OLD Special Quality	"	86	"
54. SUNTORY SPECIAL	Decanter	86	"
55. SUNTORY SPECIAL Very Rare Old	"	86	"
56. SUNTORY SPECIAL Genuine Quality	"	86	"
57. SUNTORY WHISKY Red	Round	?	"
58. SUNTORY WHISKY Red	"	78	"
59. SUNTORY WHISKY White	"	80	"
60. SUNTORY RED	Square	86	"
61. SUNTORY RED (different label)	"	86	"
62. SUNTORY RED Extra	"	86	"
63. SUNTORY SPECIAL RESERVE	Round	86	"
64. SUNTORY GOLD	Square	84	"
65. SUNTORY GOLD (different label)	"	84	"
66. SUNTORY GOLD BLEST	"	84	"
67. SUNTORY ROYAL 60	Rectangular	86	"
68. SUNTORY ROYAL SR	"	86.8	"
69. SUNTORY CUSTOM	Round	84	"
70. SUNTORY RAWHIDE	"	86	"

SMALL TALK

John E. Johns

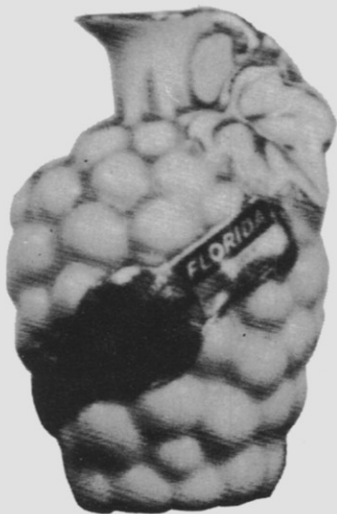
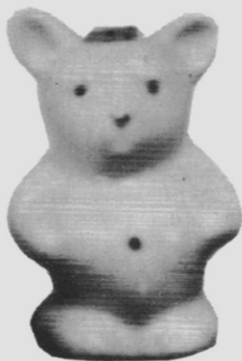


Greetings to Everyone! This time I want to show a series of miniatures made as authentic reproductions of the characters in Walt Disney's motion picture, Pinocchio. This set made by Manhattan is genuine china and comes in painted and unpainted characters. There are ten different bottles in the set and they contain non-alcoholic cordials.

The set consists of Pinocchio, Geppetto, Jiminy Cricket, Giddy, and Figaro, all of which I remember from the movie. However, the next five:

Sitting Elephant, Standing Elephant, Duck, Polar Bear, and Teddy Bear are also considered part of the set but I cannot remember them from the movie. Of course, I did see the movie many years ago. Though I like the entire set, Jiminy Cricket is my favorite. I sure would like to see a painted one.

The last two Manhattans are a jug representing a bunch of grapes and a figural of a football. I hope you enjoyed seeing them and until next time, happy collecting! --J. E. J. --



Pineau des Charentes

by Joe Levesque

CHARENTES is a region on the Eastern coast of France, about 90 miles north-east of Bordeaux. COGNAC, the number one brandy throughout the world, can only be made within the delimited borders of the Charente region. The French Government has bestowed upon it an "APPELLATION CONTROLLE" Classification, and by law, the French Government controls and guarantees the origin of the product.

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For almost 400 years, PINEAU has been the favorite drink of the natives of the Charente district of France. Each producer takes special pride in his Pineau, and it comes in White, Rose, and Red. The red is better as an aperitif; the white with seafood; and the rose as an after-dinner drink.

A few of the larger Cognac firms export PINEAU and you will see it occasionally in this country, but most of the PINEAU is produced under proprietary labels.

Reproduced here is an excellent PROPRIETARY LABEL. You have the designation of contents in larger type; the Appellation Controlle classification; an illustration of the producers residence or trademark; the name of

the producer; his exact functions or title; owner and harvester; and his address. This label is for a 70 centiliter bottle; and the alcoholic contents is 18 degrees or 18% by volume, which makes it 36 American Proof.

The labels on the miniatures are not as flamboyant as on the 70cl bottles, and the minis are produced mostly as samples for the local fair, or for "best customers". One of the minis is for export to Germany because Mr. Robert has several outlets for his products there. These minis are 4.5cl.

Mr. Jean Robert is the owner of the ancestral farm, vineyard and distillery a few miles outside Cognac, France. He was most cordial in his welcome and invited me in his own private kitchen and allowed me to taste several of his Pineaus. I was so impressed that if this product were available in the U.S., it would be my nightly nightcap. Besides being a master blender of Pineau, Mr. Robert is a good businessman. By converting the bulk of his grape harvest into Pineau immediately, he has very little Cognac to distill and warehouse for years in barrels. As long as he is able to maintain his blending skills, he is assured of his continued clientele.

I classify my PINEAU minis along with my COGNACS because they are bottled by the same firms; Pineau has the same geographical delimitation as Cognac; and Pineau contains at least 1/3 Cognac.

--Joseph Levesque--



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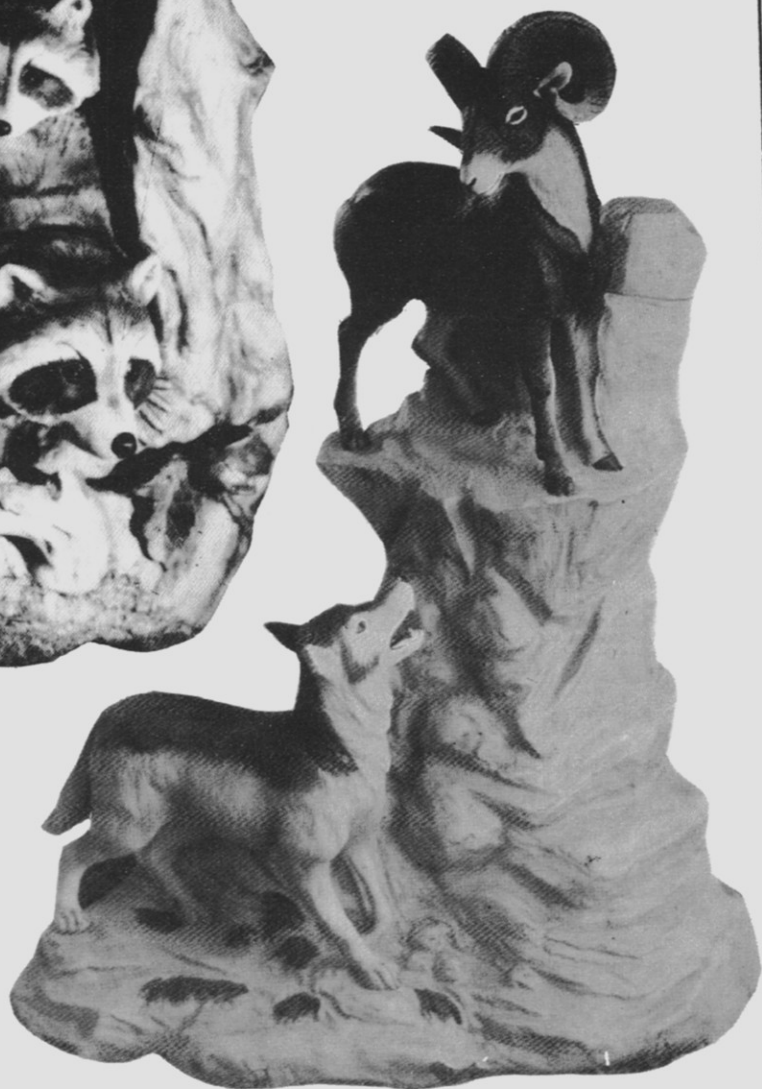
There are a good many things to talk about this month. In the not too distant past we've had the Mountain Sheep and the Stone Sheep (the last two in the Grand Slam Series) as well as the Canvasback. Now several bottles are making their appearances.

The White Tailed Deer and the mini Fighting Gamecocks have just been issued and while the Deer is up to the usual high standards, the Gamecocks is a superior, magnificent piece of workmanship. It should disappear very quickly.

The mini Raccoon Plaque seems to

have hit a snag with a cork problem so you'll get an update on them when more is known. Coming next then will either be the Barrel Rider (or Racer) and it will be a very low mintage, so to have a complete set, you might have to look around a bit. The other bottle which just might come before the Barrel Racer is the Deer Dancer. This one has been long awaited, so hopefully by the next issue, it will have arrived.

A final bit of news for this time. The Christmas bottle for this year is to be a Cedar Waxwing...wonder what it looks like?



Ski Country Guide

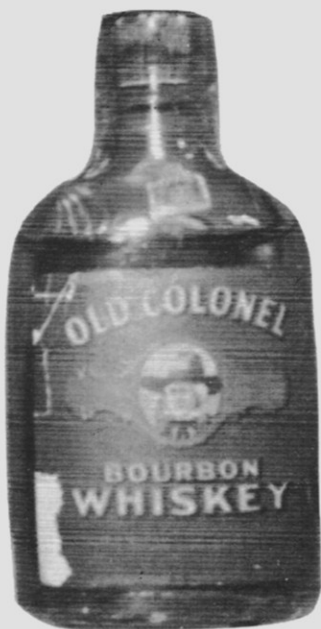


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2. SNOWY OWL
3. PEACOCK
4. GILA WOODPECKER
5. RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
6. RAM
7. LEADVILLE LADIES
9. CALIFORNIA CONDOR
10. GOLDEN EAGLE
(aka MOUNTAIN EAGLE)
11. MALLARD DUCK
12. CANADA GOOSE
13. PEACE DOVE
14. COLORADO SCHOOL OF
MINES BURRO
15. ELEPHANT 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 (Red)
40. SKIER (Blue)
41. TIGER ON A BALL
42. LION ON A DRUM
43. JENNY LIND (Blue)
44. JENNY LIND (Yellow)
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
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59. BIRTH OF FREEDOM
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PECKER
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TREASURES OF THE PAST

by Vic Visalli



Featured this month are two rather scarce bourbons, the first being Father Time by Hiram Walker and Sons, Walkerville, Canada. The label is very pale green with black and green letters outlined in gold. Somewhat of an apparition of Father Time appears in the background. The bourbon is 100 proof. This 2 ounce bottle is dated 1927.

Second is an Old Colonel of the B &

G Distillery Co., Ltd., New Westminster, British Columbia. The dark green label sports, of course, a vivid picture of a colonel in blue and black. His picture is framed in red. This bottle, of the same chubby shape as the Father Time, also contains 2 oz. and is from the same era.

See you next time. --V.V.--

THE RESULTS!

What We Collect

Almost a year ago, I received a letter and idea from Joe Levesque about the possibility of a questionnaire concerning what we collectors actually collect. This seemed like a super idea with the only drawback being whether or not replies would come in. In case you haven't noticed, collectors, like the rest of the general population, are not exactly prolific letter writers.

In any case, the questionnaire was printed and the results began arriving. It wasn't really a trickle, but it wasn't an avalanche either. Over a period of several months last year and the beginning of this year several dozen people replied. At the risk of playing with words, I'll say that the conclusions were inconclusively conclusive... or is that conclusively inconclusive? The questionnaire proved that all of us are collecting exactly what any educated guess would bring.

The overwhelming majority of people checked that they collect everything. That meant both straight glass and ceramics. Two people were almost exclusively beers (hey, Bob, guess who the other one is?), a half dozen were wild about Giveaways, and at least a third to possibly 40% wrote in that

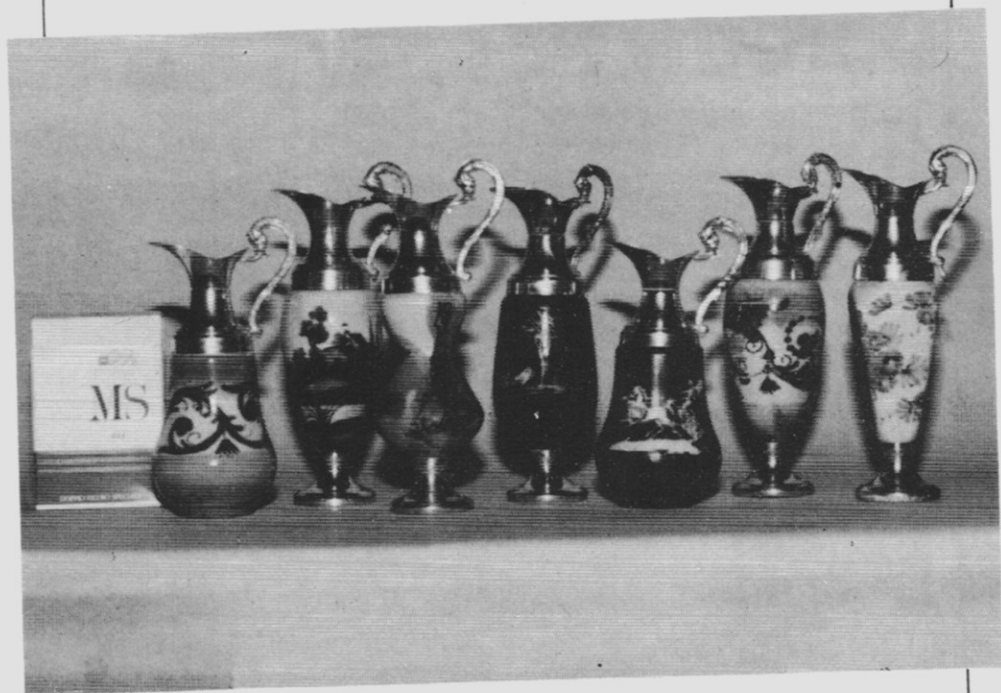
they specialized in Ski Country figurals.

There was one vermouth collector, another who was looking for coffee liqueurs, several who were after cognacs... and then there was Al Manuel. I bring up Al especially because I'm certain that you'll find his categories quite interesting. At the time when his reply was written (late '81), Al had the following: 1200+ gins & figurals, 400+ vodkas & figurals, 70 blown glass, and 150 Old Mr. Bostons.

Think of that, 150 different bottles issued by Old Mr. Boston. A book could be done on simply the different miniatures from OMB. And, of course, how many of you would expect someone to have 400+ vodkas, let alone 1200+ gins?

All of this makes me think that if Al has this many interesting bottles in just a few categories, what do some others have that they aren't sharing with us? For example, I know of whiskey collectors with hundreds of bourbons or scotches and one local collector with several hundred wines. Hopefully one of these days more will be known when more and more collectors release information to which they're privy... and then we'll all benefit! --DMS--

DRIOLI



Since you've been treated to a good many new Italian bottles in the last two issues, thought it was time to present some older Italian pieces. The seven vases shown here are all from the Drioli Company which is the oldest liquor firm in Italy. These dragon-handled vases were produced in the 1950's and 1960's and today are quite scarce even in Italy. For size comparison, the MS is a package of regular size Italian cigarettes. The tops and some bases would appear to be silver but are not. It is a material called silvertine which does not tarnish. The body of each bottle is ceramic and most contain Cherry Drioli. The value of these pieces usually begins around twenty dollars each!

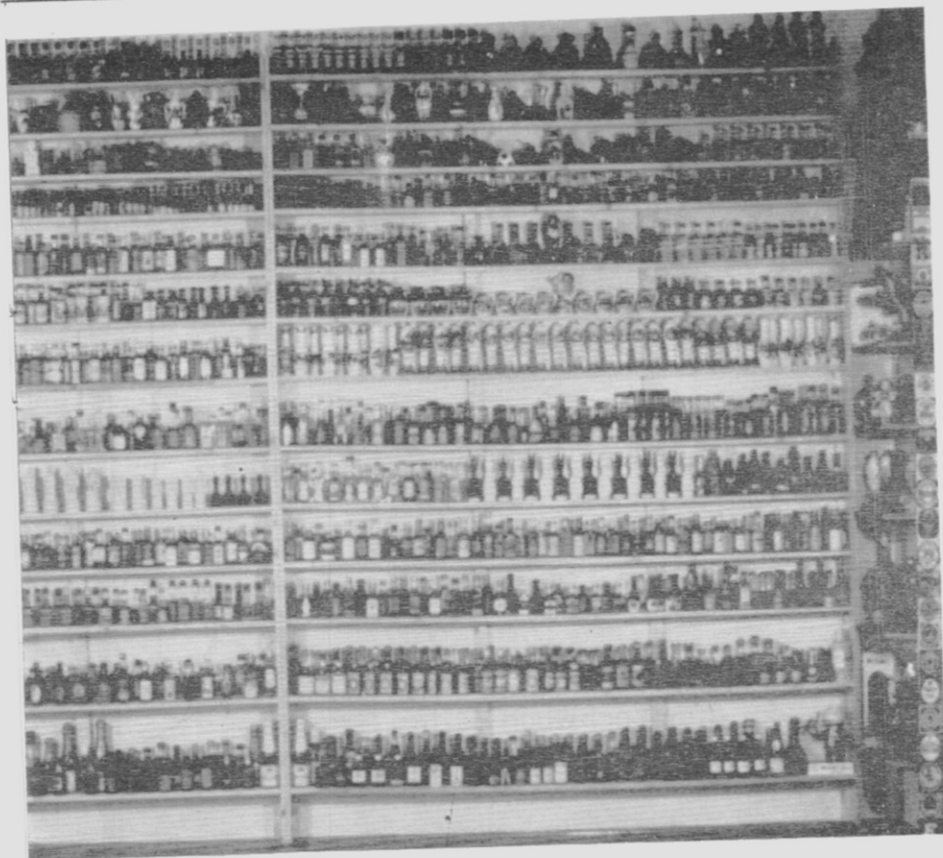
MEET THE COLLECTOR: Dorothy Hooper



Mrs. Dorothy M. Hooper's home is in "The Land of the Saints", the beautiful country of Cornwall, "just down the road" from the Mayflower Steps, Plymouth, from whence the Pilgrim Fathers (and Mothers!) set sail to discover the land of America. The lounge of Mrs. Hooper's bungalow near Saint Austell is a veritable drinker's paradise! Two of its walls are covered with shelves groaning under the weight of more than 4,000 miniatures of every kind imaginable! But here's the rub, they are all full and sealed, and Dorothy means to keep them that way! It has taken this "young 60 year old" more than 40 years, and numerous trips abroad, to build up her collection, and of course, she is still adding to it, having just this week received a new vodka from Finland, aptly called Finlandia.

Her collection surely covers all types of alcoholic beverages, except beer. "I don't like beers; I have several different Guinness miniatures, but these apart, I don't care for them." She started collecting while in her teens, but she and her husband Ralph have only been collecting in earnest for the last 10 years. In the spirits section, they have over 450 types of whiskies, 70 brands of gins, and about 60 each of rums and vodkas, and one exciting shelf holds 30 different Armagnacs. Included too, in the collection, are some very old rare ports and sheries.

Although the couple do not generally choose countries to visit on holiday in the hope of obtaining new pieces, they have done just that on a few occasions. Many of their miniatures were collected when the couple went on holidays to Europe, The Scandinavian countries



and Poland. "We were told we could get some nice miniatures in Russia, but where they were I'll never know. We were very disappointed." What they did find was a replica of the Russian Admiralty Building Pinnacle, and like the real thing, the roof has atop it a ship covered with gold leaf; needless to say, it was filled with vodka!

If a miniature size of any type of alcohol is unobtainable, then Dorothy does her utmost to get a label from a larger bottle. Her collection of thousands of labels contains many hundreds of spirits, wines and beers which have not been "on sale" for many, many years. They are all so beautiful; they cover a very large range of themes: flowers, birds, animals, land and seascapes, magnificent buildings, handsome men, and lovely ladies, to name but a few. These labels are all in mint

condition, never having seen the face of any bottle, or lain in any damp, dark cellar.

One of the commemorative pieces of last year's Royal Wedding was featured in a programme on the British Broadcasting Corporation's Television One Station in September last, when Dorothy and Ralph's collection was shown to the public. They have received many congratulatory messages, and often give talks and slide shows at various "Wine Circle" and "Any Questions" meetings up and down the country.

Dorothy Hooper hopes for an early publication of her book, "Miniature Bottles", which will be the first on this fascinating subject to be published in Great Britain.



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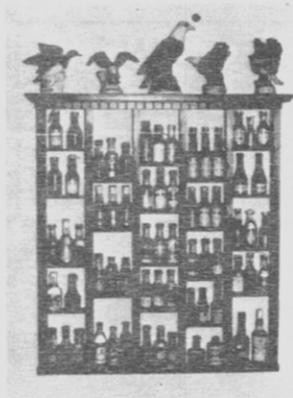
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