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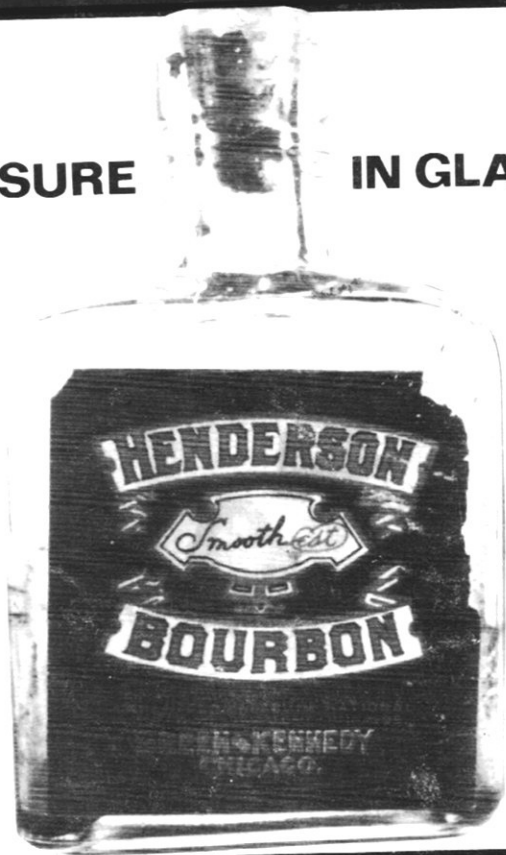
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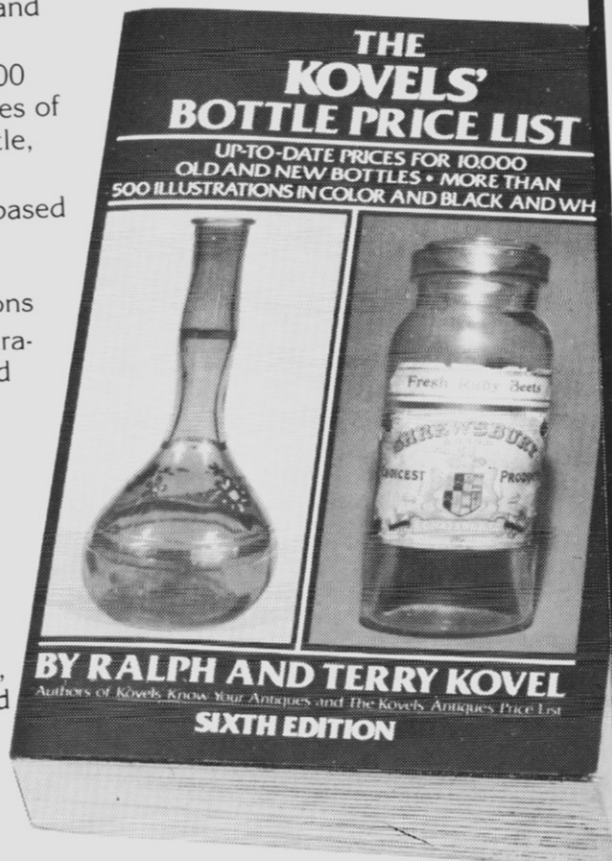
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# Let's Talk

This has been just about the busiest spring I can ever remember; however, no matter how busy I am, I always manage to squeeze in some time for the bottles. And, I'm sure you're the same way, too.

By the time you receive this issue, the Los Angeles/Lilliputian Show will be history (unless, of course, you pick this issue up at the show). As of the middle of May (now) things couldn't look better as the show tables are filling (over 40) and the Marriott informs us that the reservations continue to arrive daily. Next issue, we'll have some pictures for you.

Have you noticed that the tide seems to be running the "other" way with regard to bottles? What brought a good many collectors to miniatures were the ceramics, now the ceramic releases have become few and far between here in the U.S. at least while the straight glass collectors continue to thrive.

One reason naturally has to do with the fact that miniature glass bottles are replicas of their larger counterparts in almost all cases. However, the deciding reason today just might be financial. I can remember buying the first Ski Country Majestic Eagle mini about ten years ago and stirring up a little controversy when I wrote that \$8 was definitely too much! (Don't we all wish we could buy one today for \$8?) At that same time, straights cost approximately 50¢ to \$1.25. Today the same straights cost between a dollar and \$2.50!

Thankfully beautiful ceramics I'm certain will always remain a part of collections because we're willing to pay for quality. Interestingly though, we may have inflation to thank for the increase of straight glass collectors. --DMS--

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## Our Cover

The cover this time features a marvelous old bottle which most of us will wish we had... but Pat McMullen is the one who has it. According to Pat it was handed out in Chicago in the 1920's. In case our print job leaves something to be desired, this one is "Guaranteed under the National Pure Food Law June 30th, 1906." It was a blend made by the company of Breen & Kennedy in Chicago.

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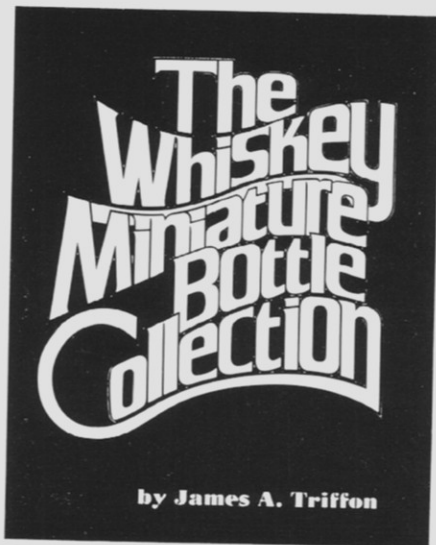
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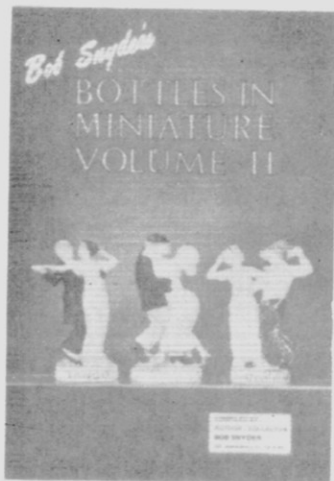
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# European Whisky Tour

by FRANK N. GERLACH

Starting in Scotland, we have a wooden barrel containing Glen Faye Scotch. It is imported only into Germany and is 7.5 cm high. Sorry but more I don't know about this one except that it's a Scotch and you may also buy in larger bottles.

The next is a very old German whisky from the Behn Distilling Company. I wrote about Behn in a previous issue. This one is blended with Scotch Malt Whisky and German Grain. It is 86 proof, 7.5 cm tall and has a black label. This one is produced and bottled in Germany.

Continuing on, our next bottle comes from Austria. It also has a black label and is called No. 1 Whisky. This one is made by Eckes Ltd. German Eckes Ltd. is a big company which also makes liqueurs and imports Ballantines, Tullamore Dew and some U.S.

Bourbons... but this one is an Austrian Whisky!

The Gold King Whisky comes from Czechoslovakia's National Dist. Ancient Style Rye Whisky is the name of this orange labeled, 11 cm tall, 70 proof mini.

Going south, in Milan, Italy, I found the Lady Killer Whisky from Montezuma Ltd. It has a white label and is 84 proof.

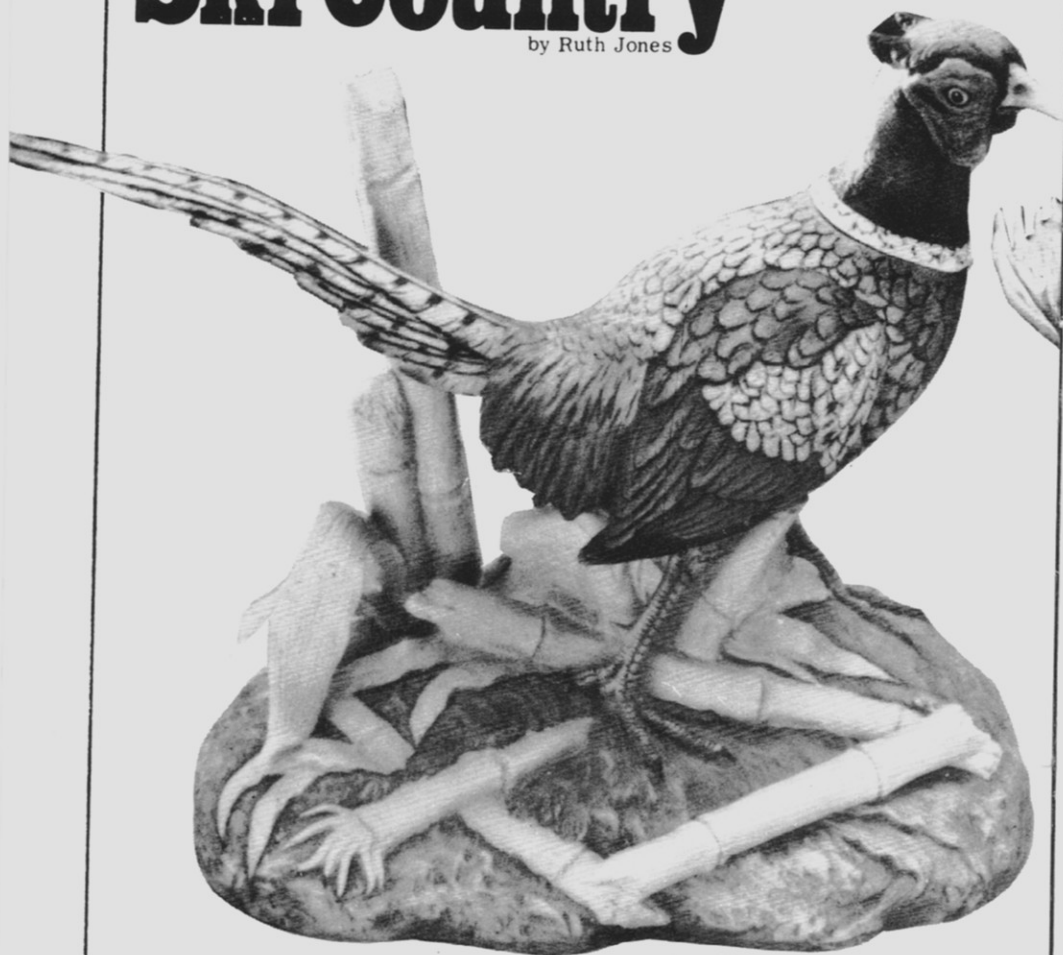
The last Scotch comes from San Marino and is called Sir Gregor. It's from the V.B. Distillery and is 80 proof with an orange and white label. The bottle is 7 cm tall.

I hope you've enjoyed these minis and I wish you good luck in finding more of these rare bottles when you come on your own European Whisky Trip.



# Ski Country

by Ruth Jones



Ski Country has come out with several new bottles. The one I like best is the Fighting Cock. Then came the Deer Dancer (made for Arizona in the larger size), and the new club bottle, the Raccoon Plaque. No full Deer Dancer bottles came to Colorado. Arizona got 600 and Colorado 600. I'm sure a good many from both states found other homes.

I was told that the Pheasant will be the next one out. I hope they wait for a while though as I'm just now enjoying the last ones. This Pheasant doesn't look anything like the first one. It has a long tail and the colors are extremely

beautiful.

The Raccoon Plaque is very well done; however, I must once again give you a reminder not to hang the bottle by the chain provided. Use fishline, or something similar, or you might find your bottle on the floor. They should leave the chains out entirely I think so there would be no chance in your temptation to use them. The bottle is so marvelous we don't want to take the chance on breakage.

You are all probably thinking of summer and vacation time now, so remember to think mini wherever you may be!

--R. J. --





# 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
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40. SKIER (Blue)
41. TIGER ON A BALL
42. LION ON A DRUM
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46. WILD TURKEY
47. CONNECTICUT ROBIN
48. MOUNTAIN GOAT
49. LIPIZZAN
50. PALOMINO
51. BABY SNOWY OWL
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53. BLUE-WINGED TEAL
54. BROWN TROUT
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57. DONKEY POLITICAL
58. ELEPHANT POLITICAL
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60. PRAIRIE CHICKEN
61. SUBMARINE
62. BROWN PELICAN
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82. WHITE FALCON
83. BARN SWALLOW
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86. SAW WHET OWL
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107. WYOMING BRONCO
108. PEREGRINE FALCON
109. WIDGEON
110. NEAR MISS
111. RIVER OTTER
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# MacGregors

of New Zealand



From New Zealand comes a most interesting and well done set of bottles. The picture is actually of the larger 750 ml size but the miniatures follow suit. The picture and information come from Miss Erica Mulder of Auckland.

All told, MacGregors has fifteen bottles you can start searching for. These include: Blue Curacao, Brandy Alexander, Original Brandy Alexander, Deer Velvet Liqueur, Kiwi Liqueur, Imported Kiwi Liqueur, Mullingar Rum Cream, New Zealand Cream Liqueur, Passion Fruit Liqueur, Clan MacGregor Grand Reserve 100% French Brandy, Clan MacGregor 100%

Scotch Whisky, Kamarilo Coffee Liqueur, Orange Curacao. All of these are similar in shape to those pictured while another Kamarilo and Kiwi are both available in flasks.

It would also appear that four of the bottles: both Brandy Alexanders, New Zealand Cream, and Mullingar are going to be on the rare side as they've been withdrawn. It seems there was a chemical reaction between the plastic bottles and an ingredient in the liqueurs.

There are a good many fascinating bottles from New Zealand and those of MacGregors are an excellent place to start your collection!

# The History of Welsh Whisky

by Roy Holden

After the short article on my own collection in the Nov-Dec edition of the M. B. C., here is the first of many articles which I promised.

Welsh Chwisgi started life as far back as the 4th century, created by a man known as Reallt Hir of Bardsey Island. The first process of distillation was in AD 356, brought to the shores of Wales by Greek merchants and early Christian monks. It was, in fact, the monasteries that continued the distillation of spirits until the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII.

The ingredients of the early brews, known as "Aqua Vitae (water of life)", was a mix of barley, yeast mold and honey fermented then distilled off to make a basic raw spirit. Aging the spirit was something yet to come. To make the spirit more palatable, the addition of herbs and honey were used, diluted in water.

The making of spirits spread to other Celtic countries of Ireland and Scotland, and "Aqua Vitae" became known as "Whisky or Whiskey", made mainly by farmers. Chwisgi was first used as a pain killer for those wounded in battle, and to give the warriors courage to go to battle in the first place. It was also considered to be a great aphrodisi-

ac by everyone!

Commercialization of whisky first took place in Ireland and shortly afterwards spread to Scotland, sometime in the early part of the 18th century. It was not until 1896 that Wales had its first large commercial distillery, situated at Bala. There had, however, been a previous attempt to distill commercially in Dale, Pembrokeshire by the Evan Williams family in 1705. Unfortunately for Wales, they emigrated to the USA and founded the Kentucky whiskey industry...hence, the great similarity to Welsh Chwisgi.

The development of Chwisgi compounding was started in 1974 by two men from Powys. The first product to come forth was Swn-y-Don (Sound of the Waves), reminiscent of its early origins in Dale. In 1978, one of the partners took over the production himself, forming a new company, and a new Chwisgi called Swn-y-Mor (Sound of the Sea) was born.

So you can see that the original Swn-y-Don is now obsolete and a collectors' item. I have some of the obsolete Swn-y-Don miniatures to spare, and would trade for like miniatures, also the current Swn-y-Mor. Collectors interested can contact me in the U.K. at Southport, PR8 1JL.

--R. H. --

# Marc of France

by Joseph Levesque



Cognac and Armagnac are the regal brandies of Europe, but there are many other brandies which are less well known to Americans. MARC (pronounced Mar) is the Cognac of Burgundy, the brandy of French peasants. Every French vintner had his own particular batch of "White Lightning", as it is often called. They drink it straight, or use it as a base for both commercial or home made Liqueurs.

MARC is distilled from the pomace or pulp which remains when the grapes have been pressed and the juice run off. It is usually distilled to a high strength (90-100 proof) and has a distinctive taste...grapey, almost leathery.

Another variation of MARC is "Fine". It is distilled from the lees, sediments or dregs left at the bottom of wine casks. These are usually left after

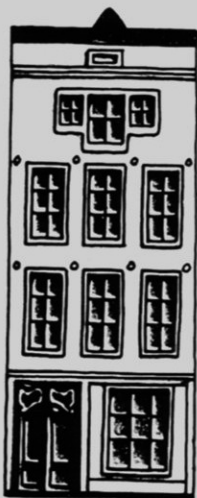
racking a wine from one barrel to another. It is somewhat rare, and not much of it reaches general commerce.

In proportion to the standard size bottles, very few minis are produced and fewer are available commercially. Because few American consumers are familiar with this product, few importers bother to distribute it.

MARC is produced in all regions of France, and the "MARC OF BURGUNDY" is said to be the best. The enclosed photo shows 3 MARCS OF BURGUNDY and one "Fine". They are produced by VEDRENNE, 5 cl bottles, and the bottle itself was manufactured especially for Vedrenne with the following words pressed in the shoulder of the glass: Vedrenne, Nuits-St-Georges Liqueurs, and at the bottom of the mini: France.

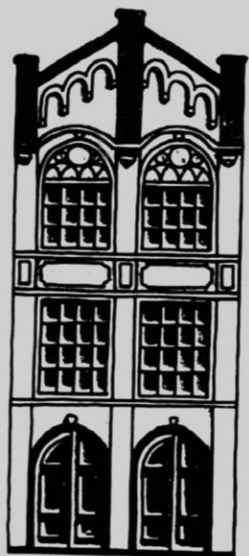
--Joseph Levesque--

# The Kaiser's Canal



De Keizersgracht  
No 100

Dwelling-house of about 1625. The house was built by Pieter Simonsz van de Schellingh. Since the beginning of the 18th century in possession of the remonstrant community. In the year 1820 the house was renovated and got its present appearance. Gable with real cornice and two-winged door on the left side with double decoration-window. Formerly the house had been used as sacristy-habitation.



De Keizersgracht  
No 102

The remonstrant church at the Keizersgracht 102 is a rather unobtrusive building for the passersby, because the visible part on the canal is not wider than a normal dwelling-house. The size of the inside church cannot be estimated from the canal. Built initially as a refuge-church it could be reached only via corridors ending at the canal and closed by a door, which looked like a normal front-door. Only in the 19th century has the present hall been built in No. 102.



De Keizersgracht  
No 104

Dwelling-house erected in the year 1632 by the carpenter Lambert Massa. In 1642 Claes Harmensz Roothoet became its owner. It is said that a hatter first dwelled here. In 1742 the house was inhabited by Joh. van Dribergen, a professor of the Remonstrants.

Pictured here for you, along with the information for identification, are the six houses in the set known as The Kaisers Canal. These are "Blue Delft" and are hand painted unlike the most recent KLM Canal houses. They were made by the famous Royal Goedewaagen and contain 4 cl. of Oud Amsterdam Jonge Jenever...which is one mighty potent gin.

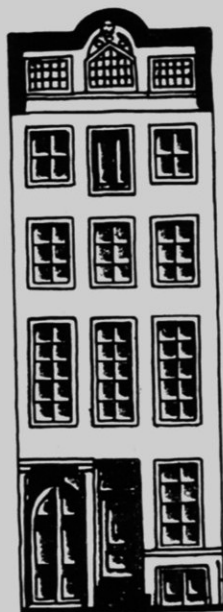


## De Keizersgracht No 106

For the regents of the remonstrants community this merchant-house was rebuilt in approx. 1760. The old house was property of Mr. Roothoet in 1642.

## De Keizersgracht No 108

This merchant-house was built in 1738 for the remonstrant community and has not been reconstructed greatly since then. The real estate for this house was bought in 1615 by Cornelis Joosten.



## De Keizersgracht No 110

It was the merchant Hendrik Taddel, who renovated this house in 1754. With a neck-gable, the building is in the style of Louis XV (rococo). In 1772 it came into the possession of the remonstrants community. The real estate had been bought in 1615 by Aris Jacobsz Slipende Aep and built by the glass-painter Jan Jacobsz. The house is named "The castle of London".



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## TREASURES OF THE PAST

by Vic Visalli



First of all, please excuse the quality of the photographs for this month's article.

Now that summer is upon us and since an ideal drink for the summer is a gin and tonic, I thought I'd feature two rather unusual and rare gins.

First is a sample gin from the company of Charles Jacquin of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This clear glass bottle has a yellow label upon which is a space provided below the word "Sample" where the proprietor (or whoever) could type in his own name. Such is the case with this bottle on which is

typed "Graham Dry Gin". (Am I correct, Al?) Below "Graham Dry Gin" is printed "drawn from tax paid package."

Next is a square, embossed, clear bottle of Graves Distilled Superior Dry Gin of the C. H. Graves and Sons Distillery, Boston. On the top of the label appears to be "Grandpa Graves". However, he is not visible in the photograph.

Both of these bottles are from the 1930's and both are certainly not easy to come by!

--V. V. --



# A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



Here it is Sunday morning in Boozeville. That's about the only time that the town becomes quiet and peaceful. This morning a boy and his dog are out in the yard soaking up some sunshine.

The Giveaway bottle "Kiss Snookums" is one of the cutest types made. No one has counted but there must be around 300 different kinds of the ceramic bottles. Doll collectors also like to have Snookums in their collections. He, or maybe she, is 5 inches tall. There is also a smaller 4 inch size but they are much harder to find than the larger ones. Dave, your editor, saw one of these at an antique show; it was cracked and they still were asking \$65 for it!

The Dog was made in Germany also

but by a different company. On the bottom is the number 6795 and Germany in script. The ear pulls out for pouring or nipping. It is 6 1/2 inches tall and looks to be an early style.

It would be nice to be able to catalogue all the known giveaway bottles... but that is too big a job for one person. It would be a good project for a club or a group of clubs. Information would have to be collected on all the different types and varieties of size, color, etc. Also we'd need the owner's names and photos' of the bottles. Then maybe they could be brought together in a book form.

Well, I must be on my way, but first I want to Kiss Snookums bye-bye.

--L. M. --

# KOBY'S Collectable Kolumn

by Bob Koby

Shalom:

Things have not gone well for me mini wise for the past year or so. I've become desperate for material and have resorted to buying minis at flea market prices for two reasons. First, it gives me new pictures to forward to the two papers and this magazine that I contribute to and the second reason is that it gives me a chance to attend the different shows. One of these days I'll make it to the New York show... I promise, guys. Though I did have to pay flea market prices, I did however pick what I think were the cream of the crop. I really hope you all like my latest finds.

By the time you subscribers to the MBC see these pictures, I hope to have them resold in two weeks at the Chicago show so that I can begin looking for new bottles. At the same time, I must also say (though I don't even like to mention it) that henceforth I will forward pictures to the three groups on a three times a year basis. The reasons are that the arthritis in my hands is becoming very painful and recently doctors found that I also have arthritis of the spine.

Anyway, I hope you like the following bottles. The first is a GRANT'S STAND FAST Scotch Whisky, 70 proof. It's two inches long, two inches in height measuring the cap. Next is a clear flat THE FAMOUS GROUSE.

For those of you who collect foreign minis or especially bottles from Mexico will find the ZARA LICORDE CAFE a very interesting mini to hunt for if you don't have one already. The front and back are flat but the sides, beginning at the shoulder, are of the ridge shape or step-like effect when you climb a hill on skis.

You Bourbon lovers will surely enjoy the following three bottles. ROYAL



BOURBON is bottled by the Sunrise Liquor Corp. of Chicago, Illinois. This 70 proof, one year old whiskey is also marked "For Intrastate Sale." The bottle is barrel shaped with the square waffle design. OLD WILLIAM HENRY BRAND is bottled by Paramount Distilling Corp. of Chicago. It's 90 proof and sports a 1936 Illinois red/white tax stamp. This is also marked for intrastate sale and is embossed all over with this waffle-like effect. THE MANHATTAN CLUB is bottled by Arrow Distilleries of Peoria, Illinois, is 90 proof and one year old. There is a 1937 Illinois red/white tax stamp, too.

GREEN OAKS WHISKEY was bottled



for Sentinel Liquor Stores, Inc. of Chicago. It is a 90 proof bottle and has a 1937 Illinois tax stamp. THE PHIL-LIPS CLUB distilled London Dry Gin was bottled for the United Cigar Stores of Chicago and has a '37 Illinois stamp. The front is flat while the back is pock marked with an embossing effect of

long ridge lines on the sides.

My last picture in this group is for you chicken lovers. CHICKEN COCK blended whiskey is 90 Proof and the label on the back reads: "The youngest whiskey in this blend is three years and ten months old."

More next time. --R. K.--

# SMALL TALK

John E. Johns



Greetings! I have some Manhattans to show, but first a question for you. Does anyone know which is the oldest, the unpainted or painted molded glass minis?

In my opinion, the painted are the oldest. In my collection, the labels of the painted tend to look older and the labels of the unpainted look much newer. I feel that at some point between 1938 and 1954, Manhattan would have had to have phased out the painting process as demand and cost rose. Let me know your opinion on this.

In picture #1 this time is the glass violin, ceramic violin, cross eyed elephant, and the Liberty Bell. In pic-

ture #2, three women of gold are displayed. The center one is a Spanish dancer; however, the other two I can not say as to type. The heights average 5 inches. Bob Koby showed a 2 1/2 inch gold plated lady in the July-August 1979 MBC on page 33. Does anyone know of any other types?

Last in picture #3 are a gold dog and a gold horse. The dog also comes in a painted brown and white version. All the gold painted Manhattans I've seen also have a silk cord around them.

That's it for this time. Write me at: 3712 Big Bend N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87111.



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The organization of the **MINIATURE COGNAC CLUB** is based on the premise that many collectors may not have the space in the home, nor the budget to collect large numbers of minis, that numbers may not be the all important factor. Therefore, by specializing in one generic category, the collector is in a better position to remember and control all the items in his collection and learn background anecdotes about his minis which is monumentally difficult in general collections of large numbers. There is a great satisfaction in reaching for a bottle in ones collection and being able to tell the story behind the product in great length.

Cognac sales in general are on the rise in the United States and for good reason. It is the top of the line, the standard by which all other brandies or spirits are measured - the nectar of the Gods, as Victor Hugo put it. It's

the only French product which is sold in every country in the world, and incidentally, the U.S. are its best customer, having recently surpassed Great Britain which had held that distinction for several centuries.

The collector will find that the Cognac industry has never "commercialized" its miniatures - all the Cognac minis that we know of are true miniatures of full size bottles. Cognac is one of the very few categories where the value is based on the quality of origin and contents rather than on a fancy label or the imagination of the bottle maker.

The new club is the brainchild of Fred Jinkens of San Francisco who is reputed to have the largest collection of miniature Cognacs in the U.S., and of Joseph Levesque of Oklahoma City who knows the Cognac area as well as his own backyard. Both of these Cognac aficionados have a colored map on the wall of their respective homes with colored needles pinpointing each little town where their Cognacs originated. This information will be shared with other members through a newsletter. By its very nature, this new club is international in scope, so the newsletter is the primary vehicle for swapping, selling and information. Those who expect more out of their collection by learning about the producer, the meaning of the labels, and the quality of the contents, will find this club to be a valuable tool in the enjoyment of their hobby.

Current membership dues are \$5.00 for U.S. residents, and \$10.00 for residents of other countries. Checks may be made to **MINIATURE COGNAC CLUB**, c/o Joseph Levesque, 7212 Seminole Terrace, Oklahoma City, OK 73132.

# THE CLUB REPORT

It's been a long time since the Jan-Feb issue. Since then, there's lots to talk about!

First off, a new club has popped up in New Orleans. The Mardi Gras Miniature Liquor Bottle Collectors Club under the able leadership of John Lewis has already had two meetings and the necessary enthusiasm is definitely there. Since I'm lazy and we're not going to take the time to redo all the addresses this time, write to John at: 5 Yellowstone Drive, New Orleans, LA 70190.

Last time in the column there was no address for the Edmonton (Can.) Club, so here goes: c/o Brian W. Hutch-

ings, Box 1327, Morinville, Alberta, T0G 1P0 Canada. Brian also wrote a very nice letter with the following info. The club has been active since 11-79 and started because of an article written in the Edmonton Journal about a fellow collector, Terry Fogleman. From that article nine people got together each month at member's homes. Since then the club has grown to 38 active members meeting once a month in a local community hall.

Remember, if you've got club news, share it! Next time, we'll have pictures and a story from the 1st Lilliputian Show in June. --DMS--

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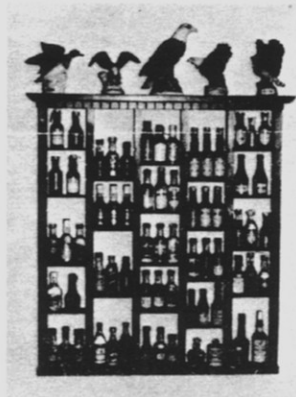
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