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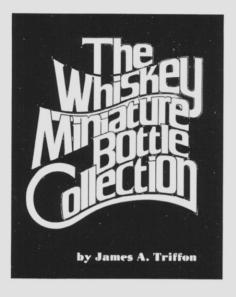
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Let's Talk

Half of 1982 is already down the tubes. Seems incredible, but true. Hope it was a good first half bottle wise for you and that now until 1983 will be even better!

One thing 1983 already has in store is the Mini Bottle Tour of England and Scotland. The proposed tour for this year was beset with problems not only with numbers but also with the airlines. When Sir Freddie went under, it didn't bode too well for certain tours. Anyway, notice on p. 6 that the same tour has been postponed until next year and we'll keep you posted on all particulars.

Incidentally speaking of Laker Airways, they are now in liquidation and all their duty free stock is for sale. \$350,000 of wines, spirits, tobacco and perfumes is being offered for sale by the joint liquidators. If you have an interest in buying a mere 150,000 miniatures, contact Touche Ross & Co. at Hill House on Little New Street in London!

This time we welcome back both Ada Felske and Jim Triffon. Ada has some delightful new Beneagles to show you and Jim has more of those marvelous mini back bar pieces from the Orient. Itold Jim we should title the article "The Return of the Triffon", but he wasn't too keen on that!

A note for those of you who might be coming to California on vacation this summer. We now have an excellent selection of bottles in a good many liquor stores. It seems a number of stores have made the realization that there are lots of us around...and we do buy bottles! Stop by Ford's Liquors on Old Lincoln in Anaheim; you'll be surprised at the selection!

Until the fall...keep thinking small! --DMS--

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Our Cover

On the cover this time are two new bottles from the Nikka Company of Japan. These two pieces were released recently to commemorate the new run of the "bullet" train (Tohoku Shinkansen) from Omiya to Morioka. The inaugural run was on June 23rd and cuts 2 1/2 hours off the previous time. If you're wondering why it's called the "bullet" train, it travels upwards of 130 miles per hour. Hmmm.

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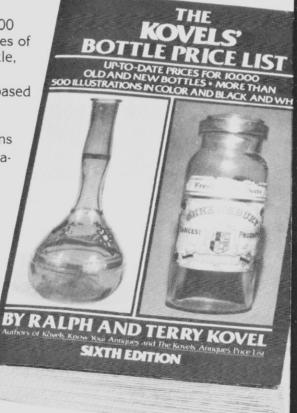
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DAY ONE Meet in TV Room

on and trans-Cunard Internaonal Hotel. AM free to rest. PM City sightseeing tour of Houses of Parliament, Thameside, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Hyde Park, and inside of Westminster Abbey. Evening: Wel-

come dinner at hotel. DAY THREE AM Tour London/Soho

DAY FOUR Meet with English Mini Cottle Collectors Club for festivities, including bottle swap.

DAY FIVE

motorcoach visit to Stratford, Oxford, and adjoining countryside with breakfast and lunch included at extra OBAN. Full day excurcost - or free day to sion to include Loch Ness spend as you wish.

DAY SIX Motorcoach LONDON

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

DAY EIGHT 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.

AM leisure in Oban for last minute shopping. PM Motorcoach OBAN AYR via Loch Lomond. Ewening:Tarewelldinner at hotel - Caledonian.

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Motorcoach AYR PREST -WICK airport to LON-DON 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-thewool Scotch collectors around...for them this trip is a must! We leave July 29, 1982, so don't delay.

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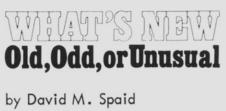
by Frank N. Gerlach





Now it's time for Royal Birth bottles, however, I wanted you to show these three Royal Wedding bottles issued last year by Gordon & MacPhail of Elgin, Scotland. To commemorate the Royal Wedding, straight malt whiskies from the years 1948 and 1961 were combined. Naturally, these are the birth years of Charles and Lady Diana. The set of three consists of: Glenburgie, Glen Grant, and Strathisla.

--F. N. G. --



We're bringing back an old column as it seems there are so many new bottles to talk about these days. Most of the new pieces out on the market are glass and that's what you'll usually see here. However, this time to get us going again, here is the new Alpha Collection of The States of the Nation.

These bottles began appearing many months ago and at the present time a good portion of the states have already been issued, Many of you know the Alpha name from other bottles but you should also know that they were the ones behind the three different sets of Lewis and Clark bottles which are now so difficult to find.

In any case, this is one group of ceramics which definitely has an ending place as we only have 50 states. And, you'll also be happy to know that the retail price of each is in the \$12-15 range. Compared to other current ceramic bottles, that's quite inexpensive!

Next time we'll be showing a goodly number of glass bottles...possibly all the different ones with cream liqueurs.





MINIATURE BEERS

by Bob Kay









As Pennsylvania is one of the hottest states going for breweriana collectibles, I have chosen it for this month's article on mini beers. Around 1936 The Pittsburgh Brewing Company gave mini beers away as gratuities to promote four of their popular brands: E & O Pilsener, Iron City Pilsener, Iron City Lager and Tech Beer, Now, forty-six years later, these mini beers are considered quite choice additions to any mini beer collection. Three of these are pictured in the first photo; all have

decallabels on 4 1/4 inch amber glass bottles with screw-on salt or pepper caps. The second photo shows two 3 1/4 inch tall wooden mini-bottle openers from the Pittsburgh Brewing Co. The Iron City Lager label is the same one found on the glass bottle: the Tech Beer label, also a decal, has only been found on the wooden opener. All of these labels are quite authentic miniature versions of the full size labels actually used.

The Duquesne Brewing Co. of Pitts-







burgh went out of business in 1972 although the Duquesne mini beer pictured was produced around 1955. This bottle has a solid cap and is filled with liquid to look like beer. It has a foil paper label and is 4 1/4 inches tall. The Reading Premium Beer from the Old Reading Brewery, Inc. was produced around 1960. It has a paper label on a 4 inch, or medium size, bottle.

Esslinger's Inc. was one of the well known breweries of Philadelphia. Five different Esslinger mini beers are shown and all picture that famous little waiter with a tray of beer that Esslinger's made famous. In the first photo Esslinger's Little Man Ale. Esslinger's Quality Beer and Esslinger's Repeal Beer are shown. The Esslinger's Repeal Beer is the oldest one and refers to the repeal of national prohibition in 1933. The Esslinger's Quality Beer has a similar label but the word Repeal was eventually replaced with the word Quality around 1936. The Little Man Ale label is also from the same per-



















iod, Allthree have authentic miniature decal labels on 4 1/4 inch bottles. These miris illustrate the changes the Esslinger label underwent from 1933 to 1951. They also illustrate an interesting and subtle point: around 1950 Esslinger's, like several other brants, dropped the "apostrophe's" from their brand name. The 1950 version says Esslinger's Premium Beer while the 1951 version says Esslinger Premium Beer. Both are foil paper labels on mediumsize bottles.

The Horlacher Brewing Co. of Allentown, PA lasted until 1978. As far as I know, the Horlacher's mini beer pictured here is the only one produced in miniature. The label, which pictures their penguin theme, was produced around 1938-1940, Collectors often call the 3 inch size bottle a stubby.

The Eagle Brewing Co. of Catasauga.

PA produced the well known Old Dutch brands. Three different minis from the Eagle Brewery are shown here: Old Dutch Premium Beer, Old Dutch Beer and Old Dutch Cream Ale. The latter two were made around 1948 and are often found as a salt pepper set. They are quite rare in good condition. The decal labels were coated with a gummy substance to protect them; however, it sticks to paper and most bottles found today have varying amounts of paper stuck to them. If anyone knows of a way to remove paper from these labels without harming the labels, I would surely like to know it. The Old Dutch Premium Beer with a paper label was made around 1955. It is somewhat more common than the decal labels: however, all three are choice bottles.

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Wild Turkey



Approximately one year ago, the first Wild Turkey stopper or pourer was shown. At that time not much was known about this ceramic piece except that it was well done and much sought after by Wild Turkey collectors. The story as pieced together over the last few months is that there were 5,000 pourers made and they were not sold. Instead they were given away to liquor store owners, bartenders, and wholesalers.

This year another piece has been added with the two turkeys. Since the first one was so successful a promotional piece, this year 10,000 of these were produced. Even with the number doubled, they'll still be difficult to find as there are so many Wild Turkey collectors. And finally, rumor has it that there will indeed be a third piece produced next year. After that, who knows?



Of all the bottles given away in the Boozeville Saloons, the little pocket flasks were the most common and the easiest to carry. These fit into any pocket and were handy to use for an extra nip.

There are a number of different Wee Scotch and Little Scotch bottles. The "A WEE SCOTCH" shown here is a common type showing a small child nursing on a bottle marked "old whisky".

The other bottle "KEEP SMILING"

is a very rare one. At last report it was owned by a man in New York City. The asking price about a year ago was \$200.00. I don't know if it ever sold for that but it does set new upper limits for the price of a flask.

These bottles were both made in Germany and are about 4 inches tall.

Keep smiling and keep checking those estate sales and flea markets. You never know when you'll find one of these sitting there with a three dollar price tag on it. --L. M. --

BEAUTIES FROM



This article marks my return to journalism and feature writing for the MBC, and possibly, PBR. This has been a prolonged absence for me, due mainly to the enormous amount of time involved in the production, sales, and advertising of my second book.

I hope to have time to write and illustrate an article or two each month on some phase of miniature bottle collecting, perhaps even to crossing over into fields of collecting that have been well covered and documented, such as whiskies, scotch, and cognac.

This first "return" article, I will stay in an area of collecting that I have covered many times, and one that is so delightful to me. The three pieces illustrated are again Oriental in nature and from the Singapore Chinese quarter. As one can see from the photos, these three pieces are extra ordinary in overall appearance and very imposing in size. In all three photos the cognac bottles are the common and standard size of approximately one

ounce in capacity.

The first pictured is an old man fishing; this is the smallest of the three. The figure is a molded plastic, with very fine detail and proportion. He has a fishing rod of ivory colored plastic and a fish on the end of the line with the scales of the fish detailed. The fish and the old man are covered in shiny bright gold. The figure is on a solid black base, molded to look like carved wood and black lacquer ware. There is no name on this piece, so any bottle with a small round base would look good; however, it was meant for a cognac. This piece is 6 inches tall. 7 1 2 inches wide and 3 inches in depth.

The second photo is of a warrior or wrestler with his fist raised in salute or victory. This piece is quite large in overall size being 10 inches tall, 9 inches wide and 4 inches deep. This figure is covered in the shiny, bright gold I have described on many occasions, and the base is jet black with an indentation to hold the bottle... in this

THE ORIENT by Jim Triffon







case a standard bottle of Hine Cognac. The figure has excellent proportion and very fine detail.

The last photo is also large in overall size, but a bit different than the other two described. I am sure readers will recognize this as the Centaur. This is plastic, and covered in shiny bright silver, the only piece of this nature that I have in the silver covering. The base is jet black, trimmed in bright gold, with the name of the company in gold. There is the usual indentation for the standard one ounce bottle of cognac. This piece is 10 inches tall. 8 inches wide and 3 inches deep. Again, it is very well done as all the figurines have been. There is fine detail and proportion.

The three pieces are advertising or creative marketing at its best. They are large for a miniature collection, gaudy in appearance, and in my opinion, worth having. If nothing else, they will always be a great conversation piece.

Next time, more of these beauties from the Orient.

In Paradise...

by Joe Levesque

A "PARADISE" is that area of a Cognac warehouse where its oldest Cognacs are kept. Usually, these areas are dark, murky, moldy, and full of cobwebs. You'll find at least twenty different producers who claim to have just about the oldest Cognac in the world. The oldest that I have seen was dated 1710 in a PARADISE in Jarnac, about fifteen miles from the city of Cognac.

Once Cognac has been in wood for 50 to 60 years, it has reached its peak. To leave it in wood any longer would probably spoil it by the absorption of too much tannin from the wood. And besides, too much Cognac would be lost by evaporation through the years. After 50 years or so, the Cognac is transferred to huge glass containers called "Bonbonnes".

Once it is transferred to glass, the aging process stops. The Cognac can stay in the Bonbonne another 100 years without improving. The only advantage of a 100 year old Cognac is in publicity, or snobbery. And believe me, the producers play up their PARADISE for all it's worth.

On my first visit to a PARADISE a few years ago, I was aghast at the vintage Cognacs around the room and the dust covered Bonbonnes. There were cobwebs everywhere, and at one particular moment the owner stopped me because I was walking right into a large cobweb, and he apologetically commented that he would hate to get my clothes dirty. Neophyte that I was, and as impressed as I was with his PARA-DISE (all those fumes had taken me up to the seventh heaven), I quickly answered: 'Sir, I would be honored to have my clothes soiled by this cobweb". It took me several more visits to other PARADISES to realize that I was a player in a game. These PARADISE



CHATEAU PAULET "PARADIS" in miniature.



Glass bonbonnes protected by wicker and hemp rope mesh in a typical example of a PARADISE.

exist mostly to impress prospective buyers and some owners are not beyond importing spiders to weave natural cobwebs and give the room an aura of centuries past. I am even told that a machine exists which can weave a simulated web better than the spider itself.

I am not suggesting that fraud is involved, but I am saying that it is a known fact that Cognac obes not improve once it is transferred from wood to glass. I will also concede that no matter what promotion is used, and there are tricks to every trade, generally speaking, the Cognac fram a PARADISE represents the oldest and smooth-

est Cognac from a given producer.

No wonder then that several producers have recently introduced a new "PARADIS" label. This should be the oldest and ultimate Cognac on the market. I predict you will see more such labels in years to come.

So far, the only "PARADIS" mini bottle that I have been able to acquire is a Chateau Paulet, and believe me, it is hard to locate one. This particular PARADIS mini label was obtained for me in Japan by James Triffon, well known author of two whisky books, and to whom I am most grateful. I'll bet there are others around, and the search goes on! --Joseph Levesque--

BENEAGLES

by Ada Felske

True to the tradition of Peter Thomson (Perth) Ltd. to commission artists to design typical Scottish subjects for the modelers at Stoke - on - Trent to make into fine quality ceramic bottles (to contain their choice blend of BENEAGLES Scotch Whisky), the miniatures pictured here were produced by the Royal Doulton potteries in the past year and are enticing the tourists and bottle collectors as well as the residents of Britain.

A bottle collector really doesn't mind the cold weather too much if he can see an attractive miniature in a shop window once in a while. I found these very attractive 50 ml figural miniature bottles while traveling in Britain this spring.

The GRIZZLY BEAR, manufactured by Wade at Portadown in Northern Ireland, stands on a tree stump and the total height is 4 3/4". This animal is considered to be "king of the forest" in Scotland and is practically extinct. Californians are familiar with the Grizzly Bear for it was adopted as our state animal in 1953. We see it on our state flag and state seal - it is considered to be a symbol of determination.

The GOLF BALL is produced by Carlton Ware at Stoke-on-Trent in 50 ml as well as 20 ml size. Because the game of golf originated in Scotland, and there are several world-famous

golf courses there (as well as many not so famous for it seems even the small villages have a golf course), it is only logical that the leading producer of Scotch Whisky ceramic bottles should have a golf ball or two in its line.

The SGIAN DUBH (sounds like skian dew) also by Carlton Ware, is black with the platinum and measures 7" in length. This is the "black knife" which the Highlander carried in his stocking and used as an eating implement. The Sgian Dubh is not to be confused with the dirk, which is a long, straight-bladed dagger worn tucked in the kilt said to have been used in the olden days for killing Englishmen.

The STONEWARE DUMPY is a handthrown earthenware flagon, gray with tan or blue upper portion, 3" high with tartan ribbon tied on the handle.

The GREY SEAL, produced for Peter Thomson by Beswick, Stoke-on-Trent, is sitting on a grey & black mottled rock, measures 3 5/8" high. This animal is among the "endangered species" series of animals being purlicized by Peter Thomson.

The Peter Thomson company is to be commended for their concern of wildlife preservation, as well as for their demand to have only fine quality miniature bottles at a reasonable price for us bottle collectors.

--A. F. --



SMALLTALK

John E. Johns

Greetings! I am glad to be back with another selection of figurals for your enjoyment.

The man in the black cape holding a yellow cup is the famous Sandeman containing Dry Sherry. The container was made in England by Royal Doulton. Next is the Miniature Specialties Flamingo. This is a highly colored bottle containing a cordial.

Next is a 1888 Line Infantryman or soldier if you like. This one is from Argentina in the late 1960's or early '70's and is one of a set of four. It contains Forcoll Whisky. The Sempe Cavalier is highlighted with gold and is well detailed making it a nice addition to any collection. It naturally contains Sempe Armagnac.

In the next group of pictures is the Destileria Francesca Easter Bunny from Mexico. It is followed by a handpainted molded glass girl. On this one the label reads Menta Glacial R.S.P. No. 4994, over which is a crown. Does anyone know the brand name? Next to the nameless girl is a ceramic Southern Sales Seltzer bottle which contains a cordial. And, the last one here is Jacquin's cobalt blue Washington bust.

The last picture (which may be a little difficult to make out) shows three glass figurals, two blown glass and one pressed or molded glass. The first is a Dupont Elephant, the second a Rynbende Airplane, and the third a Destileria Francesca Car.

I'll be back next time with more interesting bottles. Until then, happy collecting! --J. E. J. --





THE CLUB REPORT

by David M. Spaid

With this issue, The Club Report will become a regular column appearing in each issue. There may not be too much to say occasionally (as the majority still don't want to take pen in hand...an issue which I will continue to harp on): however, it's time that the list of clubs be included each time.

You'll note that there are now twenty clubs listed and that they certainly do span the globe pretty well. In this group of twenty there are now two new clubs, Miniflaschen of West Germany and the Mardi Gras Miniature Bottle Collectors Club of Louisiana. Certainly happy to wish them both long and continued success and that they will enhance the hobby and collecting.

Several clubs in the U.S. received letters from Artur Helfer, President of the Miniflaschenclub. He asked for exchange partners in all clubs and countries and they're interested in swapping bottles (not just whiskies, either!). Hope to hear more from this group as time goes on.

The Mardi Gras Club or MGMBCC as it's known has now had several meetings. President is John Lewis and Vice-President is Bill Summerlin. At the Jim Beam International Convention in New Orleans in July (yes, it will be long over by the time you get this issue), they are holding a meeting in the same hotel and will have Steve Braton from Ski Country as their guest speaker. Sounds like they're getting off to a great start.

Now it's time to talk about the first show and sale ever held by a miniature club on the west coast. Naturally I'm talking about the Lilliputian get together on June 5th. For a first time effort (or any time for that matter), it was a rousing success.

For those of you who don't belong to the Lilliputian Club (and you should if you like a good bulletin with lots of information), the following is a quote from their last newsletter by editor Lee Weiss. "Our first Miniature Bottle Show on Saturday, June 5th, was a huge success. We loved every minute of it!

"Afterwards, many of us met in the hospitality room and had dinner informally and unofficially downstairs. I, for one, verified something I have always known. Miniature bottle collectors are very nice people - even if others do think we are a little strange.

'We met many of our out-of-town-members, and many non-members from far away places joined us for the day. They came from as far away and near as Italy, New York, Florida, Illinois, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Oklahoma, Missouri, from all over the state of California, and Mike Mattersdorfer who drove 22 straight hours to get here from Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, Talk about bottle hunters and bottle collectors!!!"

What Lee didn't tell is that the collectors found thousands of bottles to buy...and did. There wasn't much evidence of a recession at the Los Angeles Marriott on June 5th. As with all shows, the happiest sounds you hear are the conversations which relate how "finally, after all these years I got it; I've looked everywhere for this bottle and I've finally got it!" Needless to say, the Lilliputian Club will have another show and sale next year.

This leads us now to the upcoming shows for the rest of the year. The next show is the semi-annual Del-Val get together in Skippack. PA. It's on Sunday October 3rd. Contact Norm Luber whose address is on the adjacent page. One week after that at the Hilton Inn at JFK in New York is the third annual Northeast Mini Collectors Show and Sale. Check the full page ad on page one. Al Manuel will have his entire Old Mr. Boston collection on display and that's certainly worthy of a picture in these pages in an upcoming issue.

See you next time. -- DMS--

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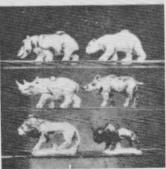
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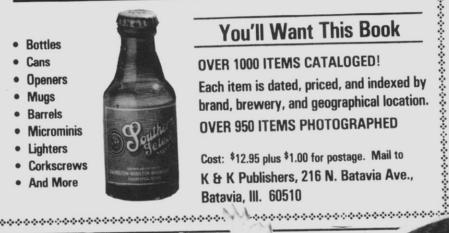
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