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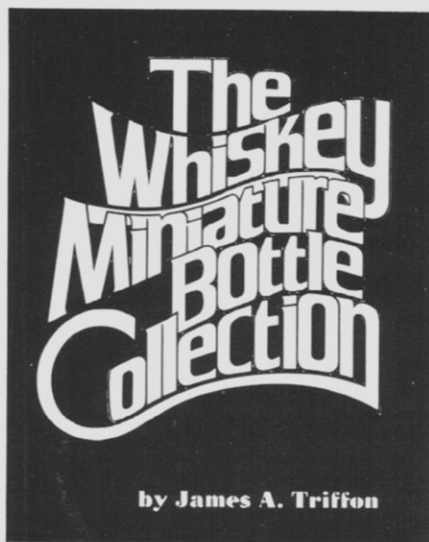
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Let's Talk

I hate to air dirty laundry but sometimes things must be put in the light. Last time in The Club Report, I mentioned about being written up in the Philadelphia Inquirer. The newspaper contacted me as someone had inquired of them about the magazine.

Shortly after this came to print, I was taken to task by the Del-Val Club for not singling them out and mentioning them to the newspaper. The article (in the Del-Val newsletter) was inaccurate and downright nasty. My reply to them was that I advertise all clubs equally and will continue to do so. Policy here is that all clubs and their information have been printed when received...in particular the notification of all club shows and sales. 'Nuff said!

We've got a packed issue this time with twelve different articles. Bob Koby is back after quite a little hiatus and Lloyd McLeod as well as Roy Holden are here this time, too. Next time you can expect the first of a twopart series on Cream Liqueurs. There seem to be more of them than you'd ever dream.

This will reach you right after the Chicago Show but you should know that there are going to be ninety sellers' tables there this year. Last year the number was only seventy and there were more bottles than a body would believe could inhabit one room. If you can't get to Chicago this time, plan on next year when Verne informs me that it will be over 100 tables with bottles. Yikes!

Incidentally I do know that Trenais stands corrected. But, have you tried Dr. McGillicuddy's Mint Menthol Schnapps? Yup, it's a new import from our neighbor to the north, Canada. See you in June. --DMS--

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Our Cover

Do you really think that's Peter Cottontail on the cover hop-hop-hopping his way to you down the bunny trail? Well, as the saying goes, "You should live so long!" Ed Ryan is the lucky owner of this beauty and now he'll be beseeched with inquiries wondering if it's for sale. Translated, the words mean that the Easter Bunny is bringing his goodies in the form of Egg Cognac. I'll take it, you too?

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The Kaiser's Canal



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.

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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.

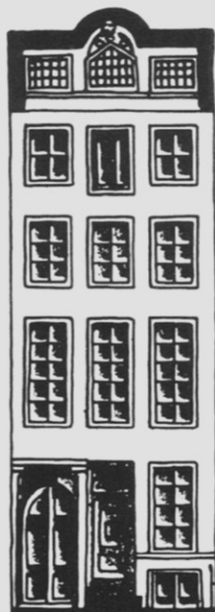


De Keizersgracht No 106

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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melo's minis

by Mike Olson

In this article I would like to feature three pre-pro's along with three clear glass and three brown glass flats from the 1930's.

American produced glass miniatures dated from the last quarter of the Nineteenth Century. When these bottles first appeared, many were embossed with the distillers name on one side and had a paper label on the other side. In 1897 Congress passed "An Act to allow the bottling of distilled spirits in bond." After this date, many of the miniatures were "Bottled in Bond" (BIB) and the embossing had begun to disappear.

Unfortunately, most of the pre-pro minis which are available have long since lost everything but their embossing, which makes the ones with labels even more desirable.

The first of the pre-pro's is Henry Watterson Whiskey, BIB 1912-1916 and was distilled and bottled by Flexner Distilling Co., Louisville, KY. The label is tan with black printing and is in mint condition. Bottle number two is "Old Barton" Hand Made Whiskey, BIB 1904-1908, distributed by R. S. Strader and Son, Lexington, KY. R. E. Wathen Distiller. The printing was done in red and gold and even though the label is somewhat faded, it is still an attractive bottle. Bottle number three is Bond & Lillard Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey, BIB 1912-1916 by Bond & Lillard Distributing Co., Lawrenceburg, KY. This brand was produced in the 1930's in a flat version (Snyder Vol 3 p. 18) with a similar red diagonally striped label.

The last six bottles are from the period I consider the best ever for miniature production. Bottle number four

is Golden Pond Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey, distilled by John A. Wathen Distillery Co., Lebanon, KY. It is 100 proof, one year and two months old. The label is printed in orange and black and was made about 1936. The next bottle is T. W. Samuels Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey bottled by T. W. Samuels Distillery Inc., Deatsville, KY. It is 90 proof, four years old, has a bright red label printed in gold, black and white and was made about 1939. The sixth bottle is Manhattan Club Bourbon Whiskey bottled by Arrow Distilleries, Inc., Peoria, Illinois. It is 90 proof, has a tan label printed in brown and a 1937 Illinois tax stamp.

Bottle number seven is Sunshine Road Whiskey distilled in Indiana and bottled by Liquor Dealers Supply Co., Chicago, IL. It is 90 proof, has a very colorful label which unfortunately has a 1937 tax stamp on it. The eighth bottle is Old Underroof Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey distilled and bottled by T. W. Samuels Inc., Deatsville, KY for Clear Spring Co., Chicago, Illinois. It is 93 proof, twenty-six months old and was made about 1936. The last bottle, number nine, is Cedar Brook Blended Whiskey blended and bottled by National Distillers Products Corp., Cincinnati, OH. It is 86.8 proof, four years or more old, has a very plain but attractive label and was made in 1940.

My only regret in doing these articles, is that black and white photography does not do justice to these colorful old bottles and labels.

As always, if anyone would like any further information on any bottle pictured, please feel free to contact me. Until next time... MELO





MINIATURE BEERS

by Bob Kay

South of the Border

Judging from the correspondence I've received, interest in Mexican minis seems to be picking up. So let's take a look at some mini beers from south of the border.

The Mexicali minis may be found in their three familiar sizes... 4 1/4, 4 and 3 inches. Some have solid caps and are filled with water while others have salt and pepper caps. I've only seen the Suprema mini on a 4 inch Muth bottle. The Mexicali and Suprema minis were made in the U. S. A. while the others were made in Mexico. The Mexican bottles have plastic salt or pepper caps and most have painted enamel labels although some versions have paper labels.

I suspect the minis pictured are just a few of the south of the border minis that are out there somewhere. For example, collectors Gary and Jan Anderson of Fort Worth, TX, have a really neat CRUZ BLANCA mini beer. It's 4 1/4 inches tall, has a screw-on salt cap, is embossed on both the front and rear, and has a painted enamel label. They aren't sure if it's from Mexico or South America. Can anyone help us here?

'Til next time... Bob Kay.





THE CITY OF PARIS



If you can remember back far enough you will recognize the name, "The City of Paris." This was the elite department store in San Francisco in the 1930's. It has since been torn down and now we have the new Neiman-Marcus store in its place.

In The City of Paris there was a liquor store and it was also one of the most elite stores from what I've been told. The name of the shop was Verdier Cellars. Pictured here are two miniatures which were made for Verdier in the 1930's. The original bottler is not known, but the two minis are really knock-outs.

I have this information from a simple little thing known as a tax stamp. On one of the bottles written on the tax stamp is "Verdier Cognac - The City of Paris San Francisco." From this and a little research, I came up with the info that made this article possible.

Okay, collectors, start reading the tax stamps... and strips.

--Fred Jinkens--
The Cognac Newsletter

A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



Today in Boozeville you can, if you wish, sample a shot of free whiskey. Another representative of the Sedgwick Rye Distillery is in town. He tells of the virtues of this fine whiskey and offers anyone of age a drink.

The Sedgwick Rye Company put out some very nice giveaway bottles. Thank you, Mr. Sedgwick.

This one depicts a Dutchman astride a barrel. He is smoking a pipe. On the end of the barrel is hand printed the words "SEDGWICK RYE". This bottle comes with a shot cup in the form of

a smiling man's face. There is also a tray. There were probably at least two cups with this and some trays even had as many as four cups. This one is pink and white. Another is all blue and white. . . and some don't have the printing on the barrel. It is 5 1/2 inches high while the cup is only 1 3/4 inches tall.

Let's roll out the barrel and all have a cup of good old Sedgwick Rye!

--L. M. --

Ski Country



This is THE SURVIVOR. You can easily tell by that fierce countenance, that this is the original "cock of the walk!" This Fighting Gamecock is the fellow who made it through the battle. He's the winner... you don't even want to think about the loser... much less look at him!

Ski Country will be releasing The Survivor throughout the U.S. shortly and like most bottles which have been a follow-up to a previous bottle, it will likely go very quickly. Don't know any

figures since Ski Country for some reason has decided to keep us in the dark and no longer sends information from Colorado.

The next bottle in the club series will be on display here next time probably after the bottle itself is released. I've seen the 750ml size and it's a real beauty so I'm certain the 50ml will also be a treat and immediately join the other plaque bottles on your wall. Look for it here next time. Hopefully we'll have more news from Chicago, too!

Ski Country Guide



1. MAJESTIC EAGLE
2. SNOWY OWL
3. PEACOCK
4. GILA WOODPECKER
5. RED-SHOULDERED HAWK
6. RAM
7. LEADVILLE LADIES
8. CALIFORNIA CONDOR
9. GOLDEN EAGLE
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
58. ELEPHANT POLITICAL
59. BIRTH OF FREEDOM
60. PRAIRIE CHICKEN
61. SUBMARINE
62. BROWN PELICAN
63. IVORY-BILLED WOOD-
PECKER
64. PHEASANT
65. CARDINAL
66. HAWK EAGLE
67. TROUT #2
68. END OF THE TRAIL
69. NORTH AMERICAN
INDIANS (6)
75. LAND-LOCKED SALMON
76. DRUM EAGLE
77. MALLARD DUCK FAMILY
78. KING EIDER DUCK
79. MUSKIE
80. SCREECH OWL FAMILY
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84. BOB CRATCHIT/TINY TIM
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87. BALTIMORE ORIOLE
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90. BASSETT HOUND
91. PENGUIN FAMILY
92. COYOTE FAMILY
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97. LOOKOUT INDIAN
98. BLACK LABRADOR
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CATCHER
105. FOX FAMILY
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107. WYOMING BRONCO
108. PEREGRINE FALCON
109. WIDGEON
110. NEAR MISS
111. RIVER OTTER
112. EAGLE DANCER
113. U. S. SKI TEAM
114. CANADA GOOSE FAMILY
115. ELK
116. BUFFALO DANCER
117. MEADOWLARK
118. BULL RIDER
119. WOOD DUCK PLAQUE
120. EASTER SEAL EAGLE
121. DALL SHEEP
122. DESERT SHEEP
123. RUFFED GROUSE
124. MALLARD 1981
125. BOBCAT
126. BADGER
127. BARRED OWL PLAQUE
128. PRAIRIE FALCON
129. MERGANSER
130. BALD EAGLE
(aka EAGLE ON WATER)
131. WOLF DANCER
132. PHOENIX BIRD
133. CANVASBACK DUCK
134. CHICADEES
135. MT. SHEEP
136. STONE SHEEP
137. WHITE-TAIL DEER
138. FIGHTING GAMECOCKS
139. RACCOON PLAQUE
140. DEER DANCER
141. BARREL RACER
142. BUFFALO STAMPEDE
143. RINGNECKED PHEASANT
144. MOOSE
145. DUCKS UNLIMITED
146. ANTELOPE DANCER
147. PASSENGER PIGEON
148. JAGUAR
149. GYRFALCON
150. SQUIRREL PLAQUE
151. WHOOPING CRANE
152. MALE MERGANSER
153. GREEN WINGED TEAL
154. FALCON DANCER
155. FOX & BUTTERFLY
156. THE SURVIVOR

Scotch For The Connoisseur

by Roy Holden

Well, the New Year is now with us and our bottles are a year older... and I might add, so are we! I thought with this issue I would show you three old bottles put out by W & S Strong Ltd. of Dundee. These are two watch bottles and one ordinary one although there was another watch which was shown in Jim Triffon's fine Scotch book. That one is not quite as old as the ones featured.

The first one, ROYAL MOUNTAIN DEW, is from the 1950's and is rare to say the least. Other firms have featured this name and one in particular is Mountain Dew put out by the Fountain Head Brewery just after the war. STRONG'S DUNDEE is also from the 1950's and is equally as hard to find as our first bottle. Last but not least is STRONG'S HIGHLAND. This is from the 1940's and is very rare indeed.

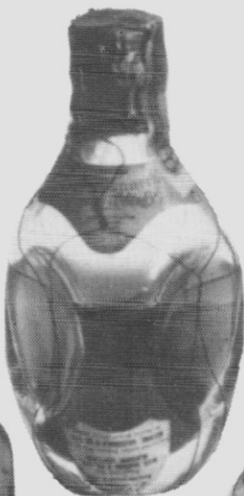
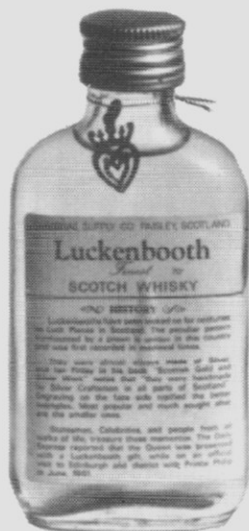
Bottle number four is LUCKENBOOTH. It has a very unique story attached to it. The photo is so clear you will hopefully be able to read it from the label. Cumbræ Supply of Glasgow have put out some great bottles over the years... do you remember National Doll we featured last year? The bottle pictured is from the 1960's and they also put out a Scots Wine at the same time. Neither of the two bottles shows up very often these days.

Throughout the past twelve months I have featured Scotch from the U. K. Well, I thought for a change I would feature three bottles imported into the States some years ago and which are quite hard to find today. The first, CAMPBELL KING'S GOLD SEAL, is an eight year old and was imported by The American Beverage Company of Brooklyn, New York, some forty years ago. This particular bottle has a Florida Tax Stamp and originated from Mannie's Stores in Miami.

The last two bottles are characteristic of a lot of bottles in the 1930's which were dimple in shape and covered with wire. OLD MONARCH was exported to the U. S. A. by Alex. McGavin of Glasgow to Gutherie MacDonald & Co. of Beaver St., New York. The final bottle for this issue (and what a great bottle it is) is called SCOT'S IMPERIAL. It is a twelve year blended whisky which was blended and bottled by McGregor Anderson & Co. of Glasgow. It was imported into San Francisco by the Pacific Wine and Spirit Company in the early 1930's. This one is 90 proof and was also available in a tall round bottle put out by the same company.

Well, space runs out again. I hope you've enjoyed these seven bottles. We will be back to the U. K. in the next issue for six more beauties.

--R. H. --



VODKA

by George Lisenko

This month I have selected twelve different mini vodkas for those collectors who feel that vodkas are just too plain! As you can see, all of them have one thing in common...horses!!

The first one pictured, COSSACK, shows a beautiful and colorful horse back mini vodka label. This is my favorite...and, the Czar's best. This mini is a product of the U. S. A. and is sold only in the State of Massachusetts.

In the next three, HUZZAR Vodka is a product of Ireland. It is clear, flat, and sports a gold and red label. KOBBAK shows a horseback soldier and comes from Spain. The word Kobak is a very old Russian word which means "bar". The word itself hasn't been used in probably fifty years! KUBANSKAYA is found in different parts of the world and this one comes from Italy. The name is associated with an old town in Russia named "Kuban".

Moving on, we find four more bottles. GOLDEN STALLION comes out of Chicago, IL. The one I have has an Alabama tax stamp on it and certainly isn't seen very often. MATKA KOSAKEN VODKA (two of them are pictured) is in both the clear boot and the round bottle...labels are the same. Both are products of Germany. REMOFF also comes from Germany and has a dark label.

STROGOFF is made in Mexico and isn't found very often. TROIKA is a Russian word which means three. Here we have three famous horses. The first bottle comes from Japan while the second is from Spain. Finally, we have the VLADIVAR IMPERIAL VODKA from Great Britain.

There are quite a few more in my collection which aren't pictured. Hope to add a few more vodka collectors to this small field. As has been said many times, there is a story behind every vodka bottle!

George "Vodka" Lisenko



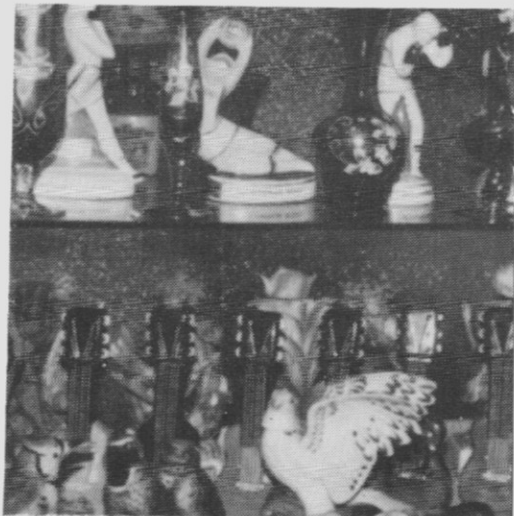
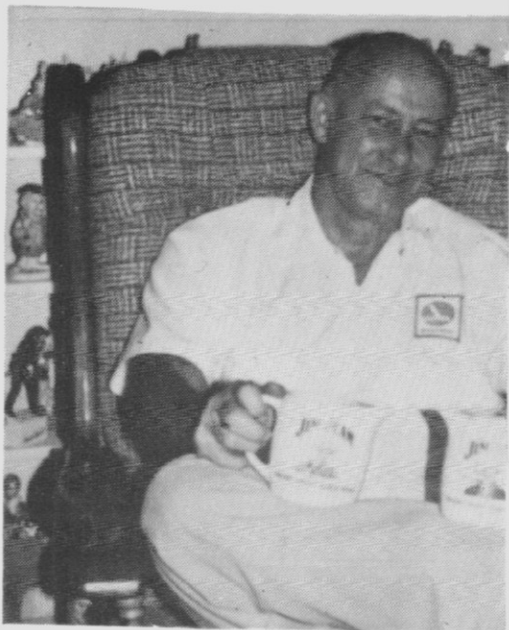


MEET THE COLLECTOR:

Our collectors this time are Bob and Kay Williams of Miami, Florida. It's nice to see people who are really involved with bottles and support the hobby as well as the Williams have over the past good many years. Not only are they active in the miniature world but also with the Jim Beam clubs.

Bob and two friends founded the South Florida Jim Beam Bottle and Specialties Club back in November of 1970. The '70's marked their entrance into bottle collecting and they've been adding mini figurals, Beam Club bottles, whiskey and water pitchers, and lots and lots of liquor go-withs since.

You'll find one or both of them in attendance at all the shows and auctions and everywhere bottles may be found. The pictures here speak for themselves and show two avid collectors with a great many sought after bottles. Let's have a resounding round of applause for two people who help make bottle collecting the joy it is!





IRISH



(Ed. Note: The following was submitted by David Hamilton of Tyne & Wear in England. We did not have an original picture but felt this was certainly of interest to everyone. A big thank you across the Atlantic to Mr. Hamilton!)

Regarding an article on Irish Whiskey by Ed Carter in the last issue, I enclose an article with photo that was taken from a magazine issued for the Wine & Spirit trade in the U. K. for the benefit of MBC subscribers.

"Thirty miniature bottles of Irish Whiskey, discovered when an old wall of a house in Cardiff, Wales was recently demolished, have intrigued distributors Matthew Clark & Sons.

"Many of them are Old Bushmills bottles of First World War vintage, said Matthew Clarks Irish Distillers agency manager, Brian Mulholland. They are a type of bottle marketed at that time in the United States.

"The bottles will go on show at Old Bushmills in County Antrim in the visitors display centre and at Matthew Clarks London headquarters in Central Street, where a representative selection of the miniature bottle will be on view."

ABSINTHE

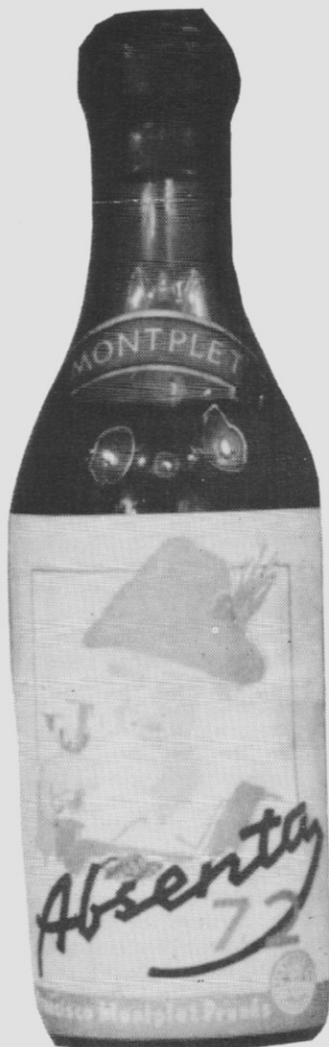
Invented in Switzerland in 1792 by 'Docteur Ordinaire', Absinthe was no ordinary drink. In spite of the "life-giving" properties of this new elixir, the good Docteur Ordinaire passed away the following year. His mistress, undeterred, began selling the liqueur in her neighborhood. Convinced of the beverage's healing qualities, one of her best customers bought the formula and with his son-in-law Henri Pernod, set up a distillery in France and had great initial success in distributing the product. Thus ABSINTHE was the forerunner of today's most popular drinks in France such as Pernod, Pastis, Berger and Ricard.

"Artemisia Absinthium" is the botanical name for wormwood which has in fact nothing to do with worm nor wood but gets its meaning from the old Saxon "wary mood" or mindpreserver, arising from a misconception of its hallucinatory qualities. It was usually colored with chlorophyll from nettle juice or spinach.

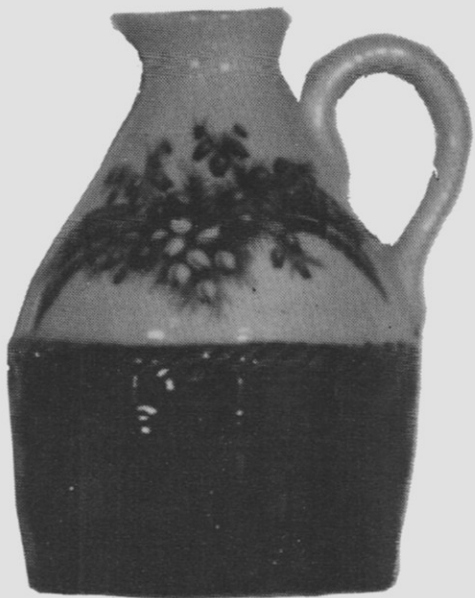
After over a century of popularity, the French government finally prohibited the production and sale of Absinthe in 1915, on the pretext that vital alcohol was needed for making gunpowder in the war effort. The real reason was that at 136 U.S. Proof, it was supposed to have killed many. Today, Absinthe is banned in almost all countries of the world except Spain and Andorra.

This miniature Absinthe was acquired in Andorra, in the Pyrenees between Spain and France, and is presumed to have been produced in 1972 as is indicated on the label.

--Joseph Levesque--
The Cognac Newsletter



RUTHERFORD



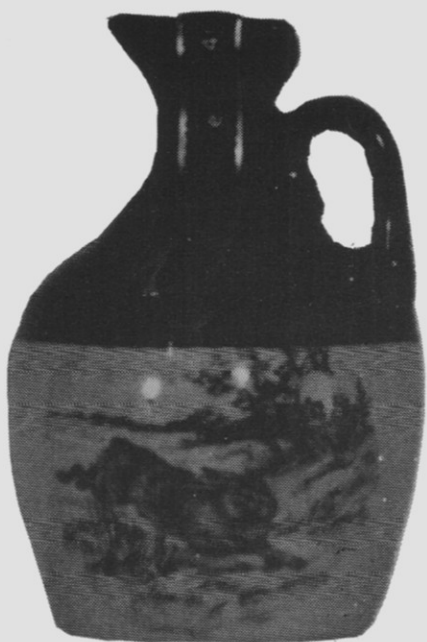
Pictured this time are six Rutherford Jugs from Scotland. Down through the years, a number of jugs have been produced for sale in Great Britain. Naturally this means that some of each type will make its way to our shores. The six shown are all reissues of jugs which appeared a number of years back. The older versions are immediately identifiable by the writing on the bottom which states that they were Montrose products.

Many people might raise an eyebrow at a bottle which has been reissued or reproduced; however, since so few of any of these pieces ever made it to U. S. collectors, there will be those who see it as a blessing. This is also true as the original bottles never made any huge jump in value. Actually, everyone should be pleased.

The Thistle and the Rose motif should be well known to all Scotch collectors by now. The other four pieces are the Wild Animal Set, . . . the favorite of most people being the Wild Boar.

In the future we'll have many more Rutherford bottles to show you. And, there will be some surprises!





KOBY'S

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by Bob Koby

Shalom:

I bring you all beer greetings from Israel. A festive occasion took my wife and me back to The Holy Land for a short stay...seven days only. Naturally besides a few days of sight-seeing I took quite a few strolls around Tel-Aviv to hunt for my favorite pastime, mini bottles. These will be shown alongside the beer cans. In the last few years, I've tried covering almost all aspects of mini bottle collecting so now you'll get a chance to see some beer cans from Israel and I might add in a bottle or two.

Can number one is Piels Draft Style from Allentown, PA. I drank this one coming back to the states on an El-Al flight. Can two is Swinkles Double 7 from Lieshout, Holland. One side is in English while the other side is in Hebrew. By the way, it seems that the Israelis drink a lot of beer...at least this is what I witnessed as I strolled along Dizengoff Street.

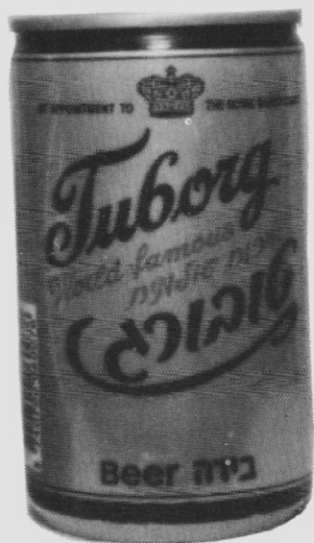
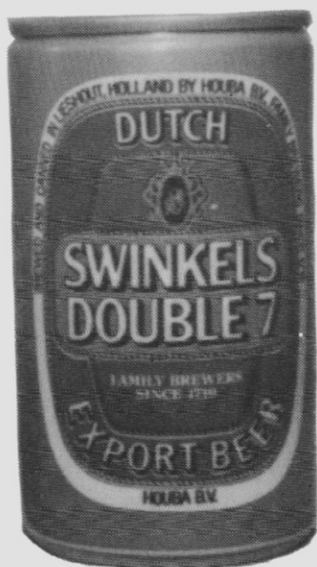
Maccabee Beer is bottled and brewed in the resort town of Netanya by National Brewery Ltd. Tuborg comes from Copenhagen, Denmark.

Besides English, Yiddish, and a few words of Hebrew, all other languages are Greek to me. So the only words that I can read on the water pitcher is Souvenir of Greece, contents Brandy. The tall column-shaped bottle is marked Ouzonis Liqueur. Both of these minis I bought in a grocery store.

The other six beer cans and eight more minis you'll have to see in the club publications that I also contribute to. Hope you'll have a great summer and find the minis, cans, and/or swizzle sticks you're looking for!

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