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| Bull Rider        | F  | 35   |
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| Gyrfalcon         | F  | 47   |
| Harpy Eagle       | F  | 90   |
| Male Merganser    | F  | 45   |
| Meadowlark        | F  | 32   |
| Mountain Lion     | F  | 32   |
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| Ruffed Grouse     | F  | 19   |
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| Woodland Trio     | F  | 40   |
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| Widgeon           | HG | 125  |
| Barrel Racer      | M  | 20   |
| Bob Cratchit      | M  | 15   |
| Buffalo Stampede  | M  | 20   |
| Chukar Partridge  | M  | 15   |
| D.U. Canvasback   | M  | 20   |
| D.U. Widgeon      | M  | 18   |
| D.U. Wood Duck    | M  | 25   |
| Gyrfalcon         | M  | 30   |
| Prairie Falcon    | M  | 30   |

**GRENADIER**

|                   |    |    |
|-------------------|----|----|
| Cont. Marines     | F  | 25 |
| 3rd New York      | F  | 10 |
| 1st. Pennsylvania | F  | 20 |
| Lannes            | F  | 10 |
| Napoleon          | F  | 10 |
| Stonewall Jackson | F  | 25 |
| Frosty            | F  | 20 |
| Texas Ranger      | F  | 20 |
| Teddy Roosevelt   | F  | 25 |
| Father's Gift     | F  | 20 |
| La Fayette        | F  | 15 |
| Rochambeau        | F  | 10 |
| Joan of Arc       | T  | 60 |
| King's African    | Q  | 10 |
| Pancho-on-a-Horse | HG | 75 |

**EMPTY MC CORMICK**

|                  |   |      |
|------------------|---|------|
| Bald Eagle       | F | \$35 |
| Cable Car        | F | 37   |
| Tom Sawyer       | F | 25   |
| Stephen Austin   | F | 20   |
| Alex Graham Bell | F | 20   |
| G. W. Carver     | F | 20   |
| William Clark    | F | 20   |
| Sam Houston      | F | 20   |
| Ben Franklin     | M | 15   |
| John Hancock     | M | 15   |
| Patrick Henry    | M | 15   |
| Thomas Jefferson | M | 15   |
| John Paul Jones  | M | 15   |
| Chas. Lindbergh  | M | 10   |

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|                   |    |    |
|-------------------|----|----|
| Jaguar            | F  | 35 |
| Lion              | F  | 35 |
| Lynx & Rabbit     | F  | 30 |
| Mt. Goat & Puma   | F  | 77 |
| Monk & Choir      | F  | 25 |
| Canada Geese      | HP | 20 |
| Turkey            | HP | 20 |
| Wood Duck         | HP | 20 |
| TN. Volunteers    | F  | 20 |
| MO. Tigers        | F  | 15 |
| Auburn Tigers     | F  | 15 |
| KY State Wildcats | F  | 15 |
| KS State Wildcats | F  | 15 |

**C'S ART**

|                    |   |    |
|--------------------|---|----|
| Mex. Fighting Bull | F | 20 |
| Skunks             | M | 15 |

**A.S.I.**

|                    |   |    |
|--------------------|---|----|
| Bing Crosby Open   | F | 7  |
| "09 Grn.Stan.Steam | F | 42 |
| '11 Blk. " "       | F | 40 |

**MICHTER'S**

|                |   |    |
|----------------|---|----|
| Keystone State | F | 10 |
| Peace Candle   | F | 20 |

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|                  |    |      |
|------------------|----|------|
| Blacksmith       | F  | \$50 |
| Burro            | F  | 50   |
| Landlady         | F  | 20   |
| Mine             | F  | 25   |
| Music Man        | F  | 25   |
| California Seal  | F  | 25   |
| Oklahoma Dancers | F  | 25   |
| Bear & Cubs      | HG | 80   |
| Buffalo & Calf   | HG | 80   |
| Mt. Lion & Cubs  | HG | 80   |
| Gambler          | M  | 10   |

**WILLETT**

|                  |   |    |
|------------------|---|----|
| Surface Miner    | F | 20 |
| Kentucky Colonel | F | 10 |

**DAVISS**

|                     |   |    |
|---------------------|---|----|
| Hawaii AM. Legion   | F | 20 |
| Indy Turbo Trans-Am | F | 30 |

**JIM BEAM**

|          |   |    |
|----------|---|----|
| Sturgeon | F | 15 |
|----------|---|----|

**EZRA B**

|                 |   |    |
|-----------------|---|----|
| Race Car (Dick) | F | 25 |
| " " (Norton)    | F | 25 |

**COMMON**

|             |   |    |
|-------------|---|----|
| Oktoberfest | F | 40 |
|-------------|---|----|

**LIONSTONE**

|                |   |    |
|----------------|---|----|
| Fire Emblem #5 | F | 25 |
|----------------|---|----|

**FAMOUS F**

|                    |    |    |
|--------------------|----|----|
| '69 Dino Ferari    | HP | 35 |
| Fireman No.1       | P  | 35 |
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|                 |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|
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# Let's Talk

The way it's been, the only thing for a collector to do these days is sit at home and correspond with other collectors. The weather hasn't been kindly for us recently. So stay at home now and plan your trips to bottle shows this year. Pennsylvania, Illinois and Anaheim are all calling to you. (Details elsewhere.)

First off, an apology for last issue. Some old pages were inadvertently rerun by the printer. Then two articles by Joseph Levesque got confused. Anyway, bear with us!

This time we've got quite a few old and new bottles for you. Seems nice to have a couple of new ceramics. The Wild Turkey releases for this year (all four of them) look great and there will be at least the two Elvis bottles of which Sgt. Elvis is just the first. No news on that Ski Country Indian Maiden... maybe by next time.

We're featuring quite a few things from the Orient this issue but that's because we don't get news from some other areas and the bottles from the East are always great to look at.

Yes, Missouri is now a legal state for minis. Heard from two different people. If the rest of the country gets in line, who knows what might be issued by the companies. However, don't hold your breath. Spirits consumption is way down and the Carrie Nations among us are rattling their sabers.

Now here's a special mini. Just received word that Eaglesome Limited in Scotland have produced a very limited number of Campbelltown Single Malt Scotch minis where in the Scotch was distilled in 1919. At the present time we can't tell you how limited; however, we can tell you that the selling price for each is over \$100.00!

See you next time. --DMS--

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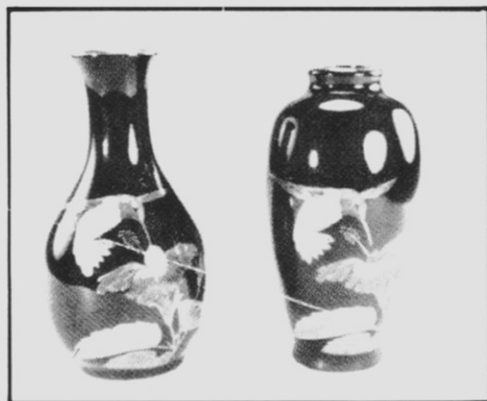
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## Our Cover

The Jim Beam Uncle Sam on the cover this time is a recent issue of Pick-Kwik Wines & Spirits of Mickleover, Derby, England. This is the first of a series in the International Collection. Each bottle is numbered and was made by Royal Doulton. If you remember the excellent Mr. Micawber, this Uncle Sam is even better! The detail and coloring are superb. Collectors in three areas want this one!

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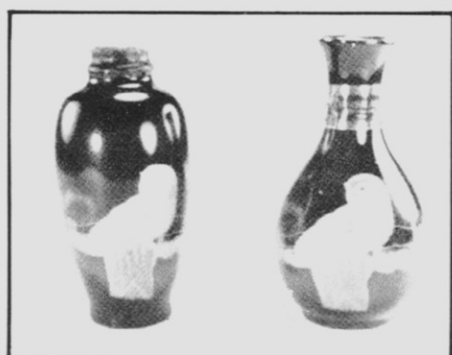
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The items shown in this brochure come from Canada, China, France, Holland, Italy and Japan. We now import directly for collectors and stores which serve the needs of collectors. Quality speaks for itself and with CHIISAI BIN, quality



# WHAT'S NEW

## Old, Odd, or Unusual

by James Triffon

Inhabitants of northern countries have been spirit drinkers since spirits were widely made. The general term used for them was "water of life" from the Latin "aqua vitae" and this became the "Aqvavit" in Danish, "Aquavit" in both Germany and Holland, Schnaps in Denmark and Schnaps in Sweden. The pronunciation is vaguely the same, and the word itself means a "gasp", a term evoking the way it is drunk and its subsequent effect. The Danes have been distilling Schnaps for about 400 years.

Grain, from which most Danish Aqvavit has always been made, has been referred to as the "Danish Grape". Rye, and later, wheat were the types used. Today, however, potatoes are used in large quantities, from September until March or April, grain being used for distillation for the rest of the year. The twenty-six Danish Distilleries were virtually taxed out of existence in 1917, the sole surviving manufacturer of Schnaps being the Danish Distilleries, founded in 1881 in Aalborg, the export department of which is Danisco.

There are many conventions about drinking Schnaps. Schnaps is strong and therefore served in small glasses, being two, three or five centiliters in size. It is always served ice cold. For

obvious reasons of space in writing this article, I cannot go into great detail of recipes and the traditional accompaniment of drinking Schnaps. It would be much like vodka were it not that it is always flavored, and almost always with caraway.

The following photos show 14 bottles of Schnapps from several different distillers, and or bottlers. They are all of approximately 50 ml capacity, and range from 48 to 90 proof. There is straight Schnapps, peppermint, apple, apple country, applemint, choco-mint, cinnamon, spearmint, old world peppermint Schnapps, and mentholmint Schnapps. The bottles are clear to brown, and round, square and flask. These are only a few, and if one is to look, there are many other brands and kinds.

For further research and study, I highly recommend the following three books:

The World Guide To Spirits, Aperitifs and Cocktails, by Tony Lord.

The Complete Book of Spirits and Liqueurs, by Cyril Ray.

The Penguin Book of Spirits and Liqueurs, by Pamela Van Dyke.

See you next time with some interesting bottles from Japan. --J. T. --





# *Wild Turkey*



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# The Perfect Gift Pack

Fred Jinkens



I have just received what I call the perfect gift for the cognac collector. Delamain put out this package with two minis of the pale and dry cognac.

That's now one bottle for your collection and one to drink. Most companies would have stopped there, but not Delamain. They also give you a glass to drink the cognac and have wrapped it all up in a nice imitation leather box.

Well done, Delamain, keep up the good work! --F. J.--



# A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



It's about time that someone with a little class came to Boozeville. This old well-to-do business man with his nose in the air adds that bit of class. He likes his booze as you can see and is quite full of it.

This giveaway bottle is called SNOOT FULL. It is one of the many types that were expressly used to get a well intoxicated customer on his way home in good humor. The bartender would put a small shot of whiskey in it and get him to take it home for something to drink in the morning. One can only imagine that he drank it as soon as he got out the door and threw the empty bottle away. However, some survived for us to collect and enjoy. This one is multicolor and is 5 1/2 inches tall.

Well, he just blew his classy image by walking up to the bar and yelling in a loud voice "timber". This means he's buying everyone in the place a drink.

Excuse me, I'll see you later. I'm heading for the bar! --L. M. --



# MINIATURE BEERS

by Bob Kay

## GO-WITHS



The "stubby" Ballantine mini is fairly rare. It was packaged along with a clear glass mug in a plastic box with the "beer frame" bowling theme. Bill's Specialty Manufacturing Co. of Milwaukee produced a variety of mini beer go-withs of this sort during the 1950's.

You have probably seen mini beer mugs, but have you seen mini mug candles with beer labels on them? In addition to the ceramic mugs, Bills produced ceramic ashtrays complete with beer bottles and shades. Chalk figures such as "Bartender Joe" and "Lucky Guy" were also incorporated with mini beers.

All of these go-withs are quite collectable. They add a little spice and variety to the rows and rows of bottles we sometimes find ourselves surrounded with. If you have an unusual go-with, how about sending in a picture and let us all have a look?

'Til next time... --Bob Kay--





# DEAD MR. PROHIBITION

author JOSEPH LEVESQUE

This miniature casket was recently found in an antique shop and is in remarkable condition, considering it was manufactured in the early 1920's. It was meant as a joke against prohibition.

The label on the casket lid refers to the Prohibition Act of 1919, with the repeal date as yet unknown.

Once the inside panel is removed, one sees Mr. Prohibition laid out full length...with a rather unlikely mid-section.

When Mr. Prohibition is taken apart for an autopsy, one finds a cork-screw in the hat; a jigger in the stomach, a cork in the jigger, and, a bottle opener in the toes.

A little pamphlet is found in the casket with the following copy:

Front side:

Poor Mr. Prohibition's licked -

We've got him on his back!

He's trying hard to make amends

Before he's in "the sack".

Let's look him over just for fun,

He may be used at that!

There's nothing in that head of his --

He's "screwy" in the hat!

His stomach is charged a bit -

It measures out the rye.

A "Jigger-full" each time it's used!

Say! He's a useful guy.

He kicks off taps with utmost ease

We've got his cork in spirit!

And when he passes on, dear friend -

We know that we can "Beer-it"!

Alas, Poor Mr. Prohibition.....

Born: July 1919

Passed away.....

Back side:

Price Complete in Mailing Carton:  
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Instructions are as follows:

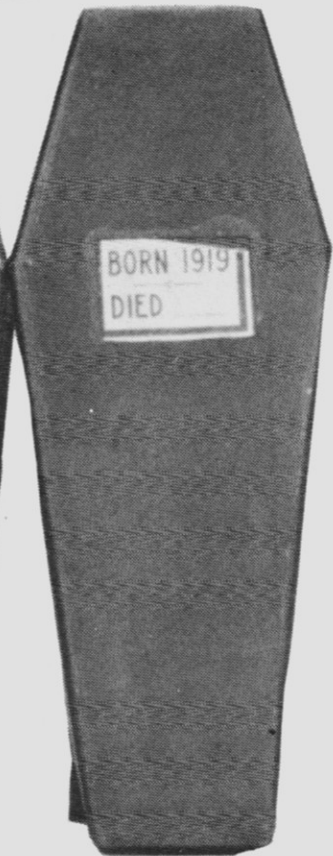
Note that Mr. Prohibition has "gone to pieces". There are four major parts. Remove these from enclosure, then:

1. To remove hat from head - twist either way. Ah! Our corkscrew for our first celebration.

2. Mr. Prohibition's li'l rotund stomach. Imagine! A Jigger-full to the drop.

3. How about the bottle cap? Here's the answer. Mr. Prohibition's turned-up toes - our bottle opener.

4. To keep the Ginger Ale from going flat - we simply invert the opener and - presto! - the cork!!!



# FROM JAPAN

There are two Pure Malt Whisky miniatures in Japan. One is KARUI-ZAWA from the SANRAKU OCEAN Co. Two years ago they distributed several brands of their liquor for entry members and then added this fancy miniature as a novelty. This bottle is a complete facsimile of the full sized one. It contains 100 ml at 43 percent and has a beautiful ceramic plate as its label.

The other Pure Malt Whisky, the second bottle, is YAMAZAKI from SUNTORY LIMITED in a round brown glass. It is 11.2 cm tall, contains 50 ml at 43 percent alcohol. This bottle appeared just recently and then only as a sample for the best restaurants.

Both of these pure malt whiskies are extremely difficult to obtain.

The next bottle is ROSE BANK 12 year old single malt Scotch. It is a round

green bottle of 50 ml contents at 43 percent. The label is black and white trimmed in gold, black and red letters and three little gold pot stills.

Number four is DEWAR'S Blended Scotch, in a clear round bottle of the normal 50 ml contents and once again 43 percent alcohol. The white label has letters "Dewar's" and "White Label", gold medal and crest with gold, red and blue coloring.

The last bottle and an extremely interesting Scotch is DUNHILL OLD MASTER. It is in a fancy brown glass decanter type with red seal embossed "AD 1845" and "dunhill" on the top of the cap. The label is a light tan with dark brown letters and crest. This bottle is only presently available by buying a Dunhill cigarette lighter...which costs approximately \$225!!

--T.S.--



# SCOTCH For The Connoisseur

by Roy Holden

Well, 1985 is here and with it the Scotch story continues with six more bottles for you collectors to browse over.

Our first bottle is what I would call a top deck miniature Scotch Whisky. Jack of Clubs was distilled by Harvey Mackay & Co. Ltd. in the 1940's. The label is quite showy in red and black and any collector with it in his collection would be as proud as I am in having it!

To our second bottle, White Hart, I can hear collectors saying "I've got that one", but it's nothing to do with the blends Hart Bros. put out. This particular one was put out by Alexander Dunn & Co. of Edinburgh. It is 75 proof and was done for a hotel in the south of England some years ago. In fact, a member of the Royal Family resides close to the hotel in Gloucestershire.

For our third bottle we go to Yorkshire again for another brewery bottle. The bottle this time is Melbourne Scotch from the 1940's. The brand was named after the brewery in Leeds which at the same time had other brands of

Scotch and Rum all desired collectors' pieces today. (Too dark to show.)

Andrew MacDonald of Hartford Street in London were responsible for our fourth bottle, another beauty from the '40's called Pride of Montrose.

Macleay Duff & Co. have been responsible for various miniature scotch during the past forty or so years. The bottle featured in this issue is a gem, their special Liqueur Cream Scotch put out in the 1940's from their offices in Glasgow. The label is bright red on a black background.

Well, bottle number six is here again. White Stag is one from a group of the "white" bottles that most of us collectors like to build up as a collection within a collection. The one featured is unique in shape but is characteristic of many Scotch from Italy. However, it still fits our heading. I found this particular one at a filling station one night on my way to Villa de Stabbia at the toe end of the country. Well, I hope you have once again enjoyed these six bottles. There will be more in the Spring. --R. H. --





# Wines from

# CHINA



The four bottles shown here are from the Hsing Huachun Fen Chiew Breweries in Shansi, China. They are four different (very sweet) Chinese Wines. If you cannot read the labels (and if you really are interested), the four are: MEI GUIJIU, ZHU YE QING JIU, FEN JIU, and BAI YU JIU. I may be wrong, however, I get the distinct impression that the word Jiu means wine.

The labels are extremely colorful but it is the crudeness of the glass which

is the most interesting. What would appear to be a plastic or cellophane covering is actually scored or broken glass near the top of the neck of each bottle. It is broken on the inside as the glass is smooth to the touch on the outside.

It would seem that more and more bottles are being produced in China. We'll have others in both glass and ceramic to show you soon. --DMS--

# Kosher Cognac

Recently in the mail came a most intriguing press release sent to me by collector Howard Goldberg. Howard is in the liquor business and wanted to share this information with other collectors. Here's the text of what he sent:

"The first kosher cognac to reach North America, Lanxner Brand Cognac, will now be imported from France by Medek Liquors.

"This tantalizing beverage, never before available to the kosher consumer until its introduction last February, is already becoming quite popular on the East Coast. National distribution will take place in the near future.

"Quality does not have to be compromised for the sake of dietary laws. Connoisseurs have concurred that Lanxner's is indeed a very fine cognac, and is considered even better than comparable world-renowned, name-brand cognacs in its class.

"Lanxner's is a five-year-old cognac; additional allotments are also consistently being put into storage for continued aging.

"Lanxner's Cognac is available in three sizes: 750 ml, 375 ml, and 50 ml."

It is indeed a new one to watch for... particularly if you live in the New Jersey or New York areas.



# melo's minis

by Mike Olson

The first of the "political" bottles is Diplomat Straight Bourbon Whisky (spelled with no "e") Distilled by Continental Distilling Corp., Philadelphia, PA. It has a silver foil label printed in black and red, is 100 proof, seven months old, an embossed amber glass flat and was made about 1935. The fifth bottle is Congress Club Bourbon Whiskey, Distilled in Indiana, bottled by Liquor Dealer Supply Co., Chicago, IL. It has a white label printed in blue and red with a gold trim, is 90 proof, one year old, an amber glass flat and has a 1937 Illinois tax stamp. The next bottle is Senator Corby Master Blended Whiskey Blended and Bottled by Jas. Barclay & Co., Peoria, IL. It is 86.8 proof, six years old and was made about 1950.

The next three bottles were Bottled by Arrow Distilleries, Inc., Peoria, IL. The first of these is Clarke's Pure Rye, Inc., bottled for Clarke's Pure Rye, Inc., Dundalk, Maryland. It is 90 proof, three years old, distilled in Maryland, a clear glass flat and has a 1937 Illinois tax stamp. Bottle number eight is Clarke's Bourbon Straight Bourbon Whiskey. It is 90 proof, three years old, distilled in Kentucky, an amber glass flat and has a 1937 Illinois tax stamp. These bottles have similar white labels printed in red (diagonally), black and gold.

In this article I would like to feature two pre-pro's, an Old Canadian, three bottles with politically related brand names, three flats from Arrow Distillers and finally, two mystery bottles!

The first of the bottles is Sedgwick Rye by A. Bauer & Co., Chicago. It is an amber glass corker with a back la-

bel which states its virtues, but has no proof or age of contents. This bottle was made around 1900. The next bottle is R. H. Parker, A Blend of Straight Whiskies guaranteed under the Food & Drug Act, June 30, 1906 by N. M. Uri & Co., Louisville, KY. It is an embossed amber glass corker with a black label with white printing and has the distiller's name and location embossed on the back of the bottle. The third of this group is The Embassy Special Old Liqueur Whisky, A Blend of Old Malt and Grain Whiskies by Consolidated Distillers Limited, Montreal, Canada. It is a green glass corker BIB in Canada circa 1920.

The next bottle is a puzzle to me. It is Quality House Blended Whiskey Distilled and Blended by Quality Corp., Chicago, IL. The stamp over the cap states: Liqueurtes 489 5th Ave. New York 16, NY. I do not know whether this was a legitimate brand, but I have seen other Liqueurtes bottles which were real bottles and labels but filled with something other than the original booze. This bottle was made about 1950 and is certainly interesting.

Finally we come to the last bottle which appears to be a pre-pro private brand and/or giveaway bottle. It is J. V. Botto Keeper of the Old Whisky Shop - Hermitage - 222 N. Adams St., Peoria, IL. The bottle is an almost square, thin flask and was probably custom made for this establishment.

If anyone has any further information on these last two bottles, or would like information on any bottle pictured, please feel free to contact me.

Until next time. . . . MELO





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By Robert E. Kay

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