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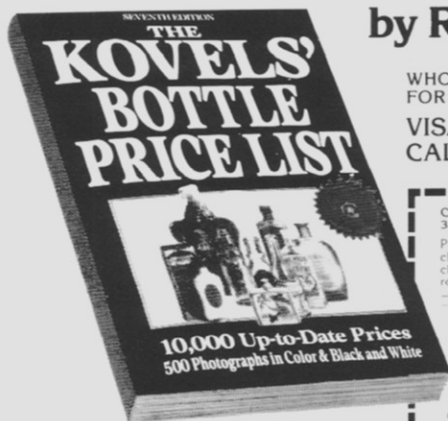
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Last issue I started off by saying: "When it rains, it pours." That didn't pertain to the little squall known as Gloria but it surely should have. This is being written as the hurricane moves toward New York and the show which was to be this weekend at the Hilton. Here's hoping that all of you who were there stayed high and dry... with a little electricity.

This is the issue that a lot of promises are kept. First off, Lloyd McLeod is back and he's always a welcome addition. The majority of our regulars are here this time, too. A couple got forced out this time, but they'll be in the next issue. The reason that a lot of scrambling for space was done is the WHO'S WHO which starts on page 6. A great many of you will be interested in this and I can only hope that when we do this again next year that the response will be huge!

Next issue we've got quite a few new things lined up for you. There are articles on three interesting (yet phony) bottles, some new glass from Germany, and naturally, Mike Olson will have some more great whiskies for us.

Finally I have to dispell a rumor that I inadvertently started in this small column last time. I wrote that certain Limoges bottles (Camus, Sempe, etc.) were available at the Duty Free Shop here in Los Angeles. Well, they are, but only to International travelers who are leaving the U. S. Sorry that some of you thought that we local collectors could get the bottles for you.

See you around Thanksgiving time.

---DMS---

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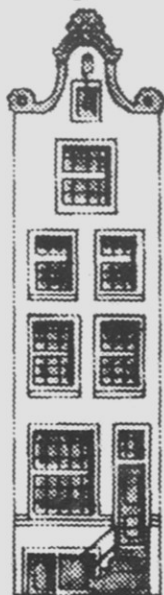
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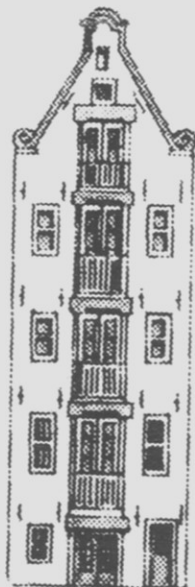
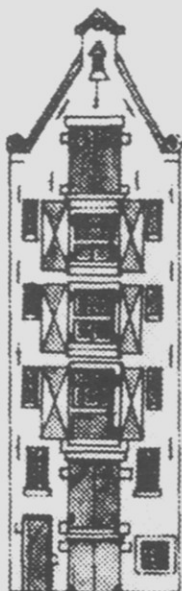
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Let me now address some interesting comments I have heard or read. First off, the subject of who will receive this directory. The answer is only subscribers to the magazine. The list will not be sold to any individual or company. In short you need not be worried about receiving a computer call at 1 am or being "deluged" with mail because someone got the list from the magazine. This is not to say that there are not some subscribers who might want to make use of the list in some way. And, hopefully that's what this is all about. Collectors contacting other collectors.

Next we come to how to use the list. It's being taken directly from what you have checked off on the questionnaire. However, here are some interesting items. There are people who collect nothing but figurals and then listed straight glass scotch bottles as their primary interest. There was another person who checked off straight glass only and then wrote in, "Except for Ski Country and other figurals I like." So the directory is only as accurate as you want it to be.

Come on now, take pen in hand to let others know you exist!!!

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# A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod

Some people have good luck. Others have a good time. Although this Boozeville resident is riding a turkey, she is making the best of it.

It's difficult to say if the turkey represents a bad situation in her job or her marriage. She appears to be having a good time anyway no matter what her problems are.

This bottle was given out to people who unloaded their troubles on the bartender. It is a hard bottle to find today. This particular piece is 4 7/8 in. and has "Merry Xmas" on the base with the crown mark on the bottom. The proud owner of this bottle is David, our Editor & Publisher of MBC.

This is certainly an interesting bottle. Surely there are a number of interpretations of its meaning.

So, remember, if you have troubles, don't walk barefoot through the turkey pen. Ride that turkey. Sip the wine and enjoy. Cheers! --L. M. --



# SAMPLES

by David M. Spaid

There was a time when my movie memory wouldn't have failed me, alas, time moves on. This repository of almost useless information must pass on his mantle. What I'm talking about is the bottle of the man dressed as a bell captain. In case you hadn't guessed, it's one half of that wonderful comedy team, Oliver and Hardy. The former not the latter.

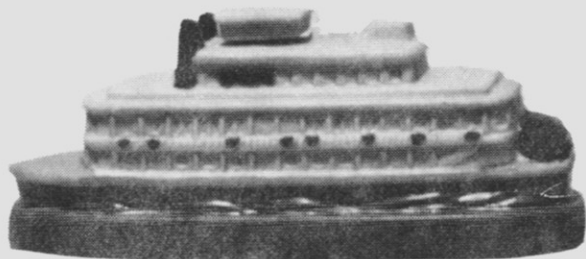
When the last pair of Laurel & Hardy bottles was issued in 1976, this sample was made as part of a projected third set of bottles. The idea was taken from one of their last films in which one of the boys steps on the trail of an ingenue's dress as she walks away. She is left standing in her "unmentionables" while the boys do one of their flabbergasted routines. The ingenue was Jean Harlow and the film was quite a success. Alas, this bottle only made it to the mock-up stage.

The small ship is a replica of the Reuben E. Lee restaurant found in Newport Beach, CA. Original plans were to sell this bottle filled with wine at the restaurant itself. Plans have a way of going astray and consequently the bottle was never approved. This all occurred in 1977-78.

Then in 1979 the Grenadier Company was commissioned to do a customer specialty for Dart Liquor in Stateline, Nevada. At that time, Dart was an absolute mecca for collectors with an elaborate second story devoted entirely to collector decanters. It was reached by elevator and no trip to the Lake Tahoe area was complete without a stop at Dart.







This little man is a ceramic representation of the Dart logo... a happy man counting the money he's saved by shopping at Dart. Incredibly enough, this bottle was never made because of a disagreement by the then Dart owner and the ceramic maker. The maker insisted upon a minimum number of 600 pieces being produced while the store owner would take no more than 500 pieces. This proverbial "Mexican standoff" resulted in the loss of what would have been potentially a highly desired bottle. Too bad.

In the future we'll dig up other unseen pieces for you. Hope you enjoyed these three.



# FROM JAPAN

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI

The vacation is over... the collection is over.

Well, Suntory Ltd. bottled the new Malt whiskys again... Pure Malt 7 Yr Black Label and White Label. One, the Black Label, is used for the malt distilled in the Yamazaki Distillery in Kyoto while the other, White Label, is for Hakushu (Nagano). Both have a picture of each distillery on the label. They are limited products with each bottle numbered. We look forward to their being available in the marketplace soon.

The second, John Power & Son Gold Label Irish Whiskey, has a gold label to the letter with a familiar red "P" at the center of the label and on the cap top, too. It is a common flat, clear glass bottle containing 50 ml at 43% alcohol.



The next two Scotches are very interesting. As you know, Glen Stag 5 Yr old was already available here in Japan last year but just recently the Glen Stag 15 Yr (round) and 21 Yr (flat) have become available. They are also common clear glass bottles containing 48 ml at 43% alcohol as was the 5 Yr. The labels are gold and black which is different from the silver and black 5 Yr old. Also they all have a deer on the label except for the 21 Yr old.

The last bottle, Mortlach 12 Yr Pure Malt Whisky, from John Walker & Sons Ltd. not Gordon & MacPhail, is in a flat clear bottle containing 50 ml at 43% alcohol. It sports a tan label which is trimmed in gold with a gold emblem and "12". This bottle is very rare and only available as a sample for the liquor stores.

See you soon.

--T. S.--



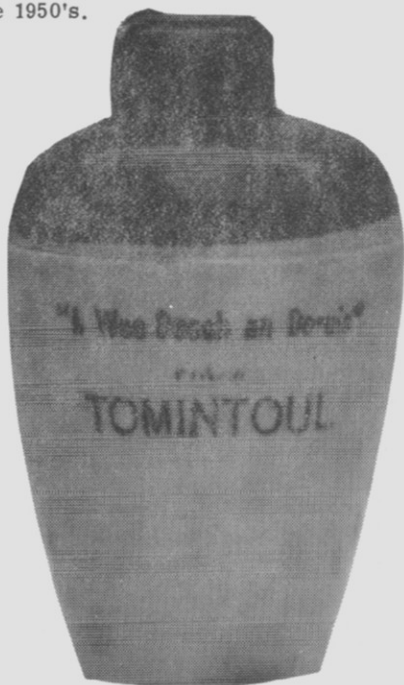
# SCOTCH For The Connoisseur

by Roy Holden

I have for the past few years always shown you miniatures of Scotch in glass bottles, so I thought for a change this issue I would feature half a dozen miniature Scotch flagons. I know most collectors enjoy having these in their collections. Most flagons have a mini-glass bottle, too. The majority of the ones featured in this article are from the Speyside area of Scotland, and are only found today in old collections.

Our first flagon, AVON SPECIAL, from Tomintoul, is taken after the River Avon, tributary of the famous River Spey. A Macintyre & Sons used to be a collector's dream when on the Scotch whisky trail for apart from selling their own brands, they held a large selection of miniature Scotch.

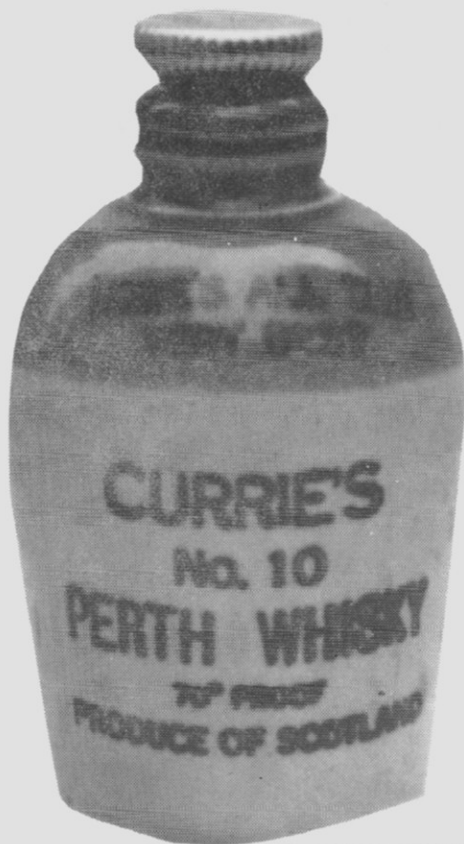
The second flagon is TOMINTOUL. It was also from Macintyres and from the 1950's.



CURRIE'S No. 10, another fine flagon from J. T. Currie of Perth, who I am sure most of you collectors will have bottles from in your collection. Like the flagon, most will have "All the very best" somewhere on the label and feature a Scotsman in full dress.

Currie's also did many novelties and all are rarely seen today. Moorland Scotch is probably seen most of all in collections but even this one is fast becoming a "collector's item" now that Currie's have finished with miniatures.

We look now to an English firm for a change for our fourth flagon. John Burnett & Co. of Highbridge in Somerset who had some very desirable mini Scotch in the 1950's, is responsible for GLENFAIRN which is featured. This one also came in a regular bottle and is rarely seen today. However, Burnett's Curious Old Monastos(?) is no doubt one of their famous brands, and is a connoisseur Scotch in anyone's collection.



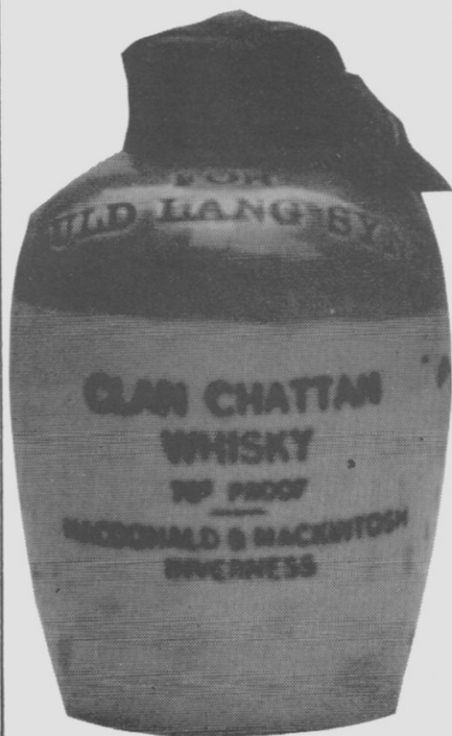
The flagon shown here has a very colorful label, with a red and black tartan band around the center of the label.

CLAN CHATTAN has been used by several firms for their brand name, most notably D. & J. MacEwan & Co., John McPherson & Sons, etc. However, the one I've featured is from the Inverness area. Like Tomintoul, some years ago there were many shops in Inverness and Fort William who sold other great bottles. A few years ago I featured some of them: Fine Old Highland Brand, Dimsdale Cream, etc. MacDonald and Mackintosh, who were in this same area, put out a bottle at the same time in the 1950's and both are still difficult to find.

BON-ACCORD, another famous brand name, was also done in bottle form and like the others I've shown here, is certainly hard to find today.

Well, that's it again. I hope you have enjoyed them for a change. I will feature six more glass bottles next time.

--R. H. --



## DUG PICKING'S BROTHEL SERIES



Here's CALICO CLUB from the turquoise capital of the west, Battle Mountain, Nevada. This one is on US 180 between Winnemucca and Elko. By some standards this is just like home, it's even just been remodeled... however, there are twelve little home-makers at your beck and call!

This is number 26 in the Dug Picking Brothel Series and will be out in October. As promised last time, there will be one more this year just in time for Christmas. However, Calico Club is a great gift, too. It's one of the nicest in the entire series. It sounds like the well-known hype, but they do get better and better (an unpaid testimonial!).

# A Story Behind Every Label

by Joe Levesque

The small print on this label reads as follows: CYPRUS DESSERT WINE. "This wine is as originally made during the Crusades by the Knights Hospitallers of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, from the vines of the Commanderie of KOLOSSI CASTLE, Cyprus." Produced and bottled by: KEO, Ltd., Limassol, Cyprus.

This miniature bottle was probably produced in the 1950's but it has a legacy going back 900 years with the founding of the Knights Hospitallers. Their original purpose was to provide shelter and accommodations for pilgrims and to nurse those who fell ill, thus the title "Hospitallers" - to provide hospitality. Inspired by the Templars who were real monk-soldiers, the Hospitallers also became monk-soldiers and established their presence all over Europe. Their houses were known as "Commanderies".

The rules of all military orders specify that the fighting brethren must drink sufficient wine to sustain their health and strength, and the members fulfilled the rule to the letter. "To Drink Like a Templar" indicated a mighty thirst. Furthermore, the Hospitaller orders needed wine for medicinal and religious purposes.

Both Templars and Hospitallers fought hard in the Crusades till they were expelled from Palestine by the Moslems in 1291 and both Orders established their headquarters on Cyprus. The Hospitallers established their Grand Commandery at KOLOSSI CASTLE and the wine in this miniature bottle originated on this very same property.

The Templars were much wealthier than the Hospitallers and excited the greed of the French King who invited their leaders to Paris in 1307 and then destroyed the entire brotherhood with trumped-up charges. Their Grand Master, de Molay, was burnt alive over a slow fire for heresy after seven years

of imprisonment, torture and forced confession. The Templars were destroyed by their own co-religionists, a feat which the Moslems had been unable to do in over 200 years.

The military orders died out, but the Hospitallers still exist today in a different form and are known as the ORDER OF MALTA.

The collector who knows the story behind his labels enjoys a much greater perspective on his collection, and can spend many happy hours reading and researching, which can be an extension of the hobby.

--Joseph Levesque--  
The Cognac Newsletter







# CHIISAI BIN



Usually we don't show you some new items unless they appear in particular columns or in the advertisements. So this time we're being a little different.

The vases shown here constitute a small segment of the recent items sold by Chiisai Bin to collectors as well as to stores in both California and Nevada. The ones pictured make up four different sets, one of which (the group of five white vases with the floral design) is no longer available. This white set was from Taiwan and sold only for a few months in late 1984 and early 1985.

The three other sets are all from Japan and have been extremely well received. The set of two, or pair, is of the Iris design. This pair was introduced in the Spring of 1985 along with a pair of Seagull vases (not shown). The beauty of these pieces seems to be in their color and overall simplicity.



The remaining two sets of three are similar in both their shapes and their colorings. The cardinal and camellia sets were introduced in 1984 and are still popular. Both the bird and the flower are colored in red with the high glaze black background. Chiisai Bin earlier issued a pair of vases with hummingbirds on them which were also red colored. So if you are familiar with those, you have an idea of what the camellia and cardinal are like.

For those who are interested, these bottles are all issued with Mint Cordial contents. A Chiisai Bin ad may be found elsewhere in the magazine for those unfamiliar with some of their other products.





Jerry Cohen

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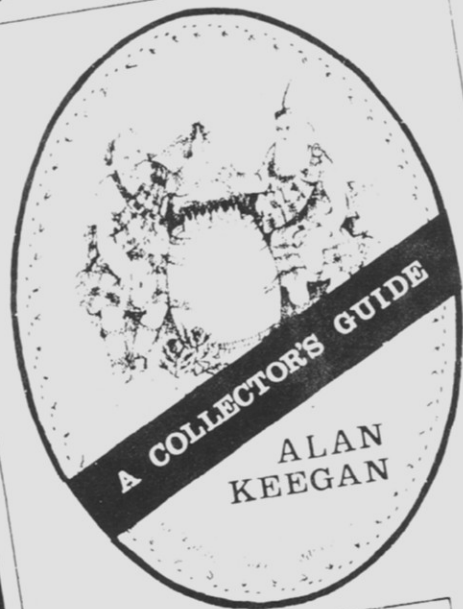
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