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# BARGAINS

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### EMPTY BOTTLES

#### SKI COUNTRY

Barrel Racer	F	25
Black Lab w/Milrd.	F	80
Black Lab w/Phant.	F	60
Blue Jay	F	40
Bobcat	F	35
Bob Cratchit	F	30
Buffalo Stampede	F	22
Cave Man	F	15
Chicadee	F	40
Chukar Partridge	F	32
Ducks Unlimited		
Bufflehead D.U.	F	50
Pintail D.U.	F	75
Fox & Butterfly	F	60
Great Spirit	F	65
Gyrfalcon	F	35
Harpy Eagle	F	87
Indian Chief #1	F	85
Kangaroo	F	20
Landlocked Salmon	F	25
Ivry-Bldd.Wdpkr.	F	30
Meadowlark	F	22
Male Merganser	F	35
Mountain Sheep	F	35
Osprey	F	125
Osprey Family (2)	F	85
Fghtng. Pheasant	F	68
Polar Bear	F	50
Prairie Falcon	F	42
Red Fox on Log	F	90
Rainbow Dancer	F	35
Red Wngd. Blkbrd.	F	50
River Otter	F	30
Saw Whet Owl	F	35
Scrooge	F	25
Stone Sheep	F	30
Ski Team, U.S.	F	15
White Falcon	F	50
Wild Turkey	F	100
Wolf Dancer	F	45
Wyding Bronco	F	25
CIRCUS-Tom Thumb	F	10
Ringmaster	F	10
Screech Owl	GAL	200
Peregrine Falcon	GAL	120
Fghtng. Pheasant	H/G	100
Pintail Duck	H/G	100
Red Fox on Log	1.75L	85
Am. Widgeon	1.75L	65
Barred Owl Plaque	M	25
Basset Hound	M	20
Black Lab w/Mallard	M	15
Black Lab w/Phant.	M	15
Bob Cratchit	M	15
Bull Rider	M	15
Cave Man	M	10
Chukar Partridge	M	15
D.U. Bufflehead	M	25
Wood Duck	M	15

Ganekcock (Survivor)	M	\$15
Great Spirit	M	15
Gyrfalcon	M	20
Indian Chief #1	M	12
Indian Chief #2	M	12
Kangaroo	M	20
Landlocked Salmon	M	10
Owl, Great Gray	M	20
Lookout Indian	M	15
Ma Cratchit	M	15
Male King Eider	M	20
Male Merganser	M	19
Mt. Goat Family	M	20
Moose	M	25

Osprey Family (2)	M	35
Pelican	M	20
Penguin Family	M	15
Peregrine Falcon	M	15
Pheasant (Original)	M	45
Phoenix Bird	M	20
Polar Bear	M	15
Prairie Falcon	M	15
Red Wngd. Blkbrd.	M	15
Saw Whet Owl	M	20
Scrooge	M	15

Ski Team, U.S.	M	8
White Falcon	M	25
CIRCUS-P.T. Barnum	M	15

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Blacksmith	F	37
Burro	F	37
Landlady	F	10
Mine	F	10
Music Man	F	10
California Seal	F	15
Mt. Lion & Cubs	F	50
Oklahoma Dancers	F	15
Olympic Skater	F	20
Carousel Lion	F	20
Carousel Organ	F	20
Carousel Tiger	F	20
Buffalo & Calf	H/G	55
Blacksmith	M	10
Gambler	M	10
Landlady	M	10
Mine	M	10
Snowshoe Thompson	M	10
Walrus Family	M	10

#### FAMOUS FIRST

Dino Ferrari	200ML	25
Fireman #1	500ML	20
Baby Panda	750ML	40

#### GRENADIER

Kings African	F	15
3rd New York	F	25
Napoleon	F	10
Pancho/Pierro	F	20
Father's Gift	F	10
Frosty Snowman	F	15
Stonewall Jackson	F	25
Teddy Roosevelt	F	22
Texas Ranger	F	22
Pancho on Horse	H/G	75
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Pancho Standing	M	10
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Turkeys(Pr.)	200ML	15
Alfy Afghan, Billy	M	8
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Scotty Terrier	M	8
Terry Terrier	M	8
Susy Siamese	M	8
Tilly Shorthair	M	8
Tom Cat	M	8
Mr. Dentist	F	30
Organ Player	F	12
TN Volunteers	F	17
MO Tigers	F	17
Auburn Tigers	F	17
KS State Wildcats	F	17

#### MC CORMICK

Elvis #2 Pink	F	30
Elvis Silver	F	65
Designer Elvis #1	F	150
Bald Eagle	F	67
Stephen Austin	F	20
Alex. G. Bell	F	15
Geo. Wngtn. Carver	F	20
Louis Armstrong	F	20
Tom T. Hail	F	25
J.R. Ewing	F	25
Sir Lancelot	F	15
Huckleberry Finn	F	15
Tom Sawyer	F	15
Calamity Jane	F	25
Ben Franklin	F	12
Patrick Henry	F	12
Jupiter Loomtv.	F	25
U.S. Marshall	F	20
Pony Express	F	20
Ozark Ike	F	20
Packard (Cream)	F	35
John Hancock	M	10
Patrick Henry	M	10
Thomas Jefferson	M	10
Paul Revere	M	30
Betsy Ross	M	30
Geo. Washington	M	30
Ben Franklin	M	15
Jupiter Train Set	M	18
(4 Piece Set)		
Canada Goose, Wood	M	15
Duck, Pheasant & Gambel's Quail	EA.	
Chas. A. Lindbergh	M	10
Pony Express	M	10

#### MICHTER'S

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White Chess King	M	10
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#### C'S ART

Charolais Bull	F	22
Skunk or Chipmunk	M	15
Afghan or Setter	M	10

#### WILLETT

Surface Miner	F	17
Tiger #1	F	25
Wildcat #2	F	25
Trucker	F	20
Ky. Colonel	F	10
Barrel	H/G	10

#### POTTER

Goldpanner	F	20
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#### DAVISS

'81 HI Am. Legion	F	22
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#### W TURKEY

'84 #2 w/Raccoon	F	50
#3 on Wing	M	10
#4 w/Poult	M	10

#### JIM BEAM

Coal Tender	F	20
(Not a Bottie)		
Sturgeon	F	15

#### BROOKS

1978 Corvette	F	35
(Indy Pace Car)		
'79 Snowy Owl	F	25
Snow Egret	P	18
Whooping Crane		15

#### COMMON

Oktoberfest	F	40
w/Music Box		
Yankee Doodle	F	20
w/Music Box		
Fireman #3	F	25
(Valiant Volunt.)		
Modern Fireman #1	F	25
Modern Fireman #4	F	25

#### LIONSTONE

#5 Fireman	F	15
(60th Anniv.)		

#### A.S.I.

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(Green)		
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# Let's Talk

It's February and the winter doldrums are upon all of us. In the east and midwest, everyone is digging out from an incredible amount of snow while here in So. California the drizzle continues. There are no better times than these to sit back and enjoy your bottles. Do a little cataloging, write letters to fellow collectors, volunteer for an office in your local club, etc., etc. In short, get involved.

I feel with this issue that I've gone Sports Illustrated one better. They have their annual swim suit issue so not to be outdone, we have gone them one better and present the latest Dug Picking offering for the Mustang Ranch. No swim suit in sight here!

All the old faithfuls are here this time and the bottles we picture just seem to be getting better and better. Unfortunately, a few of these superb pieces don't come out as well as we'd all like and this is due simply to the fact that photo labs seem to be getting worse and worse.

Several of our writers have had to submit their pictures in color now as the labs just won't do a good job with the black and white. Even if you go to a custom shop, the b/w pictures all shot at the same time with the same exact amount of light will come out with varying shades of background. So, if you're a little unhappy with a few of the pictures, realize that in most cases, you're seeing the best possible job!

Here's a scoop for you. The projected Wild Turkey bottles for 1987 will not be released. It seems there have been some insurmountable problems. I'll have more on this later.

Finally, if you haven't added the mini crystal Usquaebach we pictured last time, don't wait until they're gone!

See you in the Spring.

--DMS--

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Since so many collectors seem to have gone a little "whiskey crazy" in the last year or so, here are three rare whiskeys from Mexico. Note that Mexico upholds the U.S. tradition of using the "e" in their spelling. Any one of these three is quite difficult to obtain; however, the Kentucky Pioneer and Derby vie for the most difficult. Naturally there are many others, but these are seldom seen!

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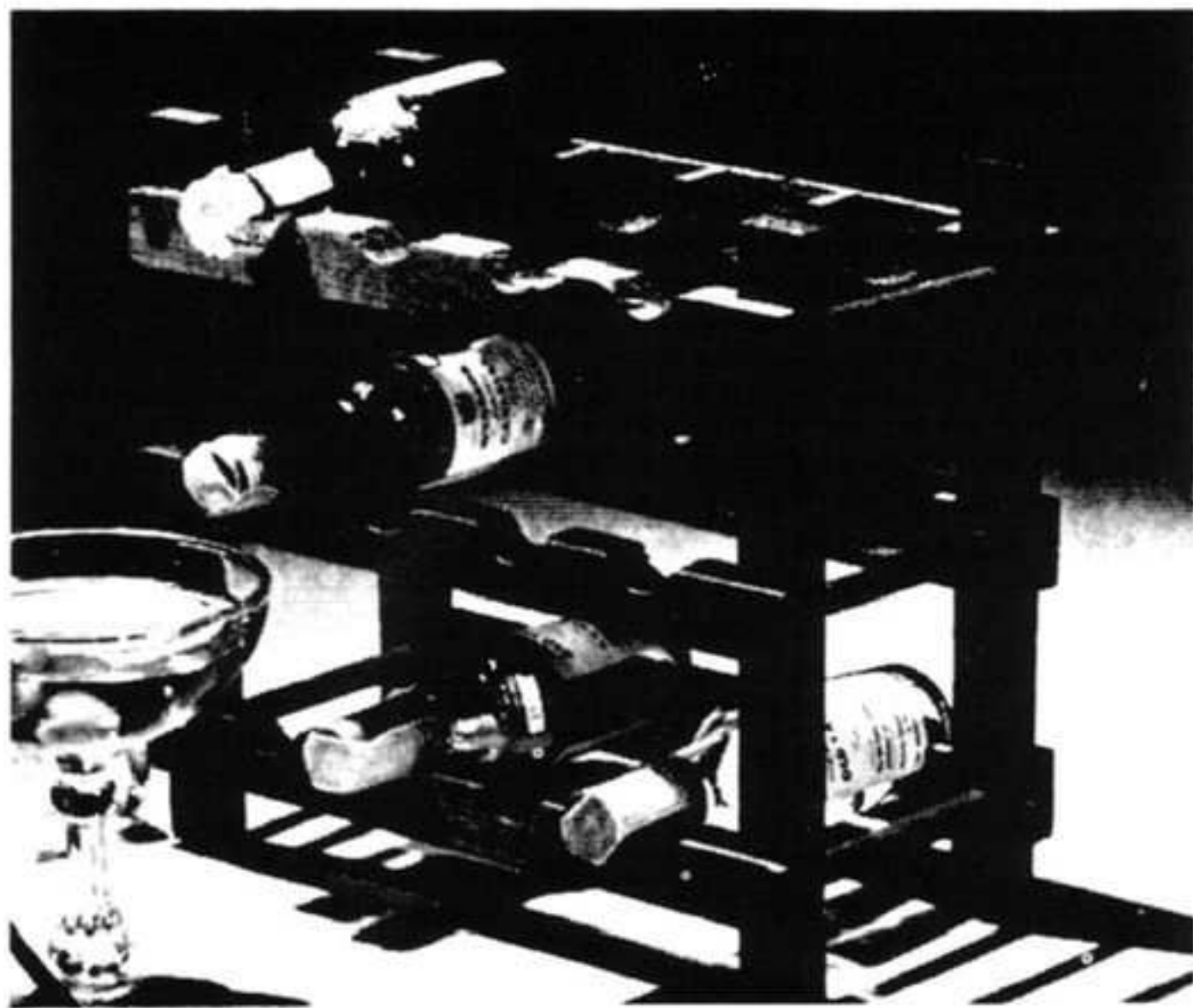
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# WHAT'S NEW

## Old, Odd, or Unusual

by Jim Triffon



Several agaves provide the juice called "aquamiel" (honey water), fermented for pulque, a viscous milky-looking, mildly alcoholic drink. Pulque is probably the oldest alcoholic beverage in North America - it was the only one made by the early Indian civilizations. These ancient peoples considered pulque to be sacred, restricted its consumption, and gave drunkenness the death penalty. Pulque has remained a regional Mexican drink since ancient times because its natural fermenting agents do not hold up under bottling, limiting it to local shipments, almost totally in the cold central highlands of Mexico which surround Mexico City.

The Spanish conquistadores first brought the art of distilling to Mexico. In the absence of grapes and grain, they turned to the native pulque. In crude stills they produced a rough spirit, now called MESCAL or MEZCAL. Mezcal is produced in several regions of Mexico, primarily from Guadalajara up to Torreon, then again stretching from Manzanillo to Acapulco

to Oaxaca on the Pacific Coast, then skipping over to the far wouthwestern tip of the country. Mezcal's parent agaves thrive in warmer areas than those of pulque. Like pulque, mezcal is considered a regional drink, but for a different reason. Lacking tequila's distinctive flavor and the quality controls imposed by the Mexican government, mezcal does not compete with other spirits on the world markets.

As an interesting side note, it may be mentioned here that it is in some brands of the bottled mezcal that the infamous worm makes its home, and not in tequila. The worm is clean and dead and harmless, and it lies in the bottom of the mezcal bottle for no apparent reason other than tradition and as a sales gimmick. Someone long ago discovered this particular species of worm in the agave plant, where it spends its entire life cycle, and he decided to bury the creature in something akin to its natural surroundings - the mezcal.



Mézcal, which can be made from magueys grown anywhere in Jalisco or even outside the state, is potent and rough. Imbibed in sufficient quantity it would no doubt induce some kind of hallucinatory effect on the drinker.

If it is the blue agave (Tequillana Weber, blue variety), it might make pulque or mezcal, but it won't make tequila. This is one of the four qualifications issued by the Mexican government for defining, protecting, and controlling tequila production and export. If the beverage meets these qualifications, it is given a DGN number. DGN stands for Direccion General de Normas, or bureau of standards of the Mexican government.

The second qualification is geographical. By official government proclamation, the blue agave for tequila can be harvested only in the small kidney-shaped region in the Mexican state of Jalisco and parts of the states of Michoacan and Nayarit. The area includes Guadalajara, and about forty miles northwest, the town of Tequila, the center of the tequila industry. Almost all of the nearly fifty distilleries are in the state of Jalisco, with a few operating out of Nayarit.



The third qualification is that the fermented agave juice must pass through two distillations. The fourth and last stipulation requires that the final bottled tequila must contain a minimum of 51 percent distilled spirit of the blue agave; only 49 percent or less, of the remaining liquid mixture may be the distillate of cane sugar. Distillers vary their formulas anywhere from the legal 51 percent minimum up to a full 100 percent.

An illustration of tequila's uniqueness is that all tequila is mezcal, but all mezcal is not tequila. Only one specie is agave, harvested only in one area of the world, provides tequila, whereas mezcal is derived from any one of several agaves, harvested in several areas. An analogy can be drawn between tequila and mezcal and cognac and brandy. All cognac is brandy, but all brandy is not cognac.

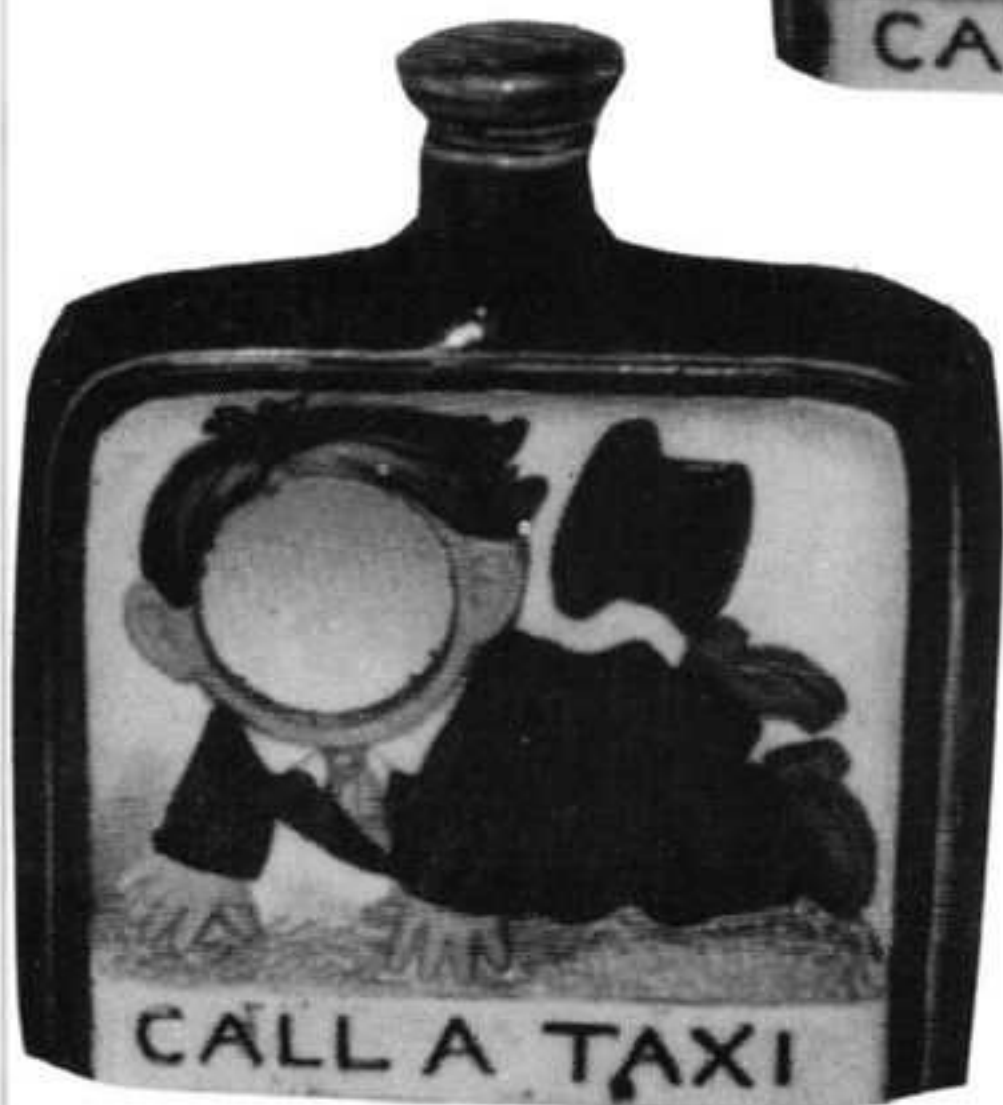
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--JAT--



# A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



Boozeville is a small town so you don't really need a taxi unless you can't walk. In this case we have a fellow who has been partying too long and is quite tipsy. He will indeed need a cab.

These Schafer and Vater Giveaways are 4" tall. The one with the mirror is numbered 3715 while the other one is 3655. They are both multicolor.

This was the type of bottle given to a good customer who was getting drunk. The bartender might say, "Look into

the mirror and if you see yourself, I will call you a taxi." Then he would cut off any more drinks but put a small shot in the giveaway bottle "for morning."

After sending east for this bottle, it was a real surprise to unpack it and discover it wasn't a duplicate for trade as I thought, but a variation with a mirror.

"Shay, bar...bartender, can you call me a ca...caa...a taxi?"

# A Story Behind Every Label

by Joe Levesque

## GRAND ST. BERNARD LIQUEUR

This French miniature flask was found at a miniature bottle show last year and contains "Grand St. Bernard Liqueur", but there are no clues as to who is the producer. The label shows a monastery in the Alps, a statue, and a St. Bernard dog - obviously an illustration of the Great St. Bernard Pass... the most famous Pass in all of Europe. In September 1986, I had the good fortune of driving through this Pass and spent a day in research. I did not stay in the hospice overnight because it was too cold. Winter snowfall averages 65 feet deep and sometimes even deeper. In wet summers, it has been known for snow to fall every week.

The Augustinian monks have maintained a monastery and a hospice at the top of the Great St. Bernard Pass for centuries. In the 1600's, they developed a breed of dogs trained for alpine rescue work, but it has been only since 1880 that these dogs have been known as the Great St. Bernard dogs. These dogs used to carry a miniature cask of rum suspended from their neck and they would seek out lost travellers. Altogether, they have been credited with at least 2,500 rescues, and the rum was meant to "warm up" the unfortunate traveller until such time as further help could be provided.



The archives are full of stories about these dogs and the most famous went by the name of BARRY. BARRY was born in the late 1790's and was still a puppy when Napoleon came through the Pass with his army in 1800. (see COGNAC NEWSLETTER Nov-Dec 1984). As he grew older, BARRY was credited with saving the lives of many travelers under heroic circumstances. BARRY died in 1814, and to preserve his memory, his body was stuffed and today it can be seen in the Natural History Museum in Bern, Switzerland. Also in his memory, the monks continued to name successive offsprings after him.

On December 13, 1913, during a terrific snowstorm, BARRY IX was out with a monk looking for a lost traveler. BARRY IX slipped in an icy couloir and perished. Today, his mounted body greets you in the hospice vestibule... the same building seen on the label of this miniature flask.

Actually, there are two St. Bernard Passes, and they are not far from each other. The "Grand St. Bernard" is the highest and the most dangerous, and connects Switzerland with Italy. The "Petit St. Bernard" Pass is between France and Italy.

A 3 1/2 mile long tunnel was opened between Italy and Switzerland in 1964, thus bypassing the Great St. Bernard Pass. However, there is still a hotel on top of the Pass and it certainly would be a thrill to spend one evening there. I'll bet they serve complimentary RUM to their guests!

--Joseph Levesque--  
The Cognac Newsletter  
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# melo's minis

by Mike Olson

In this article I would like to take another look at the short, round bottles produced by the Penn. Maryland Division of National Distillers Products Corp. These bottles were originally featured in an article by Jim Triffon which appeared in the Sept-Oct 1982 issue of MBC. At that time eight different brands were pictured. Since then I have located three more different brands and while I think this is the extent of them, I would not be surprised if there were more. Also, some of these brands appear in more than one variation, which makes a larger number of bottles available to collectors.

The first of these bottles is Penn. Maryland DeLuxe Blended Bourbon Whiskey blended at Baltimore MD. It is 90 proof, contains 51% bourbon whiskey six years old, has an orange and tan label and a 1934 Illinois tax stamp. This bottle and label was also produced in a Rye version. Bottle number two is Penn-Maryland Imperial Blended Whiskey blended at Baltimore MD. It is 90 proof, contains 30% straight whiskey six years old, has a purple and tan label and a 1934 Illinois tax stamp. The next bottle is Penn-Maryland Regal Blended Whiskey blended at Baltimore MD. It is 90 proof, contains 25% Straight Whiskey six years old, has a green and tan label and is circa 1935.



Bottle number four (my favorite of these) is Chicken Cock Blended Whiskey blended at Cincinnati Ohio. It is 90 proof, contains 30% Straight Whiskey three years and 10 months old, has a multi-colored label and a 1937 Florida tax stamp. Next we have Green River Blended Whiskey blended at Baltimore MD. It is 90 proof, contains

The next one is Belle of Nelson Blended Whiskey blended at Baltimore MD. It is 90 proof, contains 22% of the Straight Whiskey distilled Spring 1933, has a gold foil label printed in red and black and is circa 1935. Bottle number eight is Shenandoah Blended Whiskey blended at Baltimore MD. It is 90 proof, contains 22% Straight Whiskey



30% Straight Whiskey four years old, has a gold foil label printed in black and is circa 1936. Bottle number six is Spring Garden Blended Whiskey blended at Baltimore MD. It's another 90 proof, contains 30% Straight Whiskey four years old, has a gold foil label printed in black and red and is circa 1936.

distilled Fall 1933, has a gold foil label printed in red and black and a 1934 Illinois tax stamp. Continuing we have Brigadier Blended Whiskey blended at Cincinnati Ohio. It is 90 proof and has a Nov. 27, 1938 Maryland tax stamp which unfortunately covers the back label.

Beginning our last group of three is Windsor Straight Bourbon Whiskey distilled at Cincinnati Ohio. It is 93 proof, 18 months old and has a 1935 Illinois tax stamp. The next bottle is also a Windsor Straight Bourbon Whiskey. It is 93 proof, one year old, and from the same time period. The last of these bottles is Town Tavern Straight Rye whiskey distilled at Peoria IL. It's 93 proof, 18 months old and has a 1935 Illinois tax stamp.

Finally, bottles such as these are interesting to me for several reasons. First, there is the challenge of completing a "set" or "type" of bottle, or at least the major variations. Also when pictured together, they become a guide for collectors as to what is available in this great hobby.

As always, if anyone would like any further information on any bottle pictured, please feel free to contact me at (507) 454-1499.

Until next time.....MELO.





# DUG PICKING'S BROTHEL SERIES



The bottle shown here is a very special one. It was produced specifically for Joe Conforte at the Mustang Ranch which is located outside of Reno, Nevada. Only a few over 600 were produced which makes it the lowest production run bottle made to date. It is not considered part of the regular series of brothel bottles and is a companion piece to the Mustang Ranch bottle issued in 1982. That was a much higher production run and that piece is almost impossible to find today. Not quite in the Moonlight Ranch category, but it's well on its way there. This figural is one certain winner.

# Whiskey Heritage

by

GEORGE JINKENS



Pictured this time are five bottles that all have one thing in common. They were all distilled by R. Cummins & Co. The "R" stands for Richard and in 1863 he applied for his first patented brand name. On all the bottles it's stated that the distillery was located in Battle Creek, Michigan, although I think this was probably a subsidiary plant where these bottles were made.

I'll start with a bottle that was made in Richard Cummins honor, OLD PAP. The center label states that he was "The Master of the Art." SILVER LAKE is next and I have no other information on this bottle.

Next we have CUMMINS which is a straight bourbon and also a two year old. The center label shows us a picture of Richard Cummins. **TIMBER TRAIL** is the best of the lot. The label is very colorful and the whiskey is 90 proof. The last one in the series is **BALLARD & LANCASTER** Straight Rye Whiskey. Under the pictures on the label are the words "Masters of the Arts since 1860." These two names could have belonged to the men who taught Richard Cummins his trade.

If you have tried to dig up information on old bottles, you might know that a lot of the info is guess work. Most of the real knowledge on old companies and whiskey trivia is long gone.

--G. A. J. --



# SCOTCH For The Connoisseur

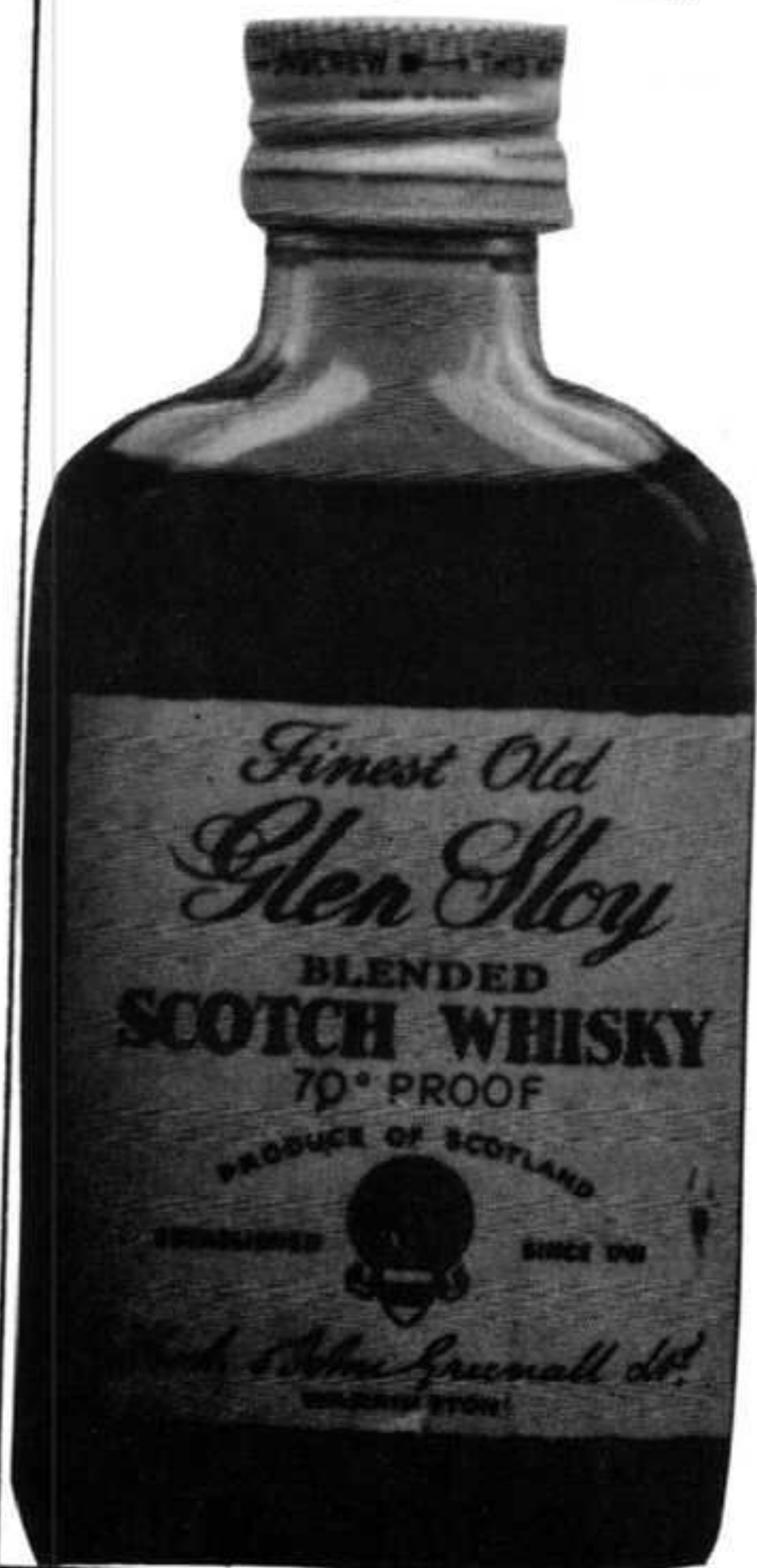
by Roy Holden

This time I am featuring six bottles again from old English breweries and two from the Scottish equivalent.

Our first two bottles are from one of the Northwest of England's largest beer makers, Gilbert and John Greenall of Warrington. GLEN SLOY is from the 1960's and is named after one of Scotland's famous glens. It's a very

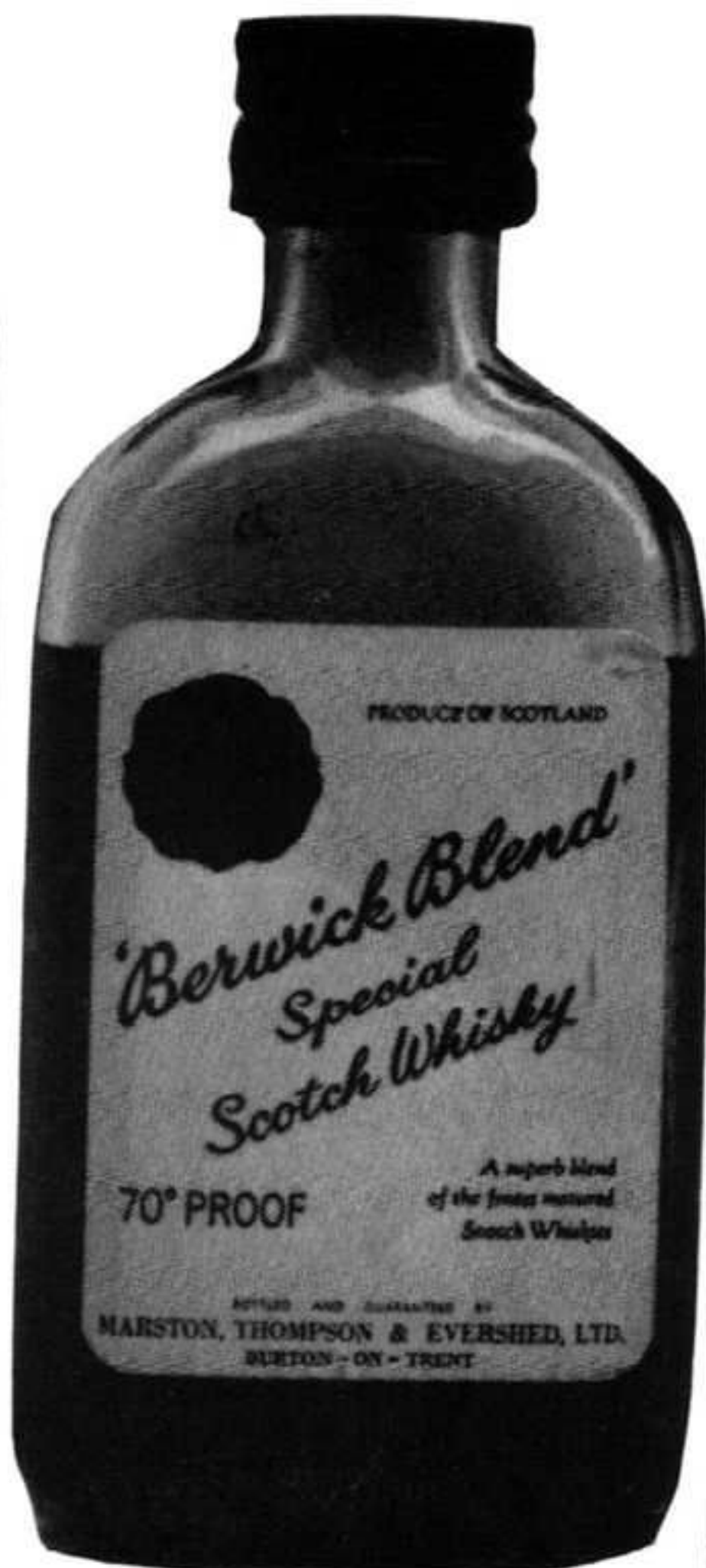
bright label with red and black lettering on a beige background.

The second bottle this time is the GREENALL'S V. S. O. B. It comes in the familiar brown flask of that period. Both bottles are hard to find today for the Greenall group has in the last few years emerged and no longer produce miniature Scotch.





In our autumn issue I featured the Crown Seal from George Peters. Well, this is yet another of their bottles, STRATHMORE. All are sought after quite keenly by collectors. The label is all white with black lettering on the brown flask which sports a cork cap. I will feature other bottles from Peters in coming issues.



Many collectors might have Brown Label by Marston, Thompson and Evershed Ltd. of Burton-on-Trent, but few will have their BERWICK BLEND SPECIAL from the 1960's. Again, a very bright label in red and black on a cream background. The crest is in red and incorporates M. T. E. overlapping each other.

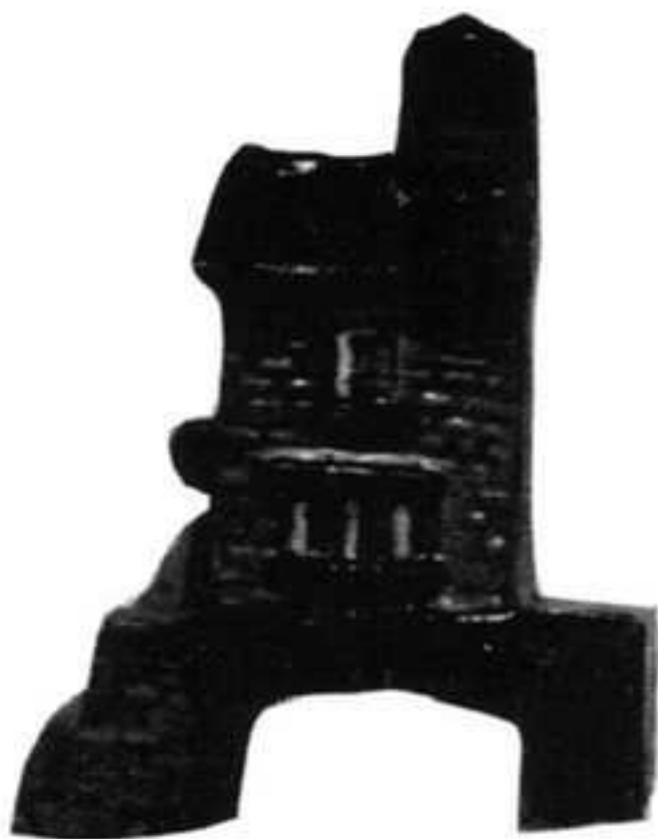


OLD HIGHLAND, by name most collectors will have probably the liqueur Scotch by Lamberts of Edinburgh or the U.S. Dimple imported Scotch; however, the bottle featured is not seen quite as often. F. S. Stowell Ltd. of Aberdeen produced it in the '60's. The crest shows the maturing casks and a letter "S" at the top representing Stowells.



Bottle number six is a dimple shape called WHITE ABBEY. This was blended and bottled by Henry Ost & Co. Ltd. of Glasgow in the early 1960's. As I've mentioned many times before, the "white's" are a great group to collect. Well, the next issue will see us into the spring. Hope to feature for you six more bottles then. --R. H. --

# MINI WORLD



The four houses shown here are the 1986 set from Mini Bottles (U. K. ) Ltd. This is the third set of four issued by Mini Bottles in as many years. This set, however, may have the most interesting histories. Unfortunately, the Crooked House in Windsor has not made its past known to us.

The Round House at Sudborough, Northants, is dated 1666, and was a Toll House at an entrance to the Rockingham Forest. Later it became an inn, and a favorite haunt of poachers, who poached deer from the forest.

Triangular Lodge at Rushton, Northants, was built as a hunting lodge by Sir Thomas Tresham, in 1593, on the theme of the Holy Trinity. Sir Thomas' son, Francis Tresham, was one of the conspirators in the Gunpowder Plot, the lodge being one of their meeting places.

The House on the Bridge at Ambleside, Cumbria, was built in the 17th century as an eccentric summer house in the grounds of Ambleside Hall. It now houses a quaint and tiny shop.

So there you have a look at the latest in the Mini Bottles (U. K. ) line from England. Clever and interesting, aren't they?



# FROM JAPAN

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI



This time, may I present some of the Scotch miniatures which appeared on the Japanese market in 1986.

The first bottle is Auchentoshan Single Malt 5 year old and we're previously only familiar with the ivory gold color. As you can see, it has a black label which is trimmed in gold and printed in red and white. There are some Japanese words on the bottom of the label

which mean that for tax purposes this whisky is of a special class.

The Strathconon Pure Malt 12 year old, the next bottle, has come out with a new white label at the same time as changing their import agent in Japan. It is a clear round bottle with the normal 50ml contents and 43 percent alcohol.





The third bottle, Something Special, also has a new label which shows that it is aged 12 years and not 'DeLuxe' which was the familiar label in Japan. Similarly Grand Old Parr and Johnnie Walker Black Label have done the same. The decanter bottle with a label framed and printed in gold is the same and contains 47cl.

The Original Mackinaly has a slightly different label than the bottle which is available in the U.K. Of course it is still 43 percent alcohol and further guaranteed to be 5 years old on the label.

The last bottle, Gas-tou (or Gas-toh) Blended Scotch, is very interesting.

It is blended and bottled by Bruce Co. (Leith) Ltd. in Scotland only for Japan and the first Scotch Whisky named with Japanese words. Gas-tou means gas lamp or gas light and we are asked to imagine a tall and old gas lamp in a deserted street in the night with fog blurring the gas light. It is in a square, clear glass and has a black label with red and white frame. On the main label there are white Japanese words which mean a gas lamp. The back label says: "This original whisky was distilled, blended and bottled in Scotland under U.K. Government supervision."

Until next time..... --T. S.--



# MINIATURE BEERS

by Bob Kay



## A FEW FAVORITES

The Hochgreve Special Beer (WI-92) is one of my favorite Wisconsin minis. I can only account for about five or six of these bottles in collectors' hands so must be one of the rarest ones!

The Drewrys Extra Dry Beer shown is somewhat unique for mini beer collectors. They apparently were only distributed as part of a bottle-statue combination (Brew 7, 8). All identify the brewer as Drewrys Ltd. U. S. A. Inc. They can be found in two sizes, 4 and 4 1/4 inches, in two different decal label designs, and from either Chicago, IL or South Bend, IN. Many collectors have apparently separated the bottle from the statue.

The minis from the Pittsburgh Brewing Co. make a neat and fairly unique set of three: E & O Pilsener Beer, Iron City Pilsener Beer and Iron City Lager Beer (PA 4 to 6). I especially like these because I have a matching set of full-size 12 ounce labels in my label collection. Since I collect beer labels also, I got a big charge out of matching full-size labels to the minis.

Haberle's Black River Ale (NY-46) seems to be a favorite of almost every mini collector. I guess the vivid colors showing a bass breaking water by the lily pads is difficult not to like.

Finally, the Apache mini (AZ-1) with the bright colors and the Indian Chief's head is, of course, a legendary favorite of mini beer collectors.

Until next time.....

--Bob Kay--





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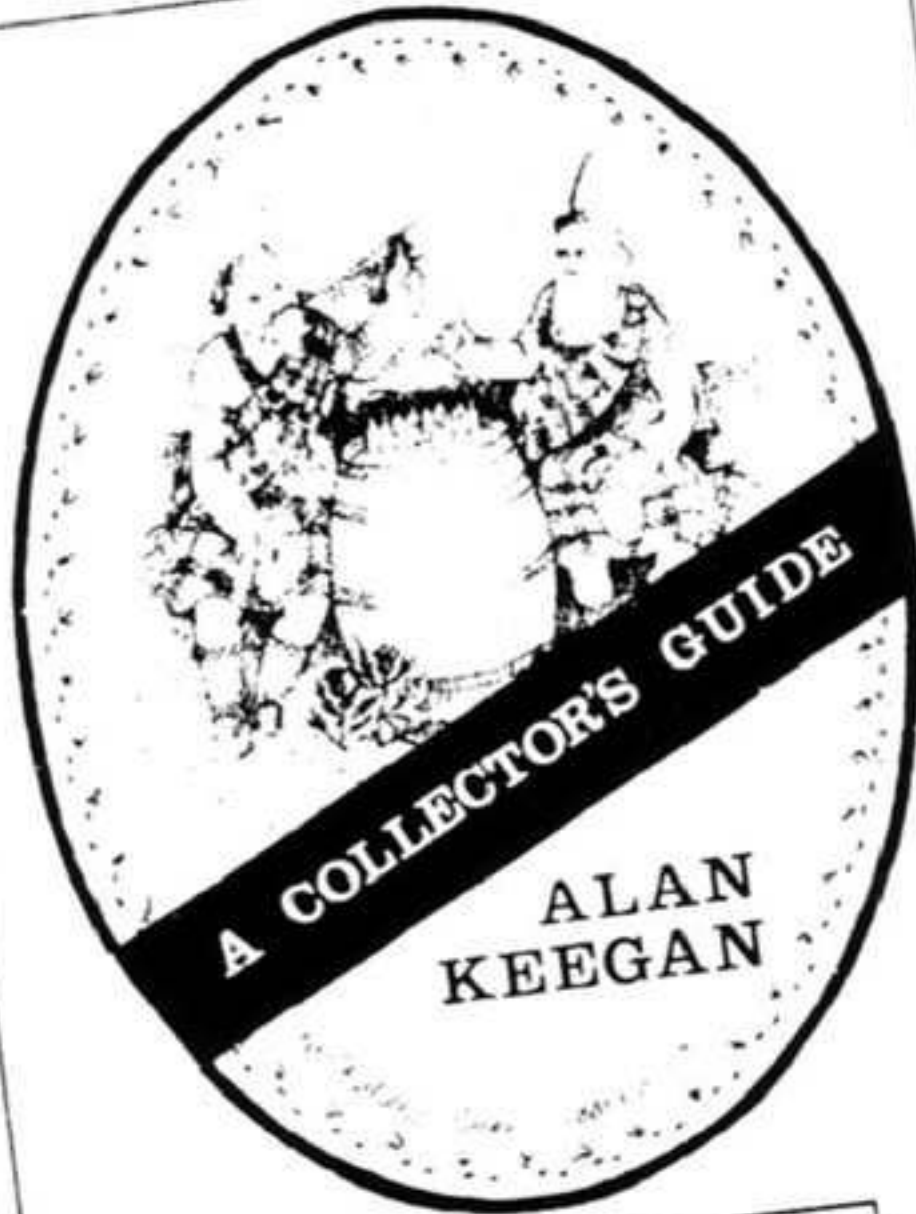
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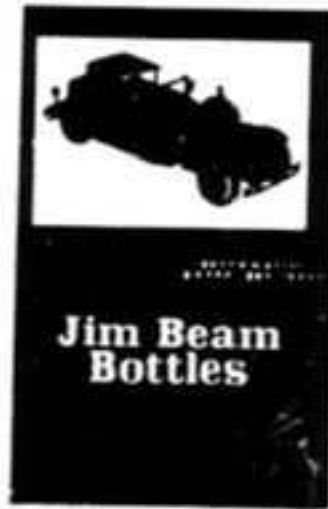
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