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# Let's Talk

Last time I mentioned about finding a pen pal to get some of those hard to find bottles. Guess I should have taken my own advice. Vacationing this summer was certainly dreary in the bottle department. Did you find a cache somewhere? If you did get some new interesting pieces, please let us know so we can pass along the word to as many collectors as possible.

Thanks to Dick Cotton back in Massachusetts, we all know now that New Hampshire is selling miniatures in their smaller liquor locations. So if you're wandering the back roads of NH, stop at some of the smaller stores.

The same philosophy prevails in NH as it does in many other areas. If the store is a major one with a great deal of traffic, it's much too easy for bottles to disappear off the shelves. Another tactic that seems to work is that bottles are often only sold in multipacks. Anyway, whatever works and keeps bottles in the stores for us is most important.

Since this is the last issue before the middle of October, don't forget about the two bottle shows in our east and west. The DelVal club flyer didn't make it in time; however, just remember that their show is Sunday, October 4th in Skippack, PA while the Lilliputian Show is the 10th and 11th in El Segundo, CA (see separate ad elsewhere).

Arthur Pudney in England is the editor of the Mini Bottle Club newsletter and does a marvelous job. He recently ran a feature on the best bottle of the year. We'll steal their thunder. What is your vote for the bottle(s) of the year? Please let us hear from you and we'll publish the results in '88!

See you in the Fall.

--DMS--

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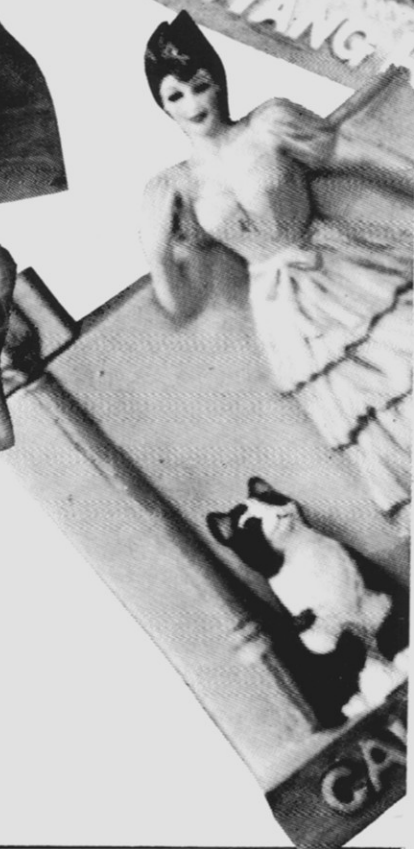
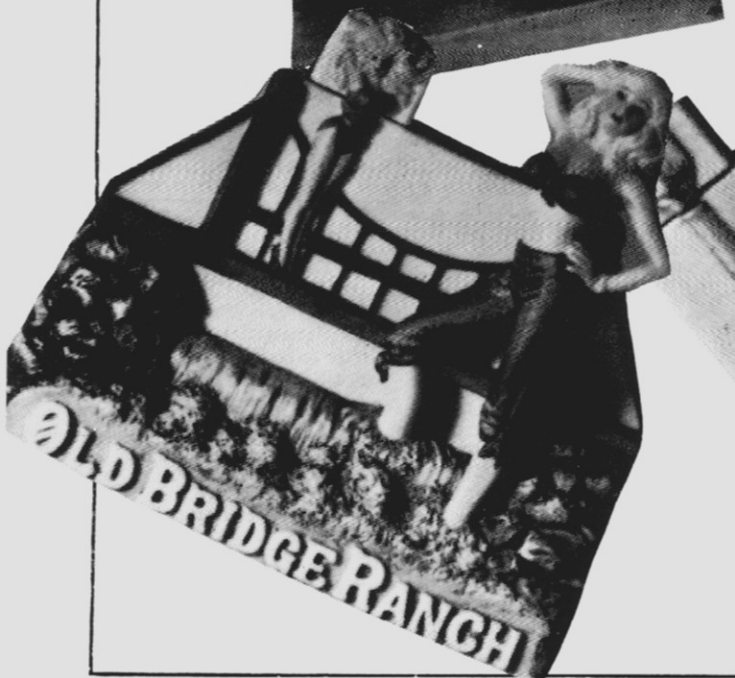
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## Our Cover

It isn't often we feature three figurals on the cover; however, these are rather special. These are: The Poacher, Falstaff, and Rip Van Winkle. They all contained Bols Liqueurs when they were first issued and that date seems to be the subject of a little speculation. The pieces were made by Royal Doulton which makes them even more sought after and 1954 seems to be the probable issue year.

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# WHAT'S NEW

## Old, Odd, or Unusual

What's new? There's a whole bunch of new things... and none of them are schnapps. Amazing. Decided to travel the world over to bring you these new bottles.

Let's begin closest to home. From Canada come new Seagram's bottles, in glass not plastic. These are two liqueurs: Triple Menthe and Tamarind. The first you obviously know but the second you might be unfamiliar with. It's an orange liqueur.

Now we go down to the Caribbean for two rums, Tortuga and Mount Gay. The latter has been around for decades in various incarnations while the former is a new one on me. And, since we're in a hot, tropical climate let's use that as our bridge to Hawaii and the Keoki Kona Coffee Liqueur. This has been around the islands for awhile but only recently made its appearance on the mainland.







Going to our furthest point, we have the Flenforres 12 year old Scotch from you know where. This appeared in 1986 and didn't exactly set the world on fire so the little ones may just be gone before we know it.

Finally we come back to the U.S. for our last two bottles. The original Haagen-Dazs of a few years ago was very successful. Sales were so good that they evidently wanted to add to their success (certainly not tamper with it). Thus Haagen-Dazs Dutch Vanilla was born. It's rather nice tasting so should be around for some time. Another after dinner liqueur we'll feature soon is the new Truffles. You chocolate lovers will take to this one.

Last is the new Whidbeys Liqueur. Not many spirits of any type come from Washington (some good wines, though), so this new berry liqueur is an oddity. If well promoted, this one could be with us for a long haul. If not, add it to your collection quickly.



# Whiskey Heritage

by

GEORGE JINKENS

## the g-r-r-eatest



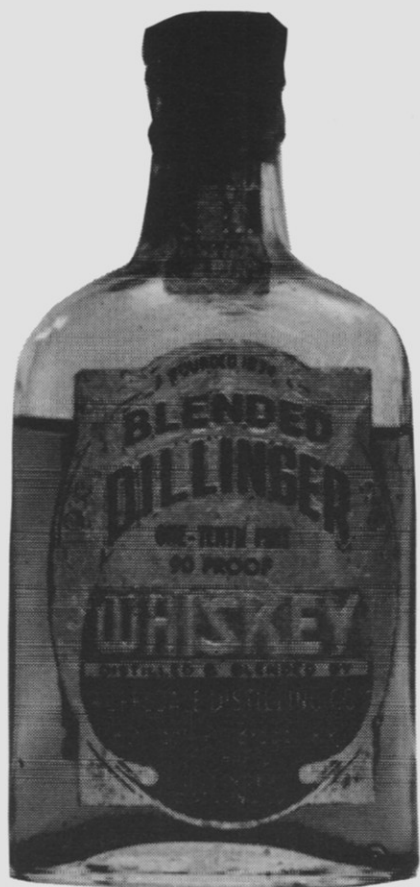
Let's begin with a blended whiskey this time, DILLINGER, from the Ruffsdale Distilling Co., Pennsylvania. There is also a Dillinger Rye with a paper label; this label is foil. The original name of the company was "Dillinger Distilling" but it was taken over by Ruffsdale after prohibition. The whiskey is 90 proof and was one year old when bottled.

The BOND'S MILL is from the Old Joe Distilling Co., Lawrenceburg, KY. I have seen one other variation of this bottle, but this one is the only one in my collection.

Last of all there is FREDERICK'S (not of Hollywood) bottled for G. O. Frederick, Louisville, KY. The whiskey is 93 proof, and a sour mash bourbon to boot!!

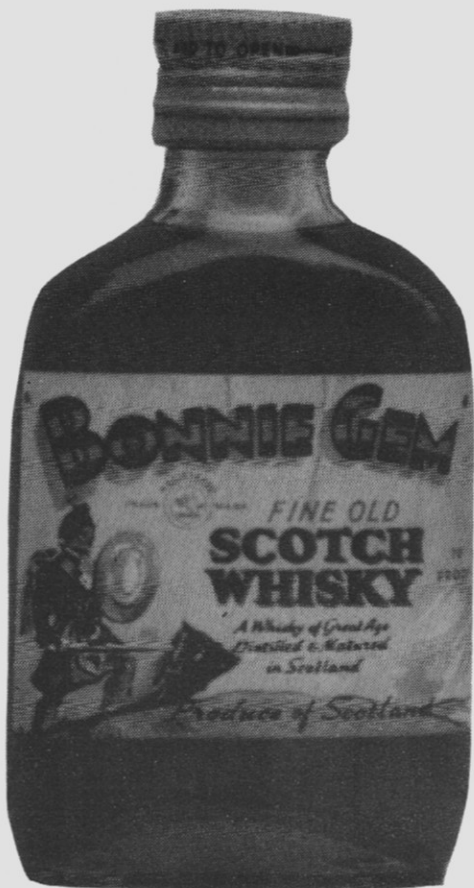
I'll be back next time with three or four more old whiskeys for you.

--George A. Jinkens--



# SCOTCH For The Connoisseur

by Roy Holden



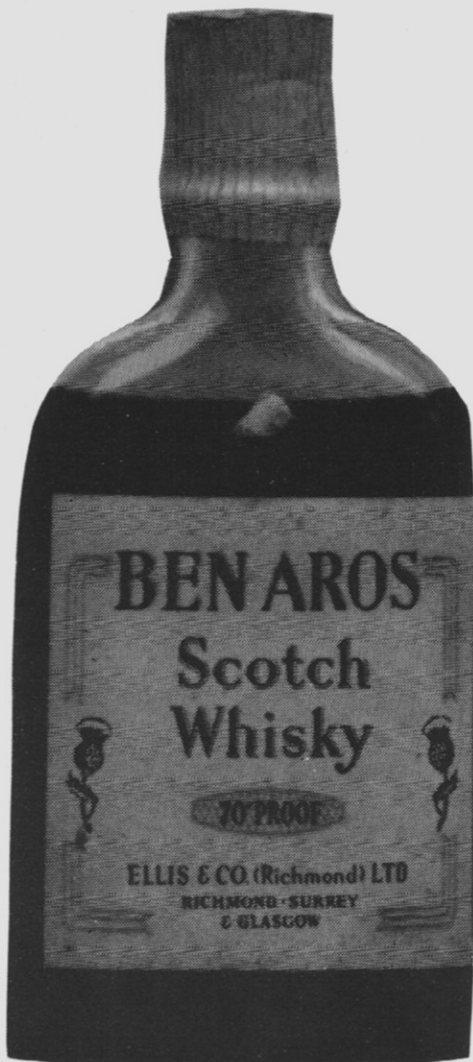
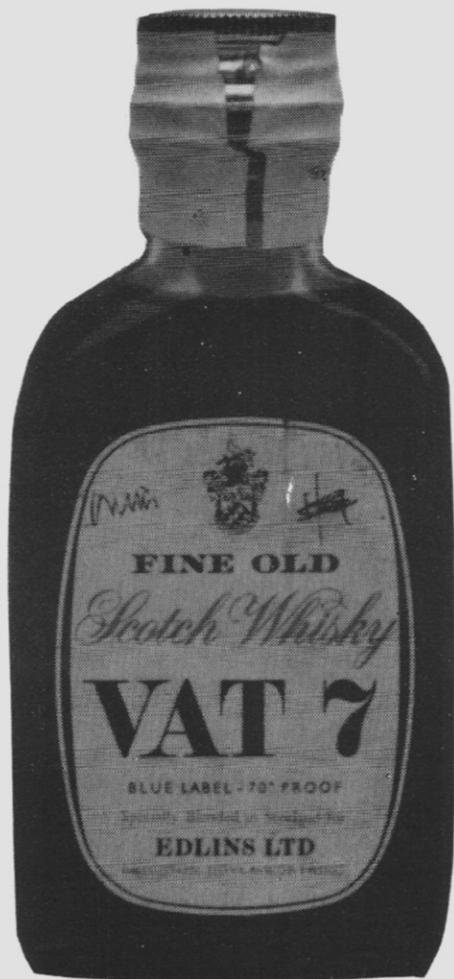
Sorry to have missed you in the last issue, but don't worry, you Scotch collectors, there are plenty more in my collection to show you in the coming years.

Our first bottle came originally from the picturesque area of West Scotland, Loch Long. The Cordner family still resides there, but alas not Roi who died a few years ago. The brand is named after Roi's fine house Ardmay and the label shows the Cordner House which can still be seen today... unfor-

tunately, not the bottle. The bottle is brown with a cork top while the label is cream with black and red lettering.

We move back into England for our second bottle, Bonnie Gem. This label must fall into a group of the most colourful. I think all the colours of the rainbow are in it. The brand was specially selected for Bents of Liverpool, who had many retail outlets in the 1960's. Today they are all gone, absorbed by larger groups as is the trend in the spirit industry.

For a change now we move to Southern England for our next four bottles. The first is Vat 7 Blue Label, especially blended in Scotland for Edlins Ltd. of Brighton and Hove in Sussex. There are many variations of this brand; I will feature some in further articles. The bottle I've shown is a very large flask quite similar to the Yates Blue Label.



Bottle number four is from London and in particular one of the nicest parts, Richmond in West London on the River Thames. Ellis & Co. had many fine brands selected and bottled for them in Glasgow and then sold them through their retail outlets. They also had gins, rums, etc. Interestingly, there are also other firms who have used the brand name, Ben Aros. There is one featured in Jim Triffon's fine Scotch book.

Henekeys of London used to be one of the most prolific miniature producers twenty years ago and not just the Scotch, but again gin, rum, etc. The bottle of theirs I am featuring, H. R. H. is quite rare and does not show up often as does their White Seal brand.



The brown flask and cork top is again the pattern of our next bottle, The Glenlivet Brand. Hmmm, blend from Glenlivet. I would think they must be vatted malts making up the blend with the old grain whisky. James Mellow & Sons sold this Scotch in the late 1960's and it is rarely seen today.

I'll be back in the Fall with more old ones, including a variety of Vat 7.

--R. H. --

# CHIISAI BIN



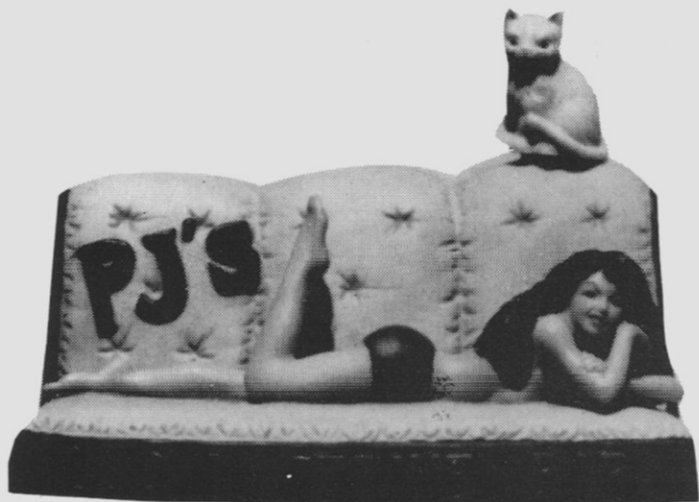
Two of the newest and definitely two of the best so far from Chiisai Bin. The Panda and the Cat shown here are just recently issued. The Panda is another in the series which is part of the Chiisai Bin Zoo. The zoo will also soon include a pair of roosters, pigs, and seals. Now how many other little pig bottles can you name? The pig was a favorite decanter 100 years ago, so the company is just turning back the clock.

Since the Panda has already won the award for "cutest" in the series, the cat most assuredly would win the most beautifully done prize. This is another bottle made in Limoges, France, by Castel who also make the Camus books. This cat is much fancier than most of the other cobalt bottles in that it's trimmed with 22k gold! If you remember and liked the Chiisai Bin Lady's Boot, you'll love this one.

We'll have pictures of the roosters, pigs, etc. as soon as they are available.



## DUG PICKING'S BROTHEL SERIES



We've got some catching up to do. Both of the bottles seen here are already in release (if Donna's Bar did arrive). A third bottle, Inez' D & D, will be shown later this year. It will complete the 1987 brothel decanters.

First out this year in May was PJ's Lucky Strike Bar. An extremely clever idea with this decanter was using the cat seated on the sofa as the stopper. PJ's is located in Elko should you be wandering through Nevada.

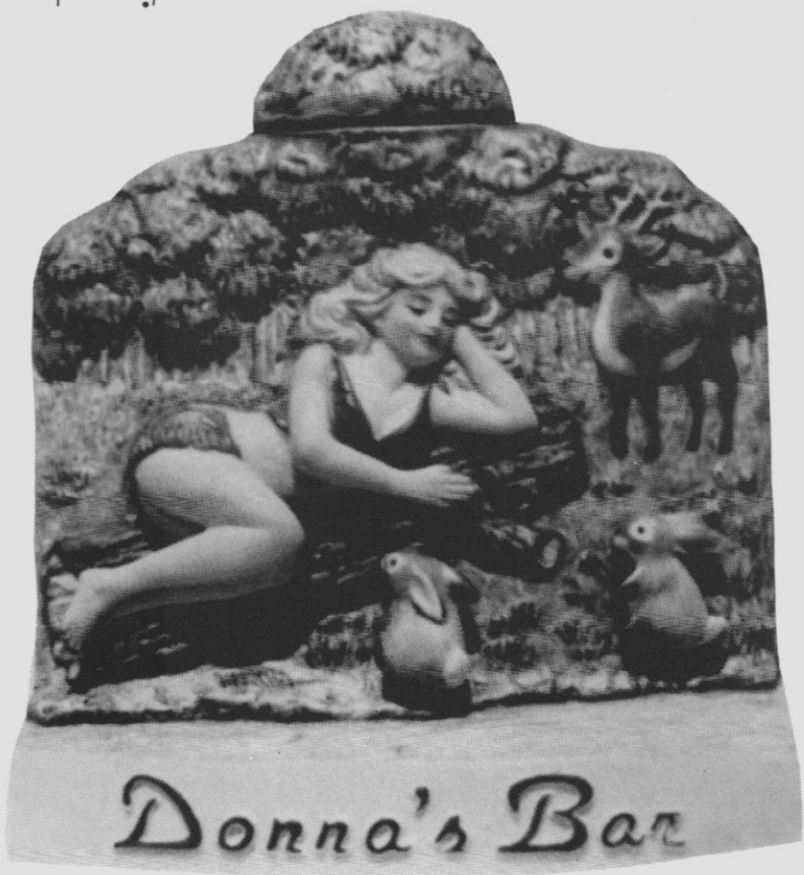
Elko is on the way to Wells on Interstate 80 and Wells is where you'll find Donna's Bar. This is a highly

colorful bottle with a great many more colors in evidence than is usually the case. Donna obviously is a nature girl who likes little rabbits and deer and, . . .

For those of you who are into this sort of thing, be aware that the quantity has dropped with these 1987 offerings. Now only a few over 700 are produced of each decanter. This certainly helps keep each one a limited edition and works towards increasing the values.

Inez will be featured in the Fall!





Donna's Bar

# MINI WORLD

The four bottles shown here are two thirds of the full set of clowns now being offered in England and America by Goebel Porcelains and containing Teachers blended scotch whisky. The remaining two pieces were not photographed because they had not yet arrived from Goebel.

This marks only the second time that Goebel (well known for their Hummels and other figurines) have allowed their ceramics to be filled and used as bottles. Previously pieces known primarily to giveaway collectors were also used as bottles and filled most often with bar whiskey.

These clowns are extremely reasonably priced and will no doubt be quickly added to the collections of both bottle and Goebel collectors. Shortly we will picture six of the twelve Viktoria Women which have also been filled with scotch whisky.

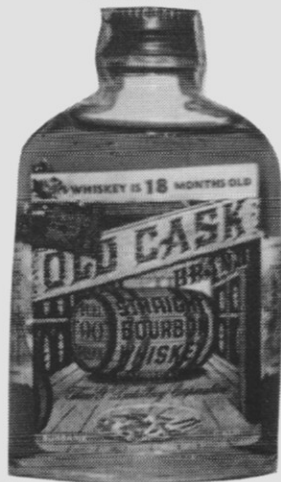


**CLOWNIN'  
AROUND**



# melo's minis

by Mike Olson



Well, summer is here again and what is more appropriate than reruns? In this article I would like to feature my twelve favorite whiskeys from the 1930's. (Actually one is from the 1940's.) I have shown them all previously so I will not describe them in detail as is my normal practice.

I think most collectors have favorite bottles, but may have varying reasons for their choices. For me there are three factors for my selections. First and most important to me is the aesthetic appeal of the bottle. (Does it look good to me.) Second is the scarcity of the bottle followed by its condition. Some good examples of this second point would be Mayflower Rye, G & W Mill Farm and National's Eagle. All of these are terrific looking bottles, but are fairly common so they would not make my list. Also, condition is very important to me as I will not put a bottle in my collection if it is in bad shape no matter what the brand.

My all time favorite is still the black label Waterwheel which was distributed (only?) in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The colors in the mill scene are true to life and I have never seen nor heard of another one in anyone's collection. The Mountain Cabin is another extremely colorful bottle as are the two California whiskeys. The Cotton Club is absolutely mint and has a brilliant green (my favorite color) label bordered in yellow. The Wisconsin Club makes my list because of its "upside down" label which is done in red, black and green. This bottle was made shortly following World War II and the distiller probably used a bottle that was intended for medicinal use.



The next two, Old Watermill and Heart of Kentucky, are virtually unknown Kentucky Bourbons and have labels that look like they belong on an old whiskey. (Now what the hell does that mean?) The Cherry Grove has a very nice red and black contrasting label and is also seldom seen. Last but not least are three of Chicago's finest: Green Oaks, Sunshine Road Lucky 17. Again, these bottles are extremely colorful and attractive as well as somewhat rare.

Finally, it was difficult to limit my favorites to only a dozen and there are many great bottles absent only because I do not have them. Yet!

As always, if anyone would like any further information on any bottle pictured, please feel free to contact me at 522 Lafayette St., Winona, MN 55987.

Until next time, . . . MELO



# A Story Behind Every Label

by Joe Levesque

This very odd looking cognac label was produced by a GEORGE SAUNIER before World War II. It shows a fish with a crown on its head. This same fish-crown is also embossed on top of the lead capsule.

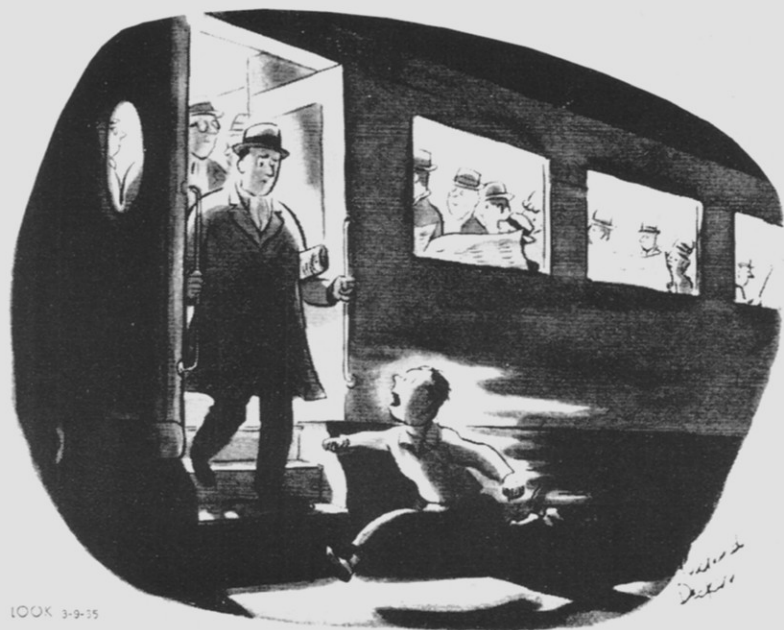
There are salt flats along the west coast of France, not far from the city of Cognac. The inhabitants have survived for centuries by fishing the sea and harvesting the salt flats along the coast. The word "saunier" means "salt harvester". A "saunier" was a man of the sea, and a man of the salt marshes. We all know that in the middle ages, many families adopted the name of their profession as their family names, such as Baker, Cook, Miller, Brewer, etc. Obviously, GEORGE SAUNIER'S ancestors were fishermen and salt workers along the coast of France. It is a common name in that area. So why not adopt a logo which graphically reflects one's ancestral origins?



--Joseph Levesque--

# UPDATE

Twenty-two years ago, Look Magazine published this cartoon by Richard Decker. It's a drawing that should hit home to all of us and one which hopefully we can all still find humorous.



LOOK 3-9-35

*"Daddy! The plumber got into your collection of liquor miniatures! The plumber got into your collection of liquor miniatures!"*



# Collectors

# BEWARE

Say, whiskey collectors, drooling over these two beauties already? Two super pre-pro's, right? Wrong! Two super "fakes" is what we have here. Possibly the word "fakes" shouldn't be used as the bottles are reputed to be replicas; however, would everyone sell these as replicas?

In case you're interested, these two pieces came from Amsterdam. It appears that someone in Europe has decided to make some money in the whiskey field. Too bad, it's things like this which give the hobby a black eye and discourage collectors. . . especially if you've paid a large sum for two supposedly rare bottles.

CAVEAT EMPTOR. . . don't forget!



# RUM

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# Rum

The majority of articles in publications these days seems to deal with whiskeys. We have had Jim Triffon's tequila articles (and he's working on brandy now) and a wonderful variety from Joe Levesque on cognac; however, we haven't had much about that old demon rum! With that in mind, the camera was loaded and as luck was with me, I got some decent pictures. The rums shown are not current but they are interesting.

The largest number of the nine come from Mexico. These are: Ron Cubano in red and yellow, Anglo Swiss Vintager with its Jamaica Blue Seal and Rhum Negrito and also the Bardinet Old Nick Rum.



The newest bottle among the nine is the James Bell & Co. Demerara while possibly the oldest is the Ron Javin from Havana, Cuba. And, speaking of Havana, the Old Havana Rum is my favorite of the group. Why? Because it's an old Cuban bottle as well as one made especially for Dirty Dick's Bar. Both of these Cuban bottles were originally purchased in Chile years ago as imported bottles.

Last, but certainly far from least, is the Caldwell's Old Newburyport. This is New England Rum produced at 100 proof. Back fifty years ago there were a good many New England rums. Today I know of no miniature and I imagine the 750 ml bottles are few and far between.

More rums again soon! --DMS--





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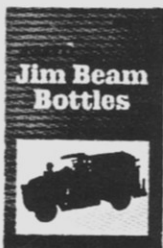
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