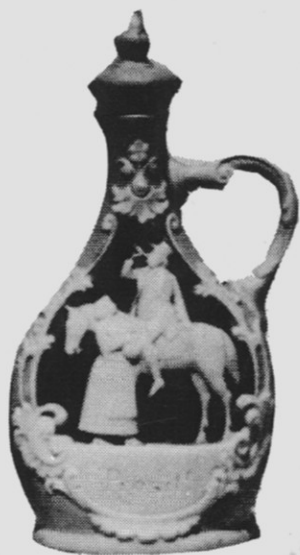


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Buccon	35
Rob Cratchit	20
Bonnie	25
Buffalo Stampede	15
Canada Goose Family	40
Cardinal	50
Cave Man	10
Chicadee	30
Chukar Partridge	25
Condor	30
D.U. Bufflehead	40
D.U. Mallard	60
Easter Seals Eagle	45
Game Cock Survivor	50
Gyr Falcon	30
Harpy Eagle	70
Hawk Eagle	85
Gray Owl	45
Kangaroo	10
Landlocked Salmon	20
Mallard Family	40
Male Merganser	30
Mountain Lion	35
Mountain Sheep	30
Osprey (Original)	95
Osprey Family (2 Bottles)	70
Peace Dove	40
Golden Pheasant	40
Prairie Chicken	60
Prairie Falcon	30
Red Fox on-a-Log	70
Rainbow Dancer	30
Red Winged Blackbird	20
Swet Nod Owl	25
Stones Sheep	25
U.S. Ski Team	10
White Falcon	40
Walrus	30
Whooping Crane	40
Wild Turkey	80
Wyoming Antelope	40
Wyoming Bronco	20
Ringmaster	10
Toe Thumb	10
MISCL. SIZES	
Peregrine Falcon GAL.	95
Fighting Pheasants HG	75
Red Fox on-a-Log 1.75L	70
D.U. Widgeon 1.75L	50
SKI COUNTRY MINIS	
Barred Owl Plaque	20
Rob Cratchit	10
Bonnie	8
Cave Man	8
Chukar Partridge	10
Chicadee	15
D.U. Bufflehead	15
D.U. Canvasback	15
Easter Seals Eagle	10
"Great Spirit"	10
Gyr Falcon	15
Landlocked Salmon	10
Great Gray Owl	15
Ma Cratchit	10
Male King Eider Duck	15
Male Merganser	15
Mountain Goat Family	15
Moose	20
Mountain Eagle	80
Muskie	12
Osprey Family (2 Btl.)	25
Fighting Pheasants	25
Phoenix Bird	15
Hoar Bear	12
Prairie Chicken	25
Prairie Falcon	12
Rainbow Trout	15

Red Shouldered Hawk	25
Red Winged Blackbird	20
Ruffed Grouse	20
Scrooge	10
White Falcon	20
Whooping Crane	25
Walrus	15
P.T. Barnum	10

### CYRUS NOBLE

CYRUS NOBLE FIFTHS	EMPTY
Blacksmith	\$35
California Seal	15
Mountain Lion & Cubs	35
Oklahoma Dancers	15
Olympic Skaters	15
Carousel Lion	15
"Tiger	15
"Organ	20

### HALF GALLONS

Buffalo & Calif	50
MINIS	
Assayer	15
Burro	15
Gambler	10
Snowshoe Thompson	10
Walrus Family	10
Tun Tavern	5

### FAMOUS FIRST

FAMOUS FIRSTS	40
'69 Red Dino Ferraro(200L)	25
Lockheed C-130 (200ML)	35
Baby Panda (750 ML)	30
Porche Targa (500 ML)	30
Fireman #1 (50 ML)	15
Yacht America (50ML)	12

### GRENADIER

GRENADIER FIFTHS	
3rd New York Reg.	20
Napoleon	10
Pancho & Fierro-2 Horse	20
Pancho on-a-Horse HG	75
Connecticut Foot Guard	15
Father's Gift	10
Stonewall Jackson	20
Teddy Roosevelt	20

### MINIS

Pancho Standing	10
Robt. E. Lee	10
Stonewall Jackson	10
Father Serra	10
"Frusky"	10
Father's Gift	10
1st. VA. Volunteers	15
Washington Blue Rifles	15
6th WI. Regiment	15

### HOFFMAN

HOFFMAN FIFTHS	
Mr. Barber	30
Mr. Dentist	30
Mr. Farmer	30
Mr. Fish and-rod-catcher	30
Christmas Carol	12
Bear & Cub	20
Jaquar	20
Lion & Armadillo	20
Mt. Goat & Puma	45
Pointer	40
Setter	40
Stage Coach Driver	20
Hooded Merganser	15
Swan	15
MO Tigers (Helmets)	15
KS State Wildcats	15
TN Volunteers	15
LSU Tigers	25
KY State Wildcats	25
Turkeys (200ML)	15

### HOFFMAN MINIS

Mr. Lucky Retired	20
Mr. Farmer	15
Mr. Stockbroker	18
Pup Seals	20
Alfy Afghan	8
Fanny Fox	8
Ferry Terrier	8

### MC CORMICK

MC CORMICK FIFTHS	EMPTY
Elvis #2 (Pink)	30
Elvis Silver	85
Elvis Designer I White	125
Bald Eagle	45
White Tailed Deer Head	50
Trout Wall Plaque	35
Shrine Circus #1 (Clown)	35
Stephen Austin	20
Alex. Graham Bell	15
Geo. Washington Carver	15
Thos. A. Edison	25
Henry Ford	25
Eleanor Roosevelt	25
Louis Armstrong	20
Tom T. Hall	20
J. R. Ewing	20
Muhammad Ali	25
Sir Lancelot	15
Hutch Finn	15
Tom Sawyer	15
Bat Masterson	30
Calamity Jane	20
Ben Franklin	12
John Hancock	12
Patrick Henry	25
"Spirit of '76"	75
Jupiter Locomotive	20
U.S. Marshall	20
Pony Express	15
Packard Ornament	\$35
Ozark Ike	15

### MC CORMICK MINIS

Elvis Karate	40
"Designer I (White)	60
"(Gold)	70
Ben Franklin	15
John Hancock	10
Patrick Henry	10
Thos. Jefferson	10
Betsy Ross	25
Geo. Washington	25
Canada Goose	12
Pheasant	12
Gambel's Quail	12
Wood Duck	15
Pony Express	10

### MC CORMICK MINIS

Ice Wagon F.	20
Peace Candle F.	15
Geo Washington F.	15
Godness Selket 1.75L	35
King Tut M.	10

### JON SOL

JON-SOL MINIS	
Baby Robin	5
Blue Jay	45
Red Headed Woodpecker	15
Red Eyed Vireo	5

### BENEAGLES

BENEAGLES MINIS	
White King	10
DUG PICKING	
DUG PICKING	
Ship	15
Raft	15

### C'S ART

COLLECTORS ART MINIS	EMPTY
Brahma Bull	15
Black Angus Bull	15
Old Polled Hereford	15
Chippmunk	12
Afghan	10
Setter	10

### WILLETT

WILLETT	
Surface Miner F.	17
Tiger #1 F.	20
Wildcat #2 F.	20
Trucker F.	15
Foster Brooks Pt.	25
Kentucky Colonel Pt.	10
Barrel (GAL)	25
"(HG)	15

### POTTER

POTTER FIFTHS	
Gold Panner	15

### DAVIES

DAVIES COUNTY FIFTHS	
'81 Hawaii Amer. Legion	15

### WILD TURKEY

WILD TURKEY FIFTHS	
Series I #8 (Strutting)	35
"IV #1 (W/Eagle)	60
"IV #2 (W/Raccoon)	45
WILD TURKEY MINIS	
Series I #1 (Male)	12
"I #3 (On Wing)	10
"I #4 (W/Poult)	10
"IV #3 (W/Poult)	20
"IV #4 (Flying)	25
"V #2 (W/Owl)	25

### JIM BEAM

JIM BEAM FIFTHS	
Battery Phone #6 ('82)	35
Elephant ('80)	15
Donkey ('80)	15
Treasure Chest	15

### EZRA BROOKS

EZRA BROOKS FIFTHS	
Corvette Indy Pace Car	25
Owl #3 (Snowy)	20
Bengal Tiger	25
King Tut Guard	15

### OLD COMMON

OLD COMMONWEALTH FIFTHS	
Oktoberfest	40
Yankee Doodle	15
Modern Fireman #1	20
"#4(Fin. Cmdr)	20
OLD COMMONWEALTH MINIS	
Modern Fireman #1	15
Coal Miner #3	25

### OLD FITZGERALD (FIFTHS)

Irish Charm	10
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### CALVERT

LORD CALVERT	
Elder Duck '80	20
Canvasback '79	25

### LIONSTONE

LIONSTONE	
Fireman #5(60th Anniv)	10
Woodpecker M.	10
Goldpanner M.	10

### AS. I.F.S.

ASI FIFTHS	
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Gold "	'11 30
" "	60

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# Let's Talk

One of our perpetual problems is our third class mail delivery. Over the years I've been complaining and complaining to no avail. Well, the nadir of delivery recently occurred with the last issue.

It was mailed here and left the local post office on August 26th. Three and a half weeks later it arrived in most local collectors' hands. I have no idea when it got across the U.S. So please bear with us on this. Since we're not nearly as important as a throw-away flyer from a local grocery store, you'll get your magazine when the post office condescends to deliver it!

On pp 10-11 you'll find an article about pairs of bottles. This was written the beginning of the summer and since that time a great deal has come to light. Not only are there now both a third golden goose and golden eagle, there are even two more colors of Halley's Comet jugs. Heaven only knows if Singapore Airlines has made any additions.

A great deal of controversy has arisen from my caveat emp'tor article last time. It seems there are now seventeen of these "made-up" bottles with some labels appearing on more than one bottle. They have been offered for both sale and trade by one or two northern Europeans but who knows how many might be in collections by now. If you are wondering where the labels came from, they were (at least most of them) appropriated from Bob Snyder's *Whiskey Paper* book and then in some way colorized. Amazing the lengths a few people will go to.

With a little bit of luck and a great deal of effort, next time the entire issue will be devoted to Zwack bottles. Ed Neugass has done a superb job of research and compilation which you'll all admire. See you then.

--DMS--

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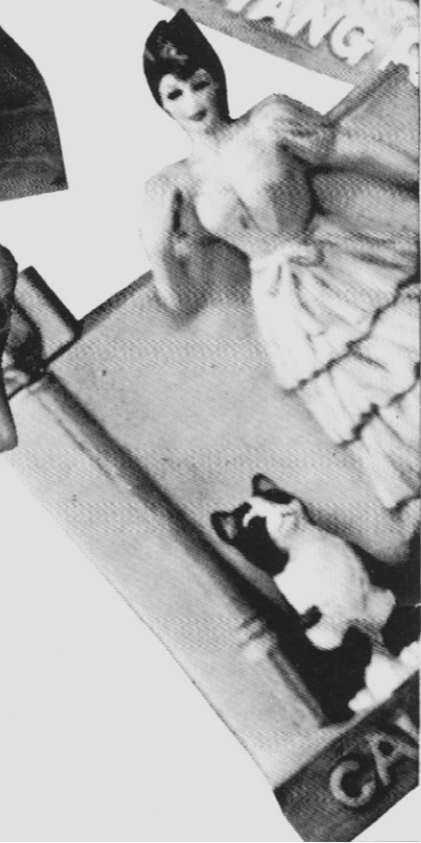
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## Our Cover

Our cover this time features two versions of the same Schafer & Vater bottle from approximately the turn of the century. These are similar to the well known jasper ware issued by Wedgwood. The smaller of the two is the more interesting mostly because of the information incised on the back: Weil's Two Stores Everything Drinkable 39-41 So. Third and 42-44 So. Sixth. Is that the Big Apple?

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# melo's minis

by Mike Olson



In this article I would like to feature three pre-pros along with ten bottles produced by the Crosse & Blackwell Co. of Baltimore, Maryland. After many years of collecting, I am still amazed by the "off the wall" bottles which occasionally show up. Some of these bottles are extremely rare and may be the only surviving example of a particular brand. The first two I have chosen to show would probably fall in this category. Crosse & Blackwell bottles, on the other hand, are fairly common and should be well known to serious collectors. Anyway, any old whiskey is a good whiskey; so let's get to the bottles.

Bottle number one is Bendigo Club Whiskey Product Rye, Corn and Malt Blended by Rochester Distilling Co. of Rochester, NY, USA. It has a light green label printed in dark green and gold and was made about 1910. (Thanks to Ed Sroka for this bottle.)

The next bottle is Old Eighty-One Whiskey bottled by P. Welty & Co., 103 Smithfield St., Pittsburgh, PA. It is an unusually shaped 2 fl. oz. bottle which is embossed on the back, has a wood topped cork held down by a twine ball and was probably made before 1900.





The last of the pre-pros is Yellowstone Sour Mash Whiskey distilled by Taylor & Williams, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky. The bottle is embossed and the label is similar to the one used on this brand during the 1930's. It has a back label which states: Sold by Diemert & Murphy, Moorhead, Minn. Phone 585.

The first of the Crosse & Blackwell bottles is Bay Side Blended Whiskey. It is 86.8 proof, 3 years or more old, has a black label and was made in 1940. (This brand was also made with a red label.) Next is Crosse & Blackwell

Private Vat Blended Whiskey. It is 90 proof, 3 years or more old, has a black label and was made about 1940. This is followed by another Private Vat which is also 90 proof, but is 2 1/2 years or more old with a green label and an April 8, 1939, Maryland tax stamp.

Bottle number seven is Fort McHenry blended whiskey. It is 90 proof, 3 years or more old, has a blue and red label and was made about 1939. The next blend is Old James Brand. It is 90 pr. 3 1/2 years or more old, has a multi-colored label and was also made about 1939.

The best known of the Crosse & Blackwell bottles is Green Spring Valley Club Brand. The first of these is Green Spring Valley Club A Blend of Straight Rye Whiskies. It is 93 proof, one year and three months or more old, was blended and bottled by The Baltimore Pure Rye Distilling Co., has a yellow label and a Nov. 28, 1936 Maryland tax stamp. It's companion is Green Spring Valley Club Maryland Straight Rye Whiskey. It is 100 proof, BIB 1936-1940, also from The Baltimore Pure Rye Co. and has a white label.



In our last three, we have first Green Spring Valley Club A Blend of Straight Whiskies. It is 93 proof, two years or more old, has a light orange label and a Nov. 18, 1938 Maryland tax stamp. The next Green Spring Valley Club Blend is 93 proof, five years or more old, has an orange label and was made in 1940. And finally, the last of the Green Spring Valley Club Blends is 86 proof, four or more years old, has an orange label on a tall bottle and was made in 1939.

Well, that's all for now, but I would like to close with this thought: There are still great bottles waiting to be found by collectors, so keep hunting!

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

Until next time. . . . MELO



# MINI WORLD



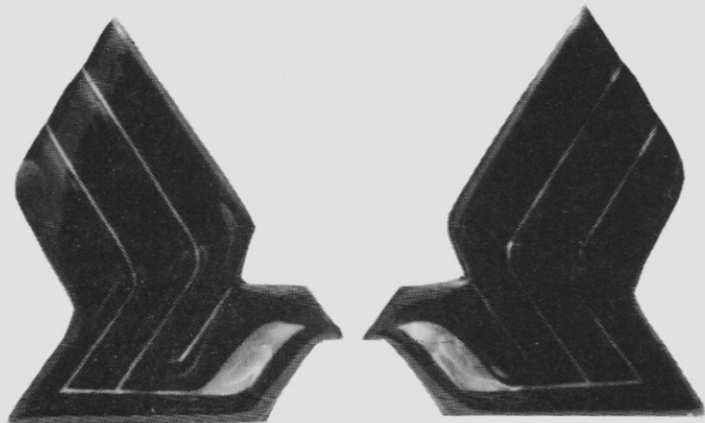
Pairs. Couldn't think of a better title for these four sets of bottles. As you can easily see from the pictures, each bottle was issued in (at least) two colors. (A fifth pair - 1987 Year of the Rabbit in blue and black was not available for photographing.)

Let's start with the Chabot Goose. The white piece, made of Haviland Limoges, was first introduced several years ago. Then within the last few months the blue goose was issued. This piece was made by Castel of Limoges. These may be generally found at duty free shops around the world. Prices for the white piece are \$30-35, while the blue goose commands ap-

proximately ten dollars more. Just recently a golden goose has been added and it sells for between \$65-75!

In 1984 the blue Janneau Eagle was first released. Containing XO Armagnac, this was truly a beauty to add to any collection. A few months after this bird was spotted, his white companion was found in Korea. This may have been the only market for the bottle. Both pieces are made by Bernardaud of Limoges, another superb porcelain manufacturer. Today the blue bird may still be found in a few places; however, it is no longer made by Bernardaud, nor even in Limoges!

Our third set of birds is from Mac-kinlay Scotch and contains their 12 yr old Legacy. However, these were customer specialties made for Singapore Airlines and available for sale on Singapore flights. Five bottles were put on each flight until they were all sold. Now to look at these you'd think at least one of them was black. Nope, they are midnight blue and green. The lines which set off this Singapore Air logo appear to be white but are actually 22k gold.



Our last pair appeared in 1986 in both large and small size. Only the 750ml were sold in the U.S. These, as you can read, were "The Official" Halley's Comet bottle. They contain 50ml of Scotch from the Douglas Laing Co. of Glasgow and were all (well, almost all) sold to an importer in Australia.

In the coming months we'll show you more fancy pairs such as the Rynbende poodles and the upcoming Hine stags.  
--DMS--

# SCOTCH For The Connoisseur

by Roy Holden



This issue I am featuring two variations of bottles I pictured in the last article. Each is completely different.

First is Vat 7 Black Label 20 U. P. or 80 proof, again blended for Edlins of Brighton but older than the one featured in our last issue. There are other variations of this bottle but all are rarely seen today.

Bonnie Gem, our second bottle, is similar to the one I showed you in our last article and very colorful but the label is totally different. The bottle shape and cap are the same, and both bottles were on sale in the 1960's. Yes, it's a pity you can't see them in colour.

Royal Gold is indeed gold to any collector; it was blended for Stewart's of Aberdeen in the 1960's. It has a gold edge round the label and the black lettering is circled with gold also. There are also round bottle variations of this brand, and it was available in Italy at 75 proof.

Our fourth bottle, Tartan Blend at 30 U.P. leaves me mystified for there are no names at all on the label as to who produced it. I don't know, but I do know though it is a beautiful label with the tartansash in red, green and yellow on a cream background. The flask is brown which is characteristic of most of the flasks of this era.



There are plenty of Scotch miniatures with a "Mc" or "Mac" to their names; however, the one I am featuring here is MacKintosh and I found it in Rome. It is 80 proof and comes with a white label. I presume it's the MacKintosh crest on a tartan background which is at the top of the label. Very showy, indeed!

I am finishing this issue with a brewery bottle, O.H.B. There are many label and bottle variations of this brand but today Eldridge, Pope & Co. don't have miniatures any more in their shops on the south coast of England.

Well, you can look forward to seeing six more bottles of old Scotch in the next issue. See you then.

--R. H. --







# MINIATURE by Bob Kay BEERS



This issue I'd like to report two dynamite new discoveries in the field of mini beers! However, I have one slight problem. I haven't ever seen them or even seen a picture of them. All I can tell you is that I've talked to people who have seen them and I believe them. Perhaps this article can scare up a picture of at least one of them.

The first is a Senate Beer from the Christian Heurich Brewing Company in Washington, DC. The new discovery is a 4 1/4 inch Muth bottle and has a decal main body and neck label. The label is supposed to obviously be different from the Senate mini pictured. The one pictured is identified in my book (MBB) as DC-3; it's a four inch bottle and does not have a neck

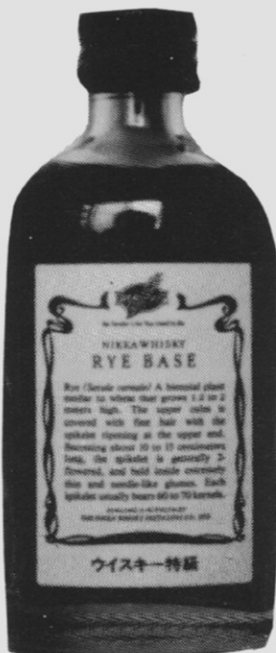
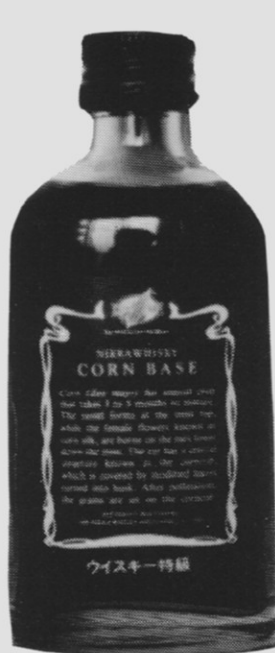
label. Mini collectors would certainly like to have a picture of the 4 1/4 inch version for reference purposes. Can anyone help?

The second new discovery is a Fehr's Mello Ale. It's described as being similar to the Fehr's Darby Ale pictured. The Fehr's Darby Ale is identified as KY-1; it's a 4 1/4 inch decal on a Muth bottle with an aluminum screw-on cap. I have seen full-size (12 oz.) Fehr's Mello Ale and Fehr's Darby Ale bottles; they were of 1933-36 vintage. Thus, it seems possible, even likely, that they would have promoted both as minis also. Again, a picture for reference purposes would be greatly appreciated.

Till next time . . . . Bob Kay

# FROM BARREL

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI



This time I would like to present four whiskies from the NIKKA WHISKY DISTILLING CO.

The first is From the Barrel blended whisky. It is clear glass and a slightly plump square shape with a very plain label. It is 8 cm tall, 50ml contents with 51.4 percent alcohol as bottled directly from the marriage barrel.

The second two are Corn Base and Rye Base. Corn Base with black label is blended Bourbon Malt of 8 years or more and Nikka Malt and Grain. Rye Base, the white label, used Canadian Malt. They are 9.5cm tall in clear flat glass and contain 50ml at 43% alcohol.

The last bottle (shown two ways) is New Blend Hi Nikka whisky. It is in a clear flat plastic bottle containing 100 ml, 12.5cm tall and similar to the New Blend Black Nikka, but at 39% alcohol. It also comes in a plastic barrel with a swizzle and the barrel is used as cups for the whisky and chilled water... for example to be used on the Shinkansen train.

--T. S.--



# A Story Behind Every Label

by Joe Levesque

PARIS, like all large capitals of the world, is a city of many contrasts. Everyone comes here for their own reasons, but a sojourn in this beautiful city is always a memorable experience.

At one time, France was a large colonial power and through the years, many citizens of these colonies migrated to the "mother country". Hence, you will find large Arab colonies in France, and more so in Paris. The most popular Arab meal is COUSCOUS, and the best couscous in Paris is served at CHEZ BEBERT, on the left bank. It's an experience to savor, and I seek to renew this experience of degustatory delight whenever possible.

Miniature liquor bottles have a way of popping up in unexpected places. One day, upon entering Bebert's Restaurant, I spotted a box of these uniquely personalized BENEDICTINE miniatures under the counter near the entrance. Instinctively, my hand reached for the miniatures, but the Maire'D was upon me and indicated I should leave the bottles alone and should follow him to be seated. Desiring to be polite, I complied but mentally promised myself to get hold of at least one miniature before leaving the restaurant.

The COUSCOUS ROYALE was excellent, but unfortunately, the waiter was insolent as so many others are in Paris. Towards the end of the meal, waiter nonchalantly threw matches and a small promotional keychain on the table. (I don't smoke and how many keychains can I use?) As I asked him for the tab (French restaurants don't give you the bill until you ask for it), I asked to purchase a couple Bebert personalized Benedictine miniatures.

"No way," he said, "they're reserved for those who buy an ice cream desert." (A good promotion.)

"I'll pay you for the bottles, so you won't be losing anything!" I responded.

"No way. I just gave you some matches and a keychain.... do you want the whole restaurant for nothing?"

I decided to try a new tact. "O.K. then, bring me the ice cream, and I'll pay you for it. You eat the ice cream, and I leave with the miniature Benedictine bottle."

The waiter gave me a look of disdain, turned on his heels, and stomped away. Fifteen minutes later (which did seem like an eternity) he returned with the tab and two free BEBERT miniatures. However, he threw them on the table as if they were bowling balls.

French restaurants automatically add on 15% tip to the tab... but one is expected to leave an additional tip for "excellent" service. Needless to say, I paid only the required amount.



# A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



It looks like a big night coming up in Boozeville. They are holding their annual harvest festival dance. One of the current popular dances is the Rag-time.

There are twelve dances of the early 1900's that were so well liked that they copied them in the form of bottles. At least twelve of them are known. There may be others hiding out there still waiting to be found. Here is the list in more or less the order of rarity with the most common bottles listed first.

1. Apache
2. Tango
3. Turkey Trot
4. Castle Walk
5. Grizzly Bear
6. One Step

7. Matchitchie
8. Maxixe
9. Rag Time
10. Let Us Go To Maxims
11. Fox Trot
12. Waltz

There are a number of variations in color, size and even name switching.

The dancers shown here have both the crown and seal mark on the bottom. On the back is printed "Compliments of Celio and Feretta, Camrio, Calif."

This bottle belongs to Keith Holt of Adrian, Michigan. It surely is one of the finest examples of the Giveaway bottle that you can find. How can you top it? --L. M. --

# SMALL TALK



We could call this Fascinating Figurals, Oddballs, Rarities, or any other title which would signify that the four bottles shown here are genuinely different to say the least.

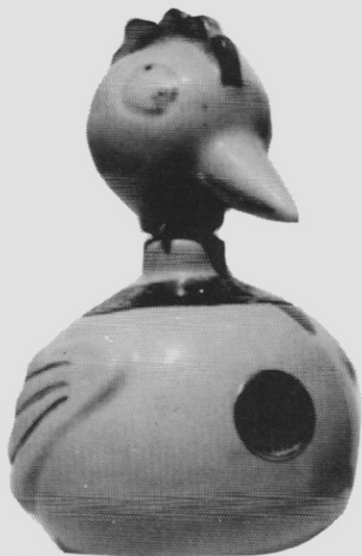
The two "people" are at least from the same company, Western License Supply in England. This is more commonly known as WLS. The rather retarded looking individual is known as The Country Yokel. And, indeed, he is a yokel complete with Mortimer Snerd look and his trusty pitchfork. He contains Devon Mead.

The smaller toby jug is obviously a pirate's head as he sports an eye patch. And, what else would a pirate's head bottle hold but...you guessed it, Jamaica Rum. For those who know their ceramic/porcelain makers, the yokel is made by Crown Devon (difficult to figure out) while the pirate's head is by Royal Norfolk, a Staffordshire company.

Our other two pieces are even more strange. The "bird" (good grief, what is it?) is in blue and contains 2 ozs. of Peach Cordial. The little sticker on the front says "Bottled in Florida" and from that if you surmised this is a Manhattan bottle, you're correct! Does anyone out there have this bottle in his/her collection?

We've saved the strangest for last. This is a miniature version of a can of Ate Blue Brake Fluid! Only the "can" is ceramic and the bottle contains Blue Curacao. To add to the little mystery, the piece is made by Bols and obviously is what is often called a "customer specialty."

So, there you have four truly different figurals. Now, try to find them!



# Whiskey Heritage

by

GEORGE JINKENS

## the g-r-r-eatest

(ONE MORE TIME !)

This time we begin with PENTHOUSE Straight Bourbon. Penthouse was bottled for Kes, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio. It is definitely an uncommon bottle, not seen by many collectors. The caption at the top of the label reads: Above Them All.

Next there is ROYAL SPRINGS, a Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. It is from The K. Taylor Distilling Co. which not too strangely is responsible for the K. Taylor Bourbon and the 99 brand Bourbon also. This particular one though is a 100 proof and aged all of twenty months.





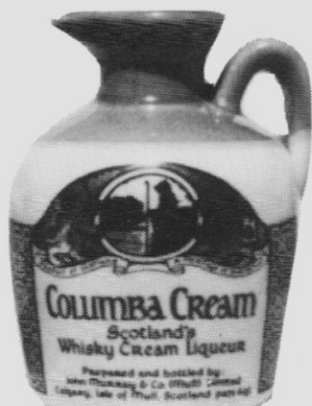
I've saved the best for last though. PEMBROOK Straight Bourbon Whiskey was distilled by The American Distilling Co. of Pekin, Illinois. This is a two ounce bottle distilled at 90 proof. The bottle was sold in Florida in the 1930's and I know of no other similar bottle.

Three more oldies and goodies next time.

--George A. Jinkens--



# CREAM of the Crop



Time for another visit to the "cream of the crop." Since the last group of bottles was pictured, quite a few new bottles have appeared; however, we haven't been able to get them all photographed. This mix of five though will certainly suffice for a while.

Let's begin with the oldest first. It's the Creme de Vie from the company of the same name in Havana, Cuba. Yes, this is an oldie and a goodie. It's from the 1930's with what would be considered a nice Art Deco label. The idea for cream liqueurs has been around for some time, hasn't it!

The three similarly shaped bottles all hail from South Africa. Even after reading the labels it's difficult to tell whether or not these bottles all came from the same company. It's a good guess though as it is the same actual bottle for all three. And, all three are wine/cream aperitifs which make them quite a bit different from the ordinary "cream" bottles.



The first is Le Boulevard Coffee Cream. It's composed of coffee, fresh cream, wine and old brandy. The next is Jack Barregar's (Original) Old English Toffee Cream. The picture on the label is of an old horse and buggy. The third of the three is Santhagens Original Cape Velvet Cream. It is "fortified" with brandy and cream. The colorful scene on this label depicts a sailing ship obviously going around the Cape. All three bottles are 50ml.

The last piece is our only non glass item. This brown and white jug features a marvelous decal label with a good deal of color. Columba Cream is Scotland's Whisky Cream Liqueur. It is from John Murray & Co. on the Isle of Mull and like the last three, contains 50ml of delicious nectar.

Some time in 1988 we'll have more creams for you. --DMS--





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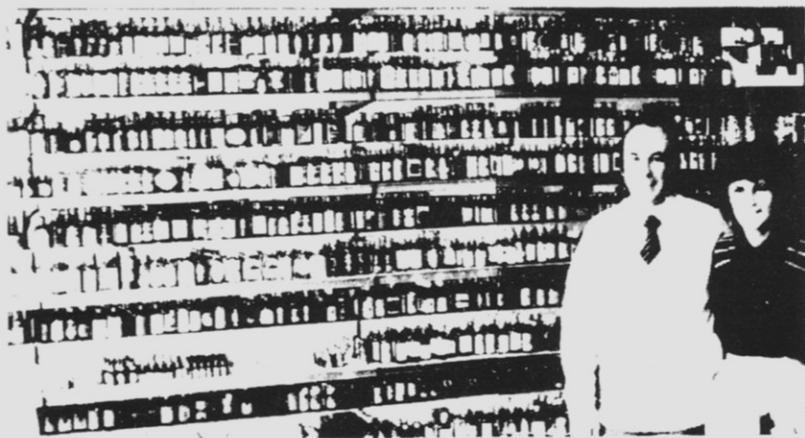
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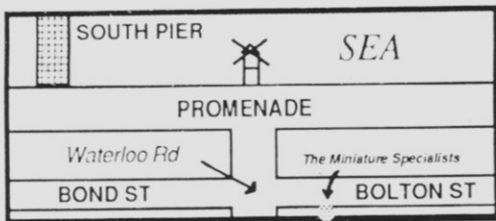
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