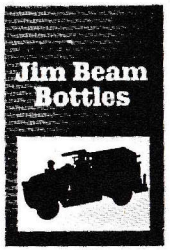
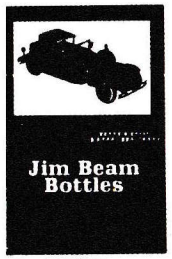


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Chicadee (10)	15
D.U. Buffelhead (10)	15
" Canvasback (8)	12
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Great Spirit (7)	10
Gyrfalcon (9)	12
Harpy Eagle (45)	75
Great Gray Owl (9)	12
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Male King Eider (10)	15
Male Merganser (9)	12

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Mountain Eagle (40)	60
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Setter (25)	F	40
Stagecoach Driver	F (10)	15
Trapper (12)	F	20
Hooded Merganser	F (10)	15
Swan (10)	F	15
~~Turkey 200ML~~	~~F~~	~~12~~

		EMPTY
Pup Seals (10)	M	15
Alfy Afghan (8)	M	12
Fanny Fox	M (5)	8
Terry Terrier (5)	M	8
Tenn Volunteers	F (10)	15
LSU Tigers (10)	F	25
MO. Tigers (10)	F	15
~~KY State Wildcats~~	~~F~~	~~15~~
KS State Wildcats	F (10)	12

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Let's Talk

First things first. For some strange reason, I have mentioned "Larry" Kramer whenever I actually mean Terry Kramer. So, please accept my apology Terry. If I got his name wrong again, he might not be so nice about doing these interesting articles and then all of us would suffer from my mistake.

One article by Alfredo Spinelli on the first Argentine bottles to come to the U.S. got forced out by space limitations this time, but look for it in #87. Next time you'll also find some of the most incredible labels you've ever seen as Ed Neugass continues on with his Zwack story. It's one of those laments again about not being able to show you the pictures in color because these labels are fantastic.

Naturally all of you "seasoned" collectors know about the shows; however, for some of you newer people who've never been to a show, take a good look at the ads this time. The Lilliputian and Del-Val shows are in October and the 10th Midwest show is in April once again. Mark your calendars now.

And, speaking of shows, the first East-West International show was held the end of May in East Berlin and was quite a success. We'll have a report and pictures from that get together here next time, too.

Under the category of new bottles, there are two new plastic ones to watch for. The Prince of Wales Welsh Whisky is available in different parts of the U.S. An export version of the old Virgin Bourbon is turning up also. And, I've heard there is a new version of Jack Daniels in Canada.

Finally, a big thank you once again to Don Prosise for helping with this issue.

--DMS--

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Our Cover

Okay, okay, so we know we put two Goebel ladies on the cover just a couple of issues back. Well, they were from a set of twelve; these are a set among themselves. This pair, containing scotch, has just been issued here in the United States as well as in Great Britain. They are very limited and won't be that easy to find; however, if you do acquire them, they'll soon occupy a place of honor.

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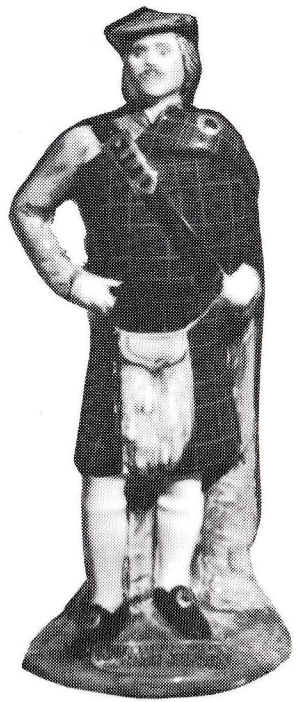
by Jim Triffon

The rule of thumb with this column has always been that we show you the new glass bottles. So, tradition falls. This time we have three new figurals all recently issued in their respective countries. And, we're going all around the world on these three.

From Argentina comes a special bottle made for the 25th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Villa Del Parque. This contains Forcoll Whisky and is a most unique bottle in that it uses the Rotary symbol in blue and gold.



We go from Argentina to Scotland for an extremely well done new figural produced by the Rutherford Company. Most of you will already be familiar with Rutherford because of all the flagons (jugs) they've produced as well as the occasional figural. Naturally our traditional Scotsman contains scotch.



Finally we're on the move to Asia, Singapore to be exact. This all white, porcelain bottle is actually an Otard Napoleon Cognac from France; however, it was made only for the duty free shop in Singapore. The figure is of the Merlion. Now to quote from the box in which the bottle is sold:

"The Choice of the Merlion as a symbol for Singapore has its roots in history. The lion head with a fish body resting in the sea commemorates the ancient name and the legend taken from the 'Malay Annals' explaining how Singapore received its present name.

"In ancient times, the island was known as Temasek which is a Javanese word for sea. It was then, as it is today, a centre of trade.

"As recorded in the legend in the 'Malay Annals', Prince Nila Utama of the Sri Vijaya empire rediscovered the island later in the 11th century AD. On seeing a strange beast (which he later learned was a lion) upon his landing, he named the island Singapura which is a Sanskrit word for Lion (Singa) City (Pura).

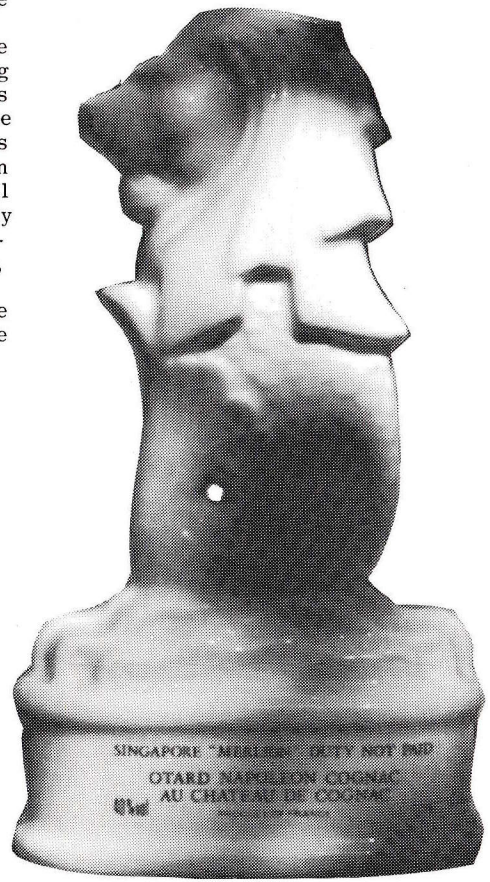
"The Merlion symbolises in its fish body resting in the sea, the ancient city of Temasek and in its head the legend of the discovery of Singapore by Prince Nila Utama in the 11th century when Singapore received its present name.

"Today, the 26-foot Merlion is located at the mouth of the Singapore River on the tip of a small promontory which has been landscaped into an attractive little park complete with fountain and music. The entire project cost about $165,000. It was started in November 1971 and completed in August 1972.

"The Merlion was built by a local craftsman by the name of Lim Nang Seng who had won several prizes in the Singapore Handicraft and Design Competition organised by the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board in 1970.

"It is an optimistic hope that in time to come, it will take its place among the famous landmarks of great cities of the World. The commemorative bronze plaque for the Merlion bears the inscription: 'The Merlion has been erected as a symbol to welcome all visitors to Singapore'. It was formally installed at a ceremony on 15th September 1972 by Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, the Prime Minister."

So there you have the story of the Merlion. Hopefully you'll also be able to get the bottle to go along with it!



Whiskey Heritage

by
GEORGE JINKENS

the g-r-r-r-eatest



Let's start this time with OLD RIPY. This is a bottle I searched for a good long time. Actually I was fortunate enough to end up with two of them, the one pictured and also a round one which is dated 1902. This flat Old Ripy was made in 1911 (the whiskey that is). The bottle is in mint shape and wouldn't it be nice if they were all this way.

Next there is PURE OLD RYE. This one is bottled by S. S. Adams Co., Asbury Park, New Jersey. I have very little information on this bottle, but the picture is worth a thousand words.

Lastly there is BASIN SPRINGS from the O. E. Haley Co. The center label contains a picture of a lady in a bonnet standing by a spring. The bottle is dated 1917 and other than slight wear on the label is in great shape.

Be back next time.

--George A. Jinkens--





DUG PICKING'S

BROTHEL SERIES



We haven't had any of Dug Picking's Brothel Bottles to feature for quite some time, so ogle these two which are the 1988 bottles. Only two this year and now the quantity has been reduced to a mere 760 pieces each time. When you think about breakage and all the people who are automatically shipped a bottle each time one is released, it certainly doesn't leave many available for the newer collector. Anyway, the low quantity production is surely a plus for everyone.

The bottle which will have already made its appearance is Simone's. This reclining beauty was released in mid-May. Simone's is in the circle in Winnemucca next to Penny's (we have to keep our brothel lore up to date, don't we?).

The other bottle, which is definitely one of the cleverest, is the Triangle River Ranch. This one is owned by none other than Joe Conforte of Mustang Ranch fame. This house has taken the name used by the first brothel ever owned by Conforte. As you can see, the girl is ringing the triangle to come and get "it".

This one will be out either late summer or early fall, but you can definitely look for it by October.





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Austria	Prosit
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Burma	Auug Bar See
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A Story Behind Every Label

by Joe Levesque

BENEDICTINE
part 1

Monks produced most of the liqueurs of Europe for several centuries. In the middle ages, monasteries saved our western civilization and were the repository of learning and research. A monk, Arnaud de Villeneuve, is credited with inventing distillation as we know it today. Another monk, the Benedictine Dom Perignon, discovered the Champagne and the cork stopper.

In 1510, a learned monk and botanist by the name of Dom Bernardo Vincelli made a study of the plants on the Normandy coast and used many of them in a new medicine made up for the infirmary of Fecamp Abbey. Peasants for miles around would come for medical treatment, but the monks themselves were their own best customers. When consumed in modest quantities, it revived the tired monks, but the history books do not tell us what happened to the monks when taken in large quantities.

In 1534, Francis I, King of France (who was born in Cognac), visited the Abbey and named the liqueur "BENEDICTINE, Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam". That is BENEDICTINE, For The Greater Glory of God.

During the French Revolution, the Abbey was destroyed and the recipe was lost, and then found many years later. As with CHARTREUSE, this recipe has a long and complicated history which could fill a book, or could be the subject of a dramatic movie.

Today, BENEDICTINE liqueur in its dark green, slightly squat bottle bears the wax seal of the Abbey of Fecamp and the Benedictine initials D.O.M. signifying: Deo Optimo Maximo - To God Most Good, Most Great.

Today, the distillery preserves the traditions of the original establishment. The plants used in making the liqueur are the same as those which Dom Bernardo found on the Normandy cliffs, where the pungency of the sea air helped to give an individual flavor. Among the ingredients of BENEDICTINE are myrrh, saffron (now bought in Spain), vanilla, lemon peel, maidenhair(?), yarrow, cloves, cardamon, nutmeg, mace, thyme, coriander, hyssop, balm and angelica. Most of these items come from the neighborhood, but the tea and honey used in the recipe must come from overseas, the honey being imported from the United States. The French honey has been found to have a strong distinctive flavor, while American honey is more bland and better suited for this particular recipe. Leave it to the French, they can tell you on which side of the tracks the bees were gathering their nectar.

COGNAC is also a key ingredient in making BENEDICTINE, but I was never able to find out how this process came about. My theory is that the monks added cognac to the recipe to flatter King Francis I when he visited the Abbey in 1534 (since he was born in Cognac)...but this theory has not been sustained, nor disproved.

Many American G.I.'s visited the Abbey of Fecamp in WW II and acquired a taste for this wonderful liqueur. This Abbey is rich in religious history, but we will skip that. The BENEDICTINE establishment today is quite fantastic, and even anyone prepared for its appearance from pictures will, at sight of the real thing, either be stupefied or roar with laughter. The opulent building incorporates Gothic, Baroque, even Romanesque styles of architecture, name it - it's got it, the result being something that surpasses even the most extravagant creation a Hollywood mogul might think of. Tours of the distillery are given daily, in French, in English English, and in American English. There is even a museum of all the various imitations of BENEDICTINE that have been made at various times. More on those in the next issue of this magazine.

In this century, BENEDICTINE has been shipped in large quantities to Malaysia, where it is very popular with Chinese workers in the tin mines, who spend hours knee-deep in water at their work. Tradition has it that BENEDICTINE helps prevent rheumatism and other muscular aches. Since I am growing older and suffer from rheumatism, I now take a ration of BENEDICTINE daily...will you join me?

--JOSEPH LEVESQUE--

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BENEDICTINE (part 1)









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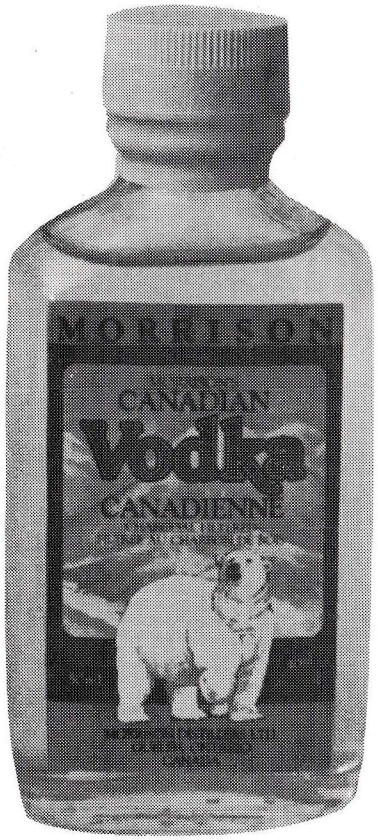
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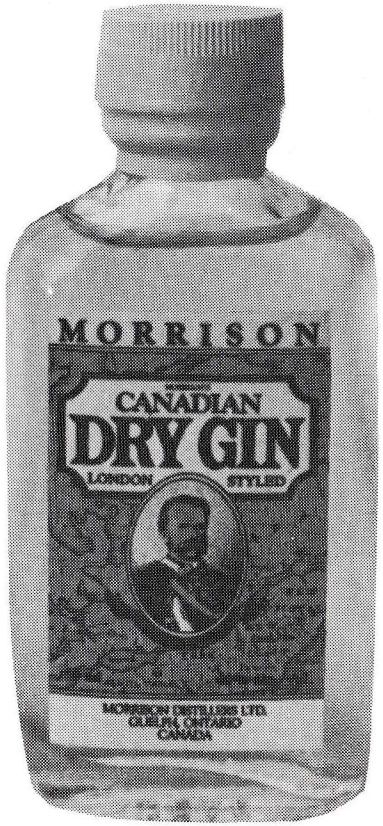
Hello again to the readers of the MBC. I'd like to share with you a few more minis that are from Canada.

In the last issue, one of the minis I presented was a Canadian Whisky from Morrison Distillers. I'd like to tell you about three more products from Morrison, which is now owned by Rieder Distillery Ltd. of Grimsby, Ont.

The first one, and my favourite of the three, is the Morrison Canadian Dry Gin. Its label is a picture of General Morrison (on whom I have no information) on a backdrop of an old Canadian map. It is a 50 ml flask shaped bottle with 40% alc./vol.

The next mini is of Morrison Vodka. Again a very colourful label of blues and white shows a polar bear in front of a scene of mountains. It is also 40% alc./vol. in a flask shaped 50 ml bottle.





The last of the Morrison products is the Rum René, a rum liqueur. This one was available for a short time in British Columbia, while the others, as mentioned in the last article about the Morrison Whisky, were never on the market. This label in comparison to the other Morrison minis, is very plain. The Rum René is 30% alc./vol.

The next two minis, which are also products of the Rieder Distillery, were only available in Ontario, from the checking I've done. The first is Ontario Small Cask Brandy. It is in a square glass bottle, but was also available in a round bottle for a time. The small printing states that this brandy was made from Ontario grapes, and aged in small oak casks for at least two years. Thus the name, Ontario Small Cask Brandy.

The last mini is Harry's Hurricane. It is a tropical fruit and rum liqueur. It comes in a brown, round, glass 50 ml bottle and is 30% alc./vol. On the side of the label, it reads as follows: "Harry's is a blend of six tropical Liqueurs on a rum base. Mixed with any fruit juice, ginger ale or milk, it will always stir up a storm."

Also I'll mention, as with most Canadian mini products, the labels are in both English and French, to accommodate both of Canada's official languages. The Morrison Dry Gin, however, is only printed in English.

Until next time...with more Canadian miniatures. --T. K. --

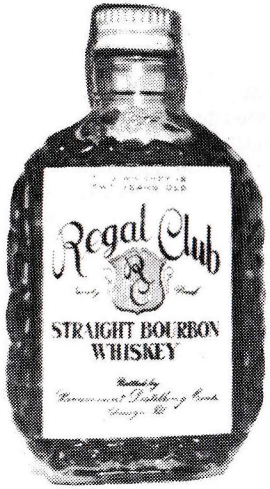


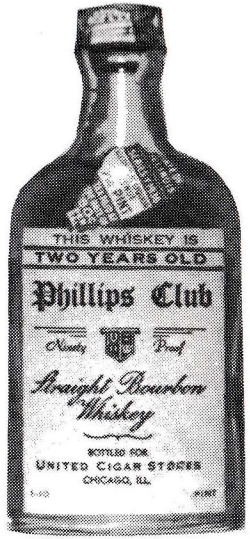




melo's minis

by Mike Olson







In this article I would like to feature some of the unique shapes used during the 1930's by Chicago Distillers as well as others. Plus there are six other not so common variations of common brand names.

The first three bottles were bottled by the Paramount Distilling Corp. of Chicago, ILL. and it is possible to see the same brand name on more than one bottle type. Bottle number one is Regal Club Straight Bourbon Whiskey. It is ninety proof, two years old, has a white label printed in black and features the "pebble" embossed bottle. The next bottle is Phillips Club Straight Bourbon Whiskey bottled for United Cigar Stores Chicago, ILL. It is ninety proof, two years old, has a white label printed in black, a 1936 tax stamp and uses a bottle which is taller and thinner than the normal "flat" or "flask". The last of these bottles is the corker variations. It is Redville Straight Bourbon Whiskey which is 80 proof, 2 years old, was distilled in Indiana, has a white label printed in red, gold and black and was made about 1936.

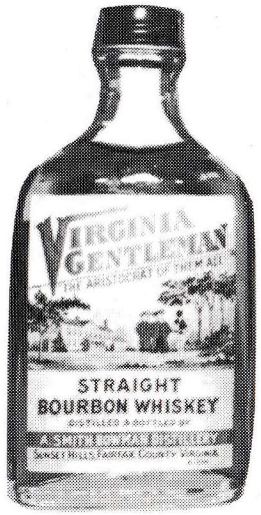
The three Ten Grand Bourbon Whiskeys are from Lionel Distilled Products of Chicago and its subsidiary Kent Distributing Co. All have multi-colored labels, are 90 proof and have Lionel embossed on the bottle. The first of these is 18 months old, has a 1937 tax stamp and is made of green glass. Next is a clear glass "pinch" bottle, six months old which has a 1936 tax stamp. The last of these is circa 1937 and is an eight sided brown bottle.



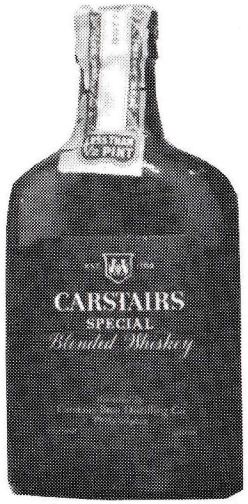




Moving along we come to Virginia Gentleman Straight Bourbon Whiskey distilled and bottled by A. Smith Bowman Distillery Sunset Hills, Virginia. It is 90 proof, 4 years old, has a white label printed in red and black and was copyrighted in 1936. Next we have a pair of Carstairs flats in brown glass blended by Carstairs Bros. Distilling Co. of Philadelphia in about 1936. The Red Seal Blended Whiskey is 90 proof, seven years old and has a red label printed in white and black. The Special Blended Whiskey is 90 proof, seven years old and has a black label printed in white and red.



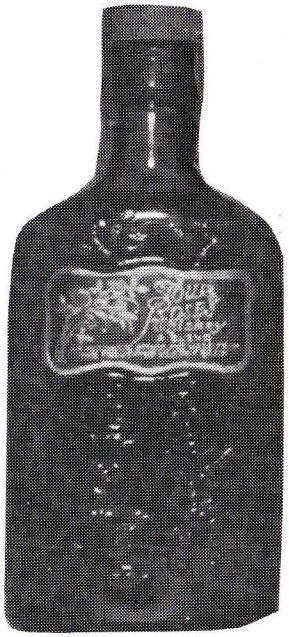


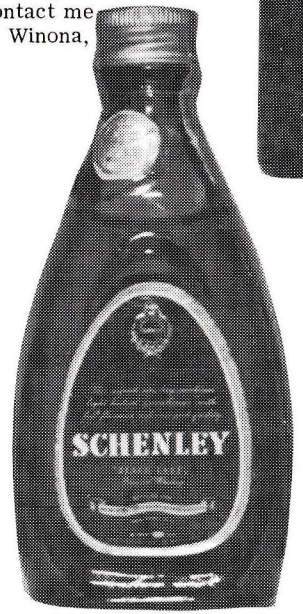


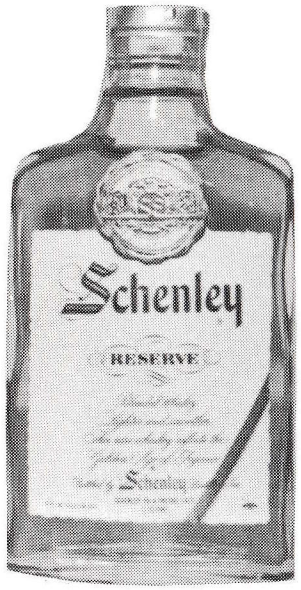
Hey, Four Roses fans, do I have a treat for you. It is Four Roses Whiskey A Blend "An alcoholic stimulant made from the fermented mash of grain." It is 90 proof, was blended and bottled in Feb. of 1934 by the Frankfort Distilleries of Baltimore, MD and was the first of the embossed Four Roses released after Repeal. This label is different from the other variations in that the "Four" is above the "Roses" instead of in a curved straight line. The last two bottles are variations from Schenley. The Black Label was issued late in 1941 and is seldom seen. Finally we come to the Schenley Reserve with a tear off cap probably only used for a short time about 1950.

As always, if anyone would like any further information on any bottle pictured, please feel free to contact me at 309 Knopp Valley Drive, Winona, MN 55987.

Until next time. . . MELO







FROM JAPAN

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI



This time I would like to present to you some Japanese whiskies.

The first, SUNTORY RESERVE, changed its design for this bottle. As you can see, the black bottle type is the same, but there is embossed "Suntory Reserve" on the back of the new bottle, not 'barley-ear and 70' which means it is blended on the seventieth anniversary of the Suntory Limited. The label is framed by a golden line and has white and gold letters.

By the way, the Suntory Royal was blended on the Suntory Limited 60th anniversary and has a label dyed white '60. It is no longer available. The Suntory Excellence is the 80th, but it has never been available as a miniature.

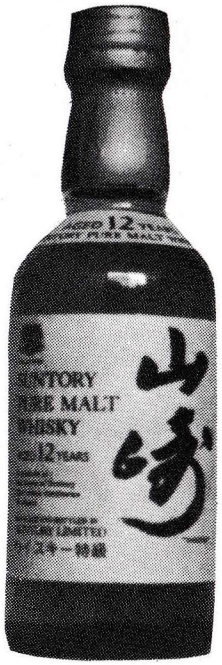
The SUNTORY YAMAZAKI PURE MALT WHISKY, brown clear glass bottle, has changed its label to light tan and now shows "Aged 12 Years" on the main and neck labels. It contains 50ml at 43% alcohol and is 11.2 cm tall.



The next two bottles come from The Nikka Whisky Distilling Co. The Nikka Pure Malt range has now been joined by a newcomer, NIKKA PURE MALT WHITE. This whisky is using Islay malt from Scotland mainly and has a tan label with white letters. It is 8 cm tall in clear, cylindrical glass containing 50ml at 43% alcohol.

The CONNEXION is blended Malt and Rye 100% grain. This plastic bottle is a sample for liquor stores and is 12.5 cm tall, 100ml in contents at 39% alcohol. The cap and label are very elegant gray with golden and white letters.

--T.S.--



SUNTORY





MINI WORLD

(Ed. note: Last time Hamilton Stanford sent us the article about Mao Tai. This time he's found something a bit closer to home. Originally appearing in the May 1988 issue of Business Traveler, you'll find this article by Philip Jacobson more than interesting.)

A traveler with a free evening in Mogadishu some years ago, fell to drinking with some very jolly Somalis in a little bar by the Indian Ocean. The hosts were eager for him to sample the locally-produced spirits, which had the considerable attraction of being about one quarter the price of the imported brands. The festivities progressed, and at some point, they moved on to Somali Whisky. The now-wary traveler remembers thinking at the time that this development was probably a mistake. The label on the bottle was a riot of tartan plaid and highland scenery and said something like "Extra-fine, Founder's Reserve, Scotch-type Liquor". Next morning's hangover was well into the force ten category and his gums had swollen up and turned bright red.

Even so, our courageous hero got off comparatively lightly when one contemplates some of the dangerous swill passed off as top-shelf booze in a few of the world's business travel haunts. Consider, for instance, the Very Special Old Pale Dalmation Whisky Wine which confronted an unsuspecting visitor to the Montenegran region of Yugoslavia. Or a Japanese whisky which flourished in Rio de Janeiro, bearing the interesting claim, "Distilled in the kitchens of Buckingham Palace by King George V himself."

Every traveler to the more challenging corners of the world will surely have encountered some more or less frightful variation on a theme of Scotch, though not, perhaps, quite as extreme as the "Queen George" variety which surfaced after the Allied invasion of Burma in the last war. It was made of sake mixed with tea and was reported to be quite raw.

There are a mere half-dozen whiskies in the world which are officially recognized as being fit to bear the noble name: Scotch, Irish, American, Canadian, Australian and Japanese. There have been efforts by other countries to produce something by the same name, and not always disastrously. You can drink some respectable whisky in India (and some unspeakable stuff, too), West Germany and Argentina, where a large suitcase stuffed full of hyper-inflated pesos can be required to finance a fairly modest night out.

For the present, however, let us talk only of Scotch, as defined in Schedule 7, paragraph 1 of Britain's 1969 Finance Act: "whisky which has been distilled and matured in Scotland." It is perfectly legal -- and excellent business -- for Scottish distillers to export immature stock for blending with neutral spirits and sale as local whisky in, say, Brazil. But anything that doesn't conform precisely with the geographic requirements of British law cannot call itself Scotch.

Alas, in this imperfect world there will always be entrepreneurs who attempt, often at great profit to themselves, to cash in on the cachet of Scotland's finest export. Enter the Scotch Whisky Association of Edinburgh scourge of fakers around the world, implacable in pursuit of the suspect amber fluid. It has surprisingly wide authority. Naturally you may expect trouble when marketing Rare Old Limited Bin Taiwanese Scotch. But the SWA will also come down hard on anything calculated to produce the impression that the stuff in your bottles is the real thing. Put a tartan or bagpipes or a kilted caber tosser on the label, mention the Glens, the Highlands, the Stags, Lochs or Lairds in the name and the SWA's sleuths will want to know why. The mere use of English on a label can attract their wrath. "It is all a question of the nuance and associations that this is calculated to produce," explains an SWA spokesman, with the air of someone giving away valuable trade secrets.

As the world's largest producer of Scotch, Scotland's Distillers Company naturally is familiar with counterfeit clan claims. A 'black museum' in the vaults of its London headquarters contains an impressive display of VAT 96, JOHNNIE HAWKER, and HAIZ. Last summer, however, Distillers stumbled onto a Scotch rip-off operating on an unprecedented scale. At considerable risk to themselves, its agents tracked the source of fake Johnnie Walker appearing on European markets to a factory in Bulgaria. The SWA investigation revealed that thousands of crates of counterfeit Scotch were being prepared for sale in hard-currency markets. The Bulgarian state forwarding agency, Despred, was up to its neck in the caper, dispatching the first bulk delivery of 2400 cases on a circuitous route via Greece and Italy to a buyer (quite possibly unsuspecting) in Durban, South Africa.

Alerted by Distillers, Italian customs seized the shipment -- over 28,000 bottles that were destined to be sold way below the legitimate brand's normal price. The Bulgarians had copied Johnnie Walker labels carefully but imperfectly, neglecting, for instance, to add the reassuring words "Produce of Scotland". But the bottles were stamped with the name of the Distillers' subsidiary that makes the real ones, and the fakes could easily have passed muster with many buyers. Ultimately, though, in drinking the stuff, consumers would not have been in doubt for long that what was in their glasses failed to conform with the 1969 Act. The main ingredients were chemical alcohol and a "whisky essence" which, a shaken Italian official reported, "tasted like toilet water". Something familiar about that... the Guatemalan Laird's Choice, or was it that incendiary little Pride O'the Glen in Manila?

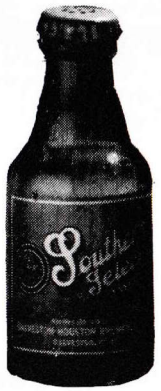
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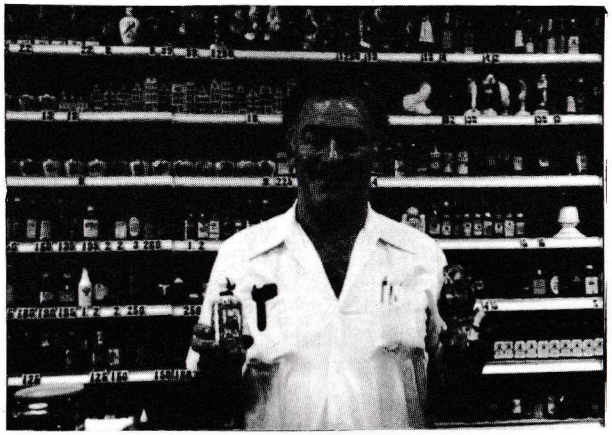
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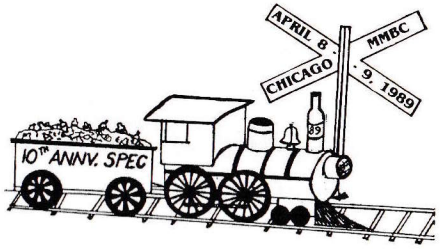
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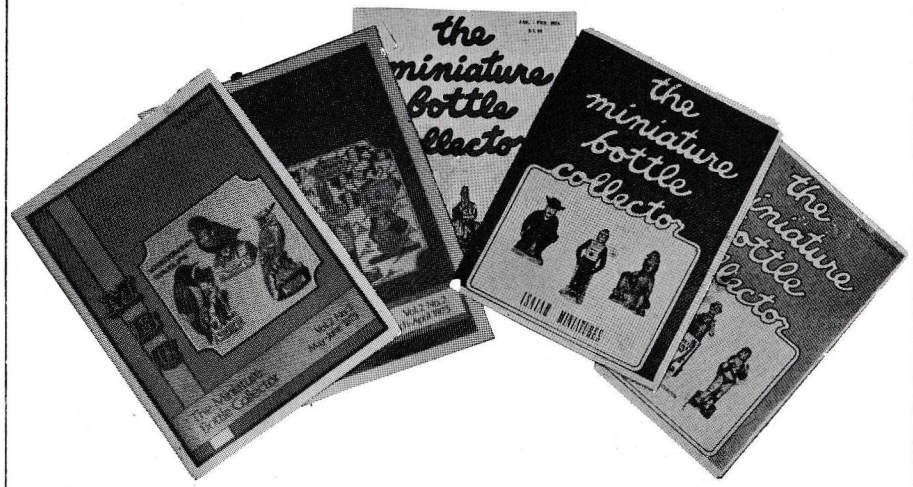
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