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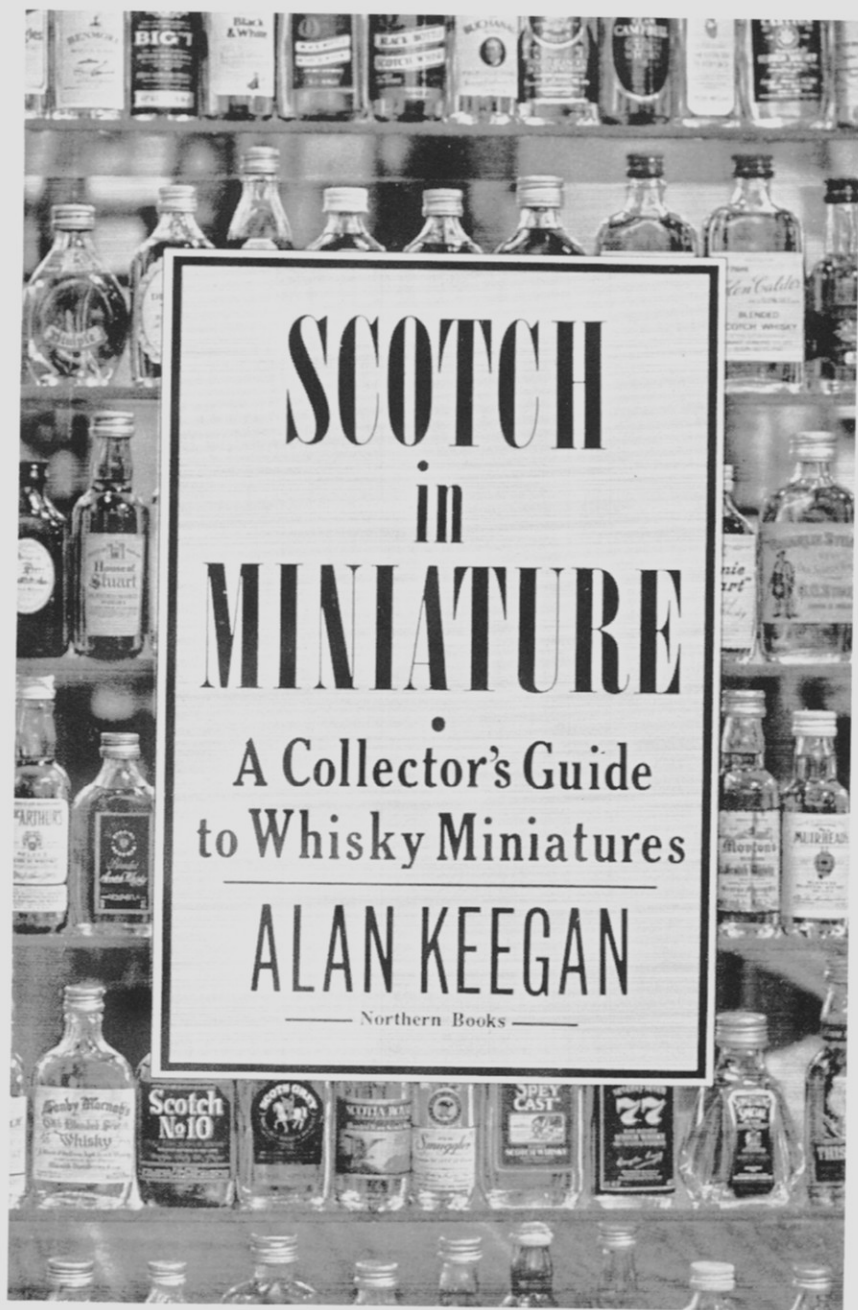
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Let's Talk

This issue marks the beginning of a new volume. Beside the fact that that is a milestone in itself, this issue is a special one as we're covering the "beer picture" as we haven't done that for a long time. So you beer collectors please take note.

And, in a similar vein, we recently received two letters which both asked for some coverage on mini sodas. In the "we aim to please" mode, look for something on sodas soon, too.

As I say every year about this time, vacations are beginning and you'll be traveling to areas which sell minis. Be on the lookout for new and interesting bottles...and then by all means please share them with us.

I was recently most pleased to see an article in the magazine **Drinks International** concerning the viability of miniatures. The question was, is there a place for our minis in today's liquor market. The answer was a resounding yes. If we can get permission to reprint the article, we definitely will. Sufficient it to say, it was a most positive and upbeat article.

This time we welcome David Maund of England who will be sending us information on scotch as often as possible.

Until later this summer, think small. ---DMS---

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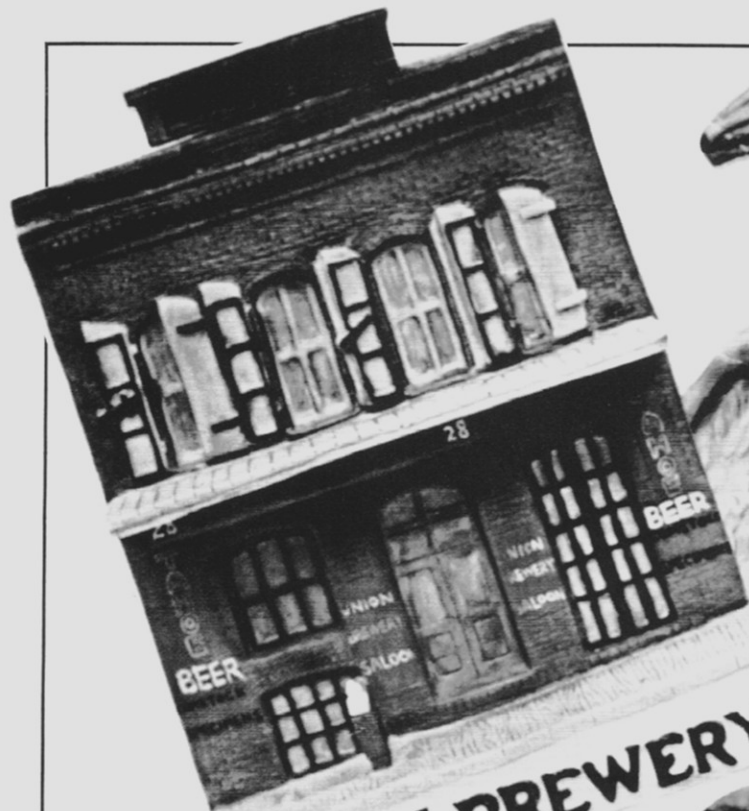
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Our Cover

The cover this time presents a special offering in the Dug Picking Brothel bottles. This one was made to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Moonlight Ranch. Now many of you have been around since Dug issued the very first Moonlight Ranch bottle, but if you weren't, it's the cornerstone of the entire collection. Considering the artistry in the making of this bottle, it may just join the first one in value.

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WHAT'S NEW



Incredibly enough, there's a great deal new when you take the time to look around a bit. Let's begin close to home with four bottles which just made their appearances in Southern California.

Finlandia is nothing new, but this bottle is. This new Finlandia flask is in plastic and even contains the government warning on the bottom of the label. Nothing special, but quite different.

I'm beginning to think we can count on Hiram Walker when the going gets tough. Not only are they NOT using

plastic with their new bottles, they are even importing some specialties. The "Import Selection" is Opal Nera Sambuca from Italy. Thankfully it's not just the standard bottle. Two which are found in that standard bottle but with colorful labels are Rhum Grandier and Coco-Rhum. The former is a Caribbean rum with added spices while the latter is a "blend of Puerto Rican and other rums, coconut and natural flavors". Well, someone has to compete with Malibu!



Now we have our International section. The Montereze is a product of Spain which is found in England. It is a blend of fine white wine and brandy with a hint of tangy orange. (Do I have to taste it?) It's in green plastic.

Yukon Jack Liqueur is not the new one found here in the U.S. This one came from the Duty Free Shop in Canada where you cross over. Since it's glass while the American counterpart is plastic, I'll take this one, thank you.

We now have Stock Four Star Brandy and this one doesn't come from Italy. In fact it hails from Eastern Europe.

(If I say Czechoslovakia, you'll know it must be from Hungary).

Finally, this is the little piggy that didn't go to market... he went into my collection. This little glass swine comes with a variety of liqueurs, this one happens to be Blue Curacao. He comes from Germany and was purchased (along with the three bottles which preceded him) at the Chicago Show in April. Are we up to date, or what!

See you next time with the second in the Gordon Highlander/Pointers Series.

—DMS—

NEW ZEALAND REPORT

by

Erica Mulder

We have seen a number of beer articles over the years from your part of the world. Now it is high time to feature some beers from "down under".

The following beers are all from my own collection and, of course, are no longer available. However, some may occasionally still be found in older collections and antique shops. Today only the Stockan beer miniatures are available.

Stockan beers were brewed and bottled by Settler Brewing Co. Ltd., a very small brewery and only a few years old. Last year the brewery changed hands and is now known as Stockan Ale Ltd.

Hope you enjoy these as much as I do.

—E.M.—

Stockan Trad Dark
Stockan New Zealand Lager (brewed
for export to Japan, not available
in New Zealand)
Stockan Munich Lager
Stockan Ale Private Reserve
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Standard Beer
Regal Lager Ale
Bavarian Bitter Old Style Beer



melo's minis

by Mike Olson



In this article I would like to feature nine Kentucky Bourbons from the 1930's. This group includes some good examples of how distillers altered labels to reflect changes in product content. This has provided some interesting variations as has the use of the same label on different shaped bottles.

A good example of the latter would be the first two bottles. They are Wathen's Kentucky Leader Kentucky

Bourbon Whiskey Distilled and Bottled by John A. Wathen Distillery Co. Lebanon, Marion County, Kentucky. Both have the same black and red label with white and gold and are 90 proof. The round variation is 3 years old and was made about 1938, while the flat is 1 year old and circa 1936. This same color combination is repeated in Wathen's DeLuxe Bourbon which is 90 proof, 4 years old and has a 1939 New Mexico tax stamp.



The next pair of Golden Pond Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskeys were also produced by John A. Wathen and feature a tan label printed in orange and black. The first of these is 100 proof, one year and two months old and was produced in 1936. The other one is 90 proof, (the 100 proof printed on the label has been cut off) 2 years old and dates from 1937.

Bottle number six is Pride of Nelson Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey Bottled by Fairfield Distillery Inc. Bardstown, Kentucky. It is 90 proof, 4 years old, has a silver foil label printed in red and black with 100 proof covered up and was made in 1939. The other Pride of Nelson is 100 proof, 18 months old and has June 1937 scratched on the label.

The last two bottles are A.J. Cum-

melo's miss



mins Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey Distilled by Cummins Distilleries Corp. Athertonville, Ky. These feature a white label printed in black, tan and gold with a strange design which looks like a stain. The 1940 version is 90 proof, 4 years old and has Sour Mash on the label. The other version states 90 proof on the label, is 18 months old and dates from 1937.

Finally, John A. Wathen produced some truly memorable bottles during this time period. (Remember the Waterwheels?) Even though I have a number of them in my collection, I am still looking for a John A. Wathen Brand Bourbon and a Rolling Fork. Also, I really wouldn't mind an Ol' Bama. As always, if anyone would like any further information on any bottle pictured, please feel free to contact me.

Until next time. . .MELO



A VISIT TO BOOZEVILLE

by Lloyd McLeod



Something that you don't see too often in Boozeville is a lady sitting at the bar. This young lady must be feeling pretty good as she is sitting on the floor. It's hard to tell who she is holding as he has lost his head in all the confusion.

This bottle may well be a lady's giveaway. Why wouldn't they make some giveaway bottles for ladies? The bottle is all blue in color, 4" high, and has the number 6951 on the bottom. It had to be made in at least two parts as the legs were attached from under the

dress as you can see in the picture. This one is quite rare and I thank the Hazdovacs for sending me the picture.

If any one knows what it was called, please let us know. My guess would be "have a short one". And, if any one has this bottle complete with head, please send us a photo. More information is always welcome.

Maybe I'll just go over and introduce myself. "Say, hello there. Don't I know you from some place?"

—L.M.—

FROM JAPAN

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI

This time I would like to present to you a Japanese Brandy and a few new whisky miniatures from Suntory Ltd.

Suntory Ltd. decided to use a new emblem which is made of a design of a Japanese letter. This is the Japanese letter you see on the label of Suntory Whisky HIBIKI. Hibiki means a sound and Suntory hopes to win the sound or the sympathy with their customers.

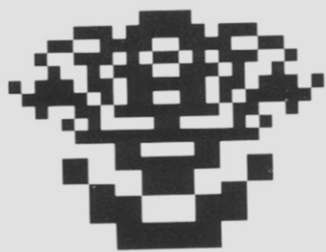
First the Yamazaki 12 year old and Hibiki miniatures had a new emblem on the labels and on the tops of the caps. Then Suntory Crest 12 year old reappeared in a new decanter-type. As you see, it is a very fancy style bottle. It has a dark brown label trimmed in gold and golden letters. It is 10cm tall in clear glass and contains 50ml at 43% alcohol.

Suntory Brandy Aroma is made from California Brandy and was matured in bourbon barrels. It is 11.5cm tall and contains the normal 50ml at 80 proof alcohol. It has a light beige label and the cap has gold and green letters.

Until next time...



Old Emblem



New Emblem

SCOTCH

by
DAVID L. MAUND



St. Michael is a name many of you collectors might now know. It is the brand name done up for Marks and Spencer in London. This set was the 1990 group which disappeared very quickly from their shelves. For those not familiar with the name Marks and Spencer, this is a high quality store which sells everything from these scotches to bumbershoots!

This gift set of four contains the Highland, the Lowland, the Speyside and the Islay Malts. Since I do much better talking than writing, I'll let the in-

formation on the back of the box speak for itself. Here goes: "Highland — North of the line between Dundee and Greenock. The biggest production area and the broadest flavour. Lowland — south of the line between Dundee and Greenock. A lighter, more delicate style. Speyside — From the valley of the River Spey, distinctive and flavourful — the classic whisky. Islay — a heavy-weight with a very strong and characteristic taste. A brilliant blending whisky where a little goes a long way."

Along with this set of four, a pair of



Highland Malts were issued not too long ago by St. Michael (Marks and Spencer). As seen, they are the original and the somewhat darker in appearance malt which was matured in sherry casks. Both are ten years old. No ages are given for the bottles in the set of four.

Next time I'll have a special group of six which were made for the Mini Bottle Club. And, they are something special.

—D.L.M.—

BIER BEER BEER

by JOHN WYSS



Greetings, beer buddies! I'm back again with some super variations to share with you.

Picture #1 shows some very rare mini beer variations: a Jung on a 4" bottle, a Red Ribbon on a 4" bottle and a Fehr's Darby Ale on a green glass ale bottle. The listed Fehr's Darby Ale (KY-1) was produced in brown glass.

Picture #2 shows Acme Gold Label Beer on two different types of one-way bottles. This seems reasonably understandable because several other Acmes (CA-21 and CA-22) also appear on the "Muth and Son" produced shaker style bottle.

Picture #3 has a real mystery in store for us. Here are three Country Clubs.

The beer on the left is quite scarce, but is listed (MO-3). The beer in the middle is more common and is also listed (MO-1). The beer on the right is previously unknown and unlisted. The differences are subtle, but look closely. Our variation bottle has the neck label of MO-3 and the main base label of MO-1. Could it be an intentional transition, and altered "freebee", 1 or perhaps just a good old-fashioned mistake... who knows?

In closing, I again would like to ask anyone out there who has any neat variations to drop me a line. If I get a good response, I would like to present a brief list of the new variations discovered.

—JW—



DUG PICKING'S BROTHEL SERIES



Bountiful in this case applies to the number of bottles, not the girls. There are two of the three new Dug Picking bottles with the third on the cover. The cover has been attended to, so let's just think about the two seen here.

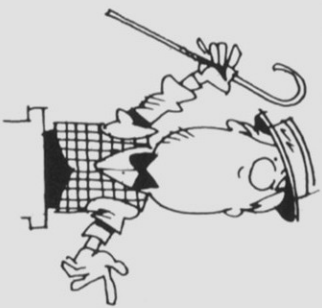
Sharon's is the regular 1991 issue. We blew the picture up to life-like size so you could see the bottle as it really is. Impressive to say least. This brothel bottle, if not the best yet, is certainly up there at the top. Already we've seen interest from train collectors so those of you with the brothel series will find some competition on this bottle. Only 600 were made and they're available now.

The Julia Bulette bottle is the one which tells the interesting story. On the back of the bottle there is a cecal which will tell you

a good deal of pertinent information. However, it won't tell you that Julia was Virginia City's most famous madam. She was a honorary member of Liberty Engine Company #1 of the Virginia City volunteer firefighters. A mascot, so to speak. Note the fireman's helmet on top of the balustrade.

The bottle was taken from the only picture ever done of Julia Bulette. And, she's wearing the blouse the firefighters had made for her. Naturally this bottle also appeals to those who collect firefighter items...and you know how many people save firefighter bottles.

So, with the Moolight Ranch 20th Anniversary, Sharon's and Julia Bulette, 1991 has proven to be most bountiful. Now you'll have to wait until '92 for Mabel's!



so, turn the magazine

WHISKEY HERITAGE

by

"BUTCH" JONES



Two rarely seen pre-pro whiskeys this time. I must apologize for the pictures. The first one is Uncle Sam's Monogram Whiskey. The bottle is a brown flask. The picture doesn't show the distinctive features of the label. Pictured is "Uncle Sam" in his patriotic suit. Behind him is a red, white, and blue flag. The whiskey is produced by Geo. Benz & Sons.

Mini number two is a Grandpa's Whiskey in a clear pumpkin seed bottle. This is a most unusual bottle in that

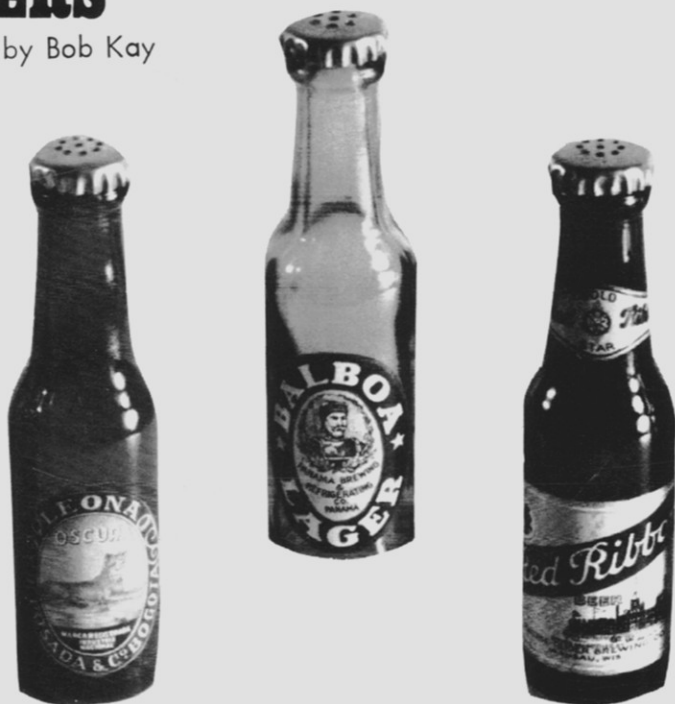
the front label has a label on its reverse side that you can read through the glass. This is seen in the other picture. Evidently Grandpa's Whiskey received the Highest Award at the 1904 St. Louis Exposition. The front label shows Grandpa having a drink with a pretty young lady in a red dress. This whiskey was produced by The Mountain Distilling Co.

Until next time...

—B.J.—

BEERS

by Bob Kay



Three exciting strangers to the field of mini beers cropped up in a 1930's collection of minis which had been in storage for the last 30-40 years. The first and most exciting is Leona Oscura. It has a beautiful and colorful decal label depicting a proud lion on a 4¼ inch screw top Muth bottle. It's apparently from Colombia, South America. Oscura sounds right because this represents the only one of these beauts known! While 12 different mini beers and 2 mini sodas from Colombia are identified in *Mini Beer Bottles & Go-Withs* all are on identical non-U.S. glassware. Leona Oscura is the only one by a U.S. maker!

The next find was an interesting variation from Panama. It sports the known Balboa Lager decal label on a

4¼ inch screw top *green* Muth bottle. The bright yellow and black label on the green glass is really striking. It's the only green glass variation of this label that I know of.

The third find was another interesting variation of the rare Red Ribbon minis from Wausau, Wisconsin. WI-82 and WI-83 represent a well known set, each with it's own body and neck label. However, this variation has the neck label of WI-82 and the body label of WI-83! Again this is a one-er.

It was really a pleasure to find these jewels so well cared for. The entire collection of beers were wrapped in tissue and stored in their original boxes. They were indeed *Mint in the box*.

Til next time. . .Bob Kay



Jerry Cohen

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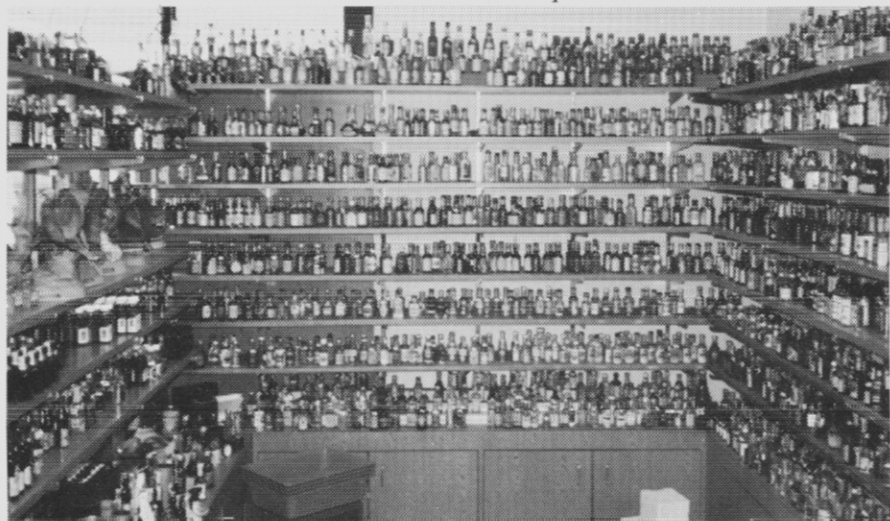
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