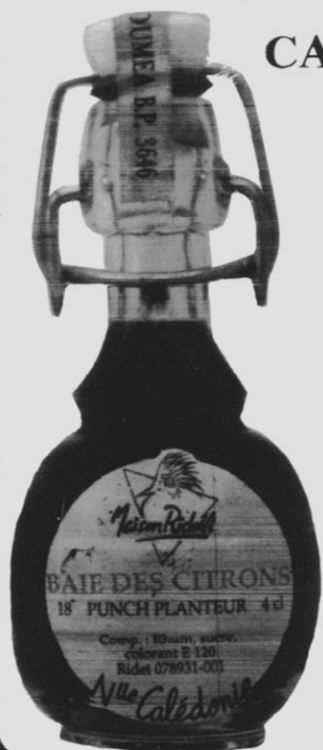


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# Let's Talk

Looks to be a big year for us with the magazine. Next time we start year twenty! To celebrate you'll see a good many new (and excellent) bottles from Asia, some old and seldom seen bottles from the 1930's, and, of course, some surprises.

Haven't seen it yet but definitely know of one collector who has one. I'm speaking of the new Camus Renoir book (or maybe books). We should have a picture for you next time.

If you like the bottles on the cover this time, how about a ceramic volcano bottle with Lava Liqueur from the island of Bali. It's another one unearthed by Jacques Rollet in his travels. There's also a large number (set) from Tahiti we'll show you soon.

Tony Natelli has the first of a two-part Frapin Cognac article this time. The heart set has been shown before but certainly looks even better a second time. Mike O. or MELO will be back next time along with John Wyss. They got crowded out because of the size of the pictures in Fred Hawley's article. Hopefully they'll turn out a bit better than they look in the layout.

With the Rawley Wine article last time and Tobermory in this issue, we hope to continue with regular articles about where some of the modern day bottles come from. Let us know your opinions on this.

For those with a sense of historical collecting, Zwack is once again going strong back in Hungary and Kord is beginning to reissue old favorites with Vodka, gin, and zubrovka coming first. We'll have pictures and an article in the near future.

See you in the Spring!

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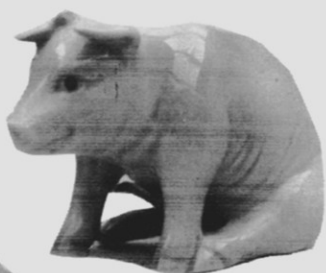
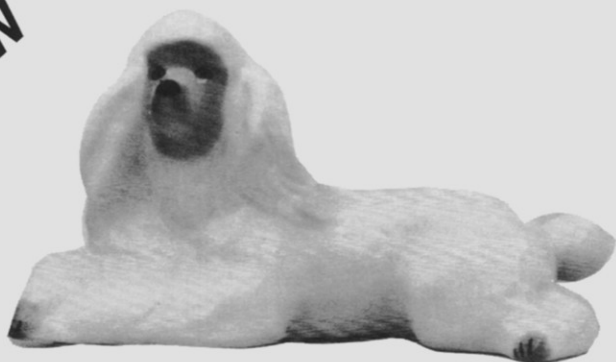
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## Our Cover

Who travels to New Caledonia to find bottles like these? Answer: French collector Jacques Rollet whose business (fortunately for us) takes him to some of the more remote corners of the globe. These two of a set of eight sold on the island. The company name is Maison Ridolfi and they've done a splendid job with these.

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# WHAT'S NEW



For our products and where they may be purchased, we once again bounce about the world. Let's begin here at home.

Two products are issued by the Jim Beam Co. These are the Dark Eyes Vodka and the Jubilaeum. The former is one most of you will recognize, except it's now in plastic. This one was found in New Mexico but obviously is available elsewhere. The Jubilaeum is an import which bills itself as a spicy alternative to vodka. Isn't that nice of Jim Beam to give everyone a choice! This bottle is triangular.

Another one found in most major

markets is the new Tanqueray Sterling Citrus. This is a companion piece to the earlier, fancy Tanqueray. If you're not of a mind for a lemon gin, you now have an orange gin.

Two more bottles which are found here in the U.S. are the two Scotch Blends; Duggan's Dew and The Angel's Share. Duggan's is a familiar brand in the New York City area while The Angel's Share appeared briefly in Las Vegas. It may have been only a small bottling because very few of the minis have been found and it is known that they were done to accompany a special





promotion of the large bottle. If the term "angel's share" is unfamiliar to you, it has to do with the amount alcohol which evaporates while the scotch is aging in the barrel. That which is lost and can never be recovered is thus "the angel's share".

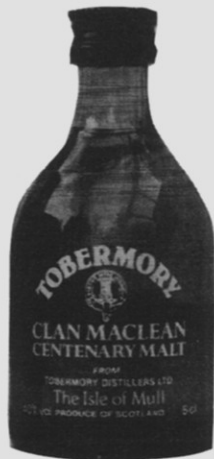
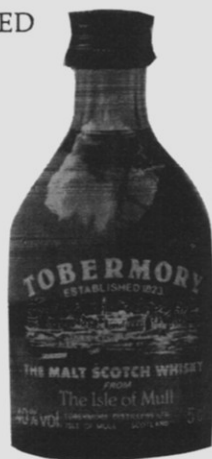
Our remaining three bottles come from England and Japan. The Milroy's 26 year old single malt scotch is an Anniversary Blend for Milroy's Liquor Shop in London. The scotch inside is a Springback Malt. Milroy's also issued another special scotch, but that's for another issue.

The two from Japan are the Genteel V.S.O.P. Brandy from Tokachi. All the brandy is over ten years old in this new one. But, it's the other bottle which is most interesting. This is the Very Old St. Nick Rye Whiskey at 101 proof. It is the fourth Olde St. Nick Whiskey to make an appearance in Japan. It is a product of the Olde St. Nick Distillery, Bardstown, Kentucky. It's a glass bottle with a label which aspires to be "old-timey" but in my opinion merely looks cheap. Still, it's a Rye...when was the last time you saw a new one of those?



# TOBERMORY

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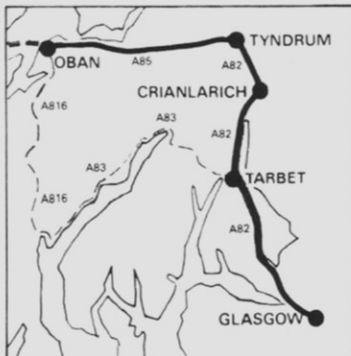
The island of Mull off the coast of Scotland near Oban is generally mountainous and bare, but in the vicinity of Tobermory the scenery is very beautiful and romantic. The island itself is mountainous with a wet and stormy climate; however, all this possibly to the good when you think of the quality whisky produced by the Tobermory Distillery. Mull is one of the largest islands in the Inner Hebrides and Tobermory Malt Scotch Whisky is known as its golden treasure.

The three bottles on the adjacent page are the ones currently being produced at the distillery. These are the two Tobermory Malts (including the Centenary Clan Maclean Malt) and the new Ledaig 1974 vintage which was bottled last year. Some collectors may remember a miniature white ceramic, but this is no longer being produced. All three

of these bottles are 50 ml or 5 cl and the two silk screen labeled bottles in the green glass are 40% alcohol by volume while the Ledaig is 43%.

We'll quote now from one of the company brochures. "Whisky has been made in Tobermory since 1823 when the first distillery was built on the present site. The location was chosen for its proximity to a burn, known as the Tobermory River, which carried water from the Mishnish Lochs, and it is the purity of this water combined with the element of peatiness, desirable in Whisky making, which has made Tobermory Whisky unique."

So there you have a capsule look at Tobermory Distillery on the Isle of Mull in the Inner Hebrides. Unfortunately for the U.S. collectors, only the regular Tobermory Malt is available here. However, you can always trade with U.K. collectors!!

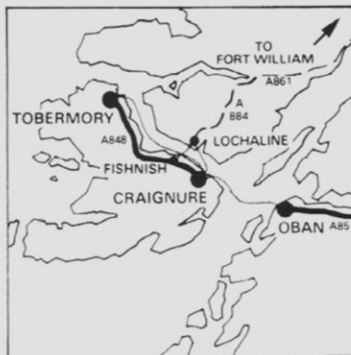


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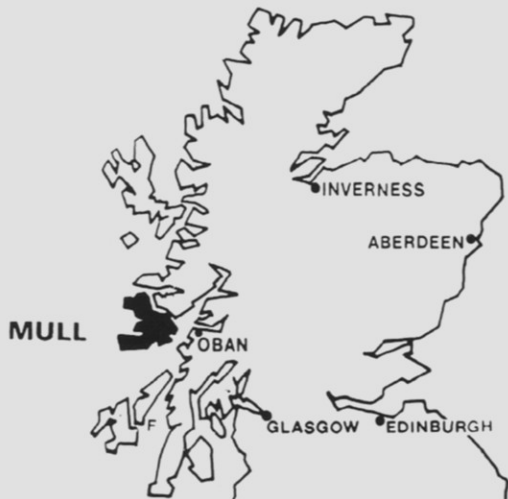


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# MEET THE COLLECTOR:

FRED HAWLEY



If you go to the shows in California and the mid-west, you already know Fred Hawley. Or possibly you've seen his recurring ad in *The Antique Trader*, or maybe you've been trading with him for several years. In any case, we finally got a couple of pictures of Fred and part of his collection.

For a good many years, Fred has been searching out only the best of American Whiskeys and mini beers. The two pictures show both these collections. Now even with a magnifying glass it would be difficult to tell some of the great mini beers he's been able to obtain; however, at the

top left of the picture in which Fred is standing it won't be too hard to see almost three complete rows of the Old Fitzgerald bottles made for trains, planes, and assorted places and individuals. You should also be aware that since these pictures aren't too new that Fred has added even more of these bottles so that he has more known varieties than any other know collector.

If you're wondering just how excellent some of those American whiskeys are then just turn to his article in this issue or look back in #112. Some others from his collection may also be found in the



Midwest Miniature Bottle Collectors newsletter.

Fred hasn't drawn the line at just the bottles either. Some of the Royal Doulton pieces may be seen above two of the whiskey cabinets. And then there are all those trains on display, too.

The collecting bug didn't just bite Fred though. His wife JoAnn col-

lects fancy bottles that she likes as well as miniature perfumes. Their son Scott follows in his father's path by also collecting whiskeys and beers as well as having a complete set of the Dug Picking Brothel bottles.

So, give a big welcome to Fred Hawley of Burlingame, California.



*Nouvelle Calédonie*

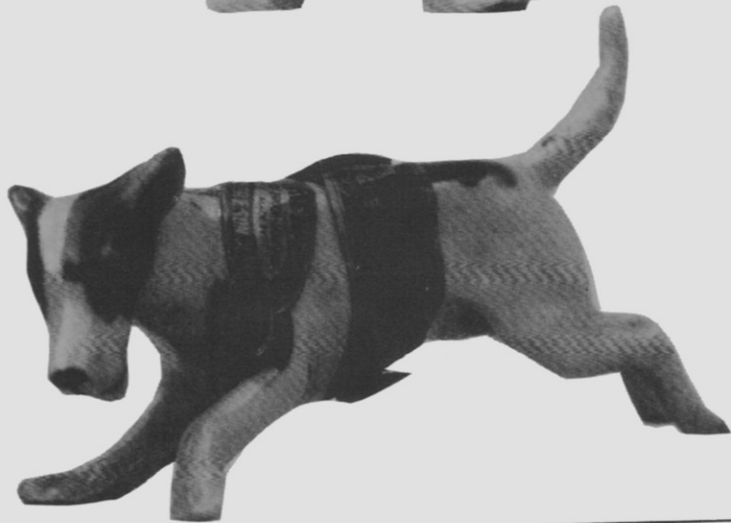


As promised, here are the remainder of the Maison Ridolfi bottles from New Caledonia. Missing from the set of eight is Ile de Pins, a coffee liqueur.

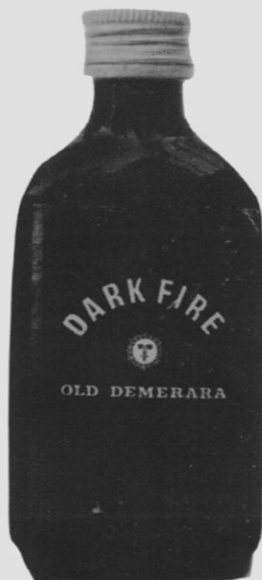
Here's what you're seeing: Tiare Coco, a coconut aperitif; Ouvea, passion fruit liqueur; Ibisco, made from Hibiscus flowers and coconut; Phare Amedee, blue curacao liqueur, and Noumea, a banana aperitif. A truly special set...don't you agree!

# UPDATE

In issue #113 six of the old and quite rare Dekuyper figurals were shown. We can now add two more to this exclusive group. These would appear to be a hound and a terrier. One thing they are not are "dogs"!



# MINI WORLD



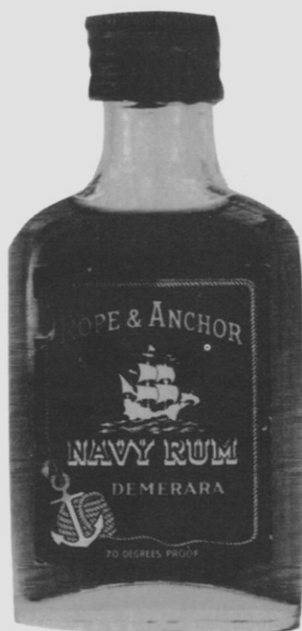
In various issues we've shown a goodly number of rums and rum liqueurs from the West Indies. This time take a long look at nine bottles from British Guiana and Guyana. If the names seem similar that's because it's actually the same place. The region (which borders the Atlantic and the Amazon) originally was made up of British Guyana, French Guyana, and Surinam. Today, of course, it's a whole different ball game or cup of tea...depending upon your location!

These nine bottles were all made for consumption in the U.K. The majority of them are the thicker Demerara rums. For the record their names are Dark Fire, Mainbrace, Navy Neaters, Old Sam, Palm Tree, Rope & Anchor, Rumba, Skipper, and Windjammer. For colorful labels Palm Tree is a winner while for great names, Rumba is a must.

Hope you've enjoyed this short look at some "British" rums.







## DEMERARA ET AL



# Ski Country



For those of you who don't know about these, they must come as quite a surprise. This is the Voyage of Discovery set of three issued last year to commemorate Columbus' 500th Anniversary. Columbus, the globe, and the Santa Maria make up this beautifully done set.

In what may be of even as great an interest to you is that only 150 sets were for sale in the U.S. The remaining 400 sets of the 550 offering went to the store of Mario Lafuente in Barcelona, Spain. It will be easier to find sets available there; however, be warned that the price will be at least \$40 higher than the \$135 price tag here.

These would surely seem to be a must for figural collectors.





# SCOTCH

## David Maund

The latest issues from Pointers of London Limited are shown here. These four actually comprise a set within a set. There will be one new bottle for April of this year and this will be the Fishing Decanter. (Don't know the colour of this one yet.)

All of these 10 cl ceramics were also available in large size ceramic (one litre) and are therefore genuine ceramic miniatures. Also there are a set of six large and miniature matching water jugs to go with these bottles.

Now there has been some question as to just how many bottles have been issued. Some say 11 is the number while others are certain it's 12. Strictly speaking, they're both correct.

One bottle, Gordon Highlander Foxhunting was produced by two different ceramic companies; thus, the true purists note that the variation should be considered a separate bottle. Dear Collector, that choice is one for you to make!

This last now is the actual list of all the bottles as I have them. See how many of them are in your collection.

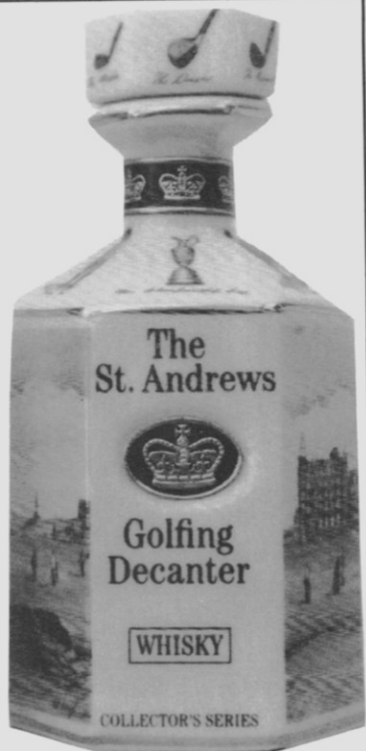
--D.L.M.--

1. Gordon Highlander Wildlife 12 year old Blue
2. Gordon Highlander Golf 12 year old Green
3. Gordon Highlander Foxhunting 12 year old Red
4. Gordon Highlander Foxhunting 12 year old Red Crown Duchy Pottery



5. Gordon Highlander Shooting 12 year old Brown
6. Royal and Ancient Gold 20 year old Green
7. English Gentlemens Choice Wildlife 12 year old Blue
8. English Gentlemens Choice Foxhunting 12 year old Red
9. English Foxhunting Gordon Highlander 12 year old
10. Scottish Wildlife Gordon Highlander 12 year old
11. British Shooting Gordon Highlander 12 year old
12. St. Andrews Golfing Gordon Highlander 12 year old

All contain Single Malt Scotch Whisky.



## IF MINIS COULD TALK...

By Fred Hawley



I would like to share with you eight pieces of gold, as far as whiskeys go. These are all from the "golden" state of California.

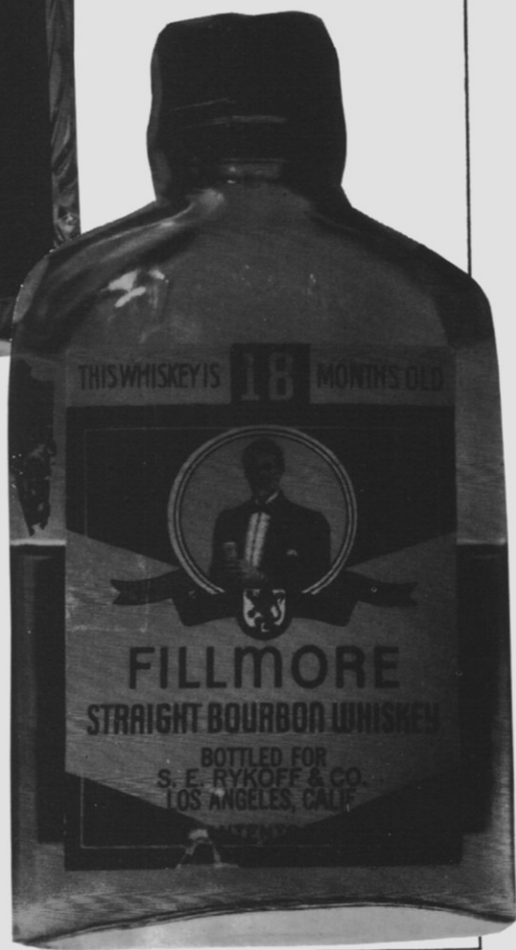
Bottle number one is Oakside Straight Bourbon Whiskey, 90 proof, 12 months old, distilled in Pennsylvania, bottled by Distillers Distributing Corp. of San Francisco, Calif. It has a brown label with gold, orange, and green printing.

The second bottle is Old 79 Brand

Straight Bourbon Whiskey, 90 proof, 2 years 6 months old, bottled for S.E. Rykoff & Co. Los Angeles, Calif. It sports a tan label with green, red and blue printing...very colorful.

The third bottle is Fillmore Straight Bourbon Whiskey, 90 proof, 18 months old, bottled by Hepburn & McTavish Ltd, Inc. Los Angeles, Calif. However, this was bottled for S.E. Rykoff & Co., Los Angeles. This is my most colorful of

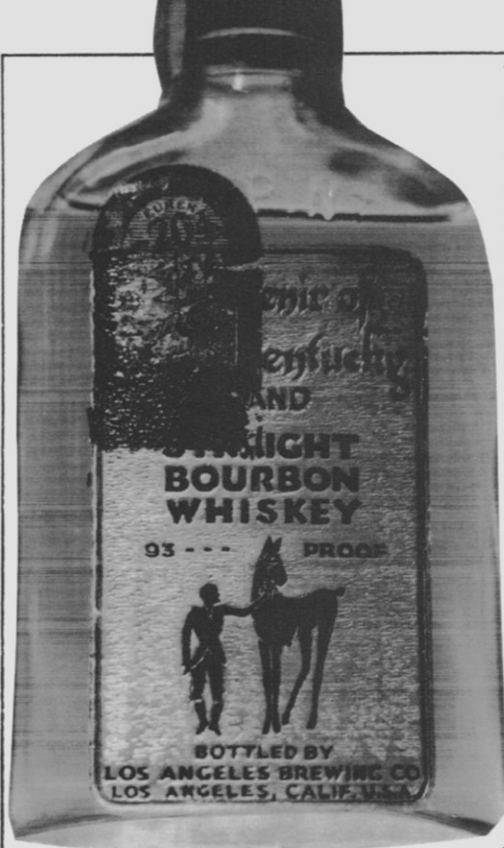
## CALIFORNIA GOLD



my 52 California whiskeys.

Bottle number four is Souvenir of Old Kentucky Brand Straight Bourbon Whiskey. This is 93 proof, 18 months old, and was bottled by the Los Angeles Brewing Co. of LA. It has a gold foil label with black and red printing.

The fifth of these special bottles is 80 proof, one year old Harper's Ferry Brand. It was bottled for Nanny Bros. of Los Angeles. The label is yellow, with grey, white and



This one has a white label with black printing.

The last of the bottles is JRB Whiskey A Blend. It is 90 proof and was blended by Edward J. Goldie Importation Co., San Francisco, CA. It has a black, blue, red and white label.

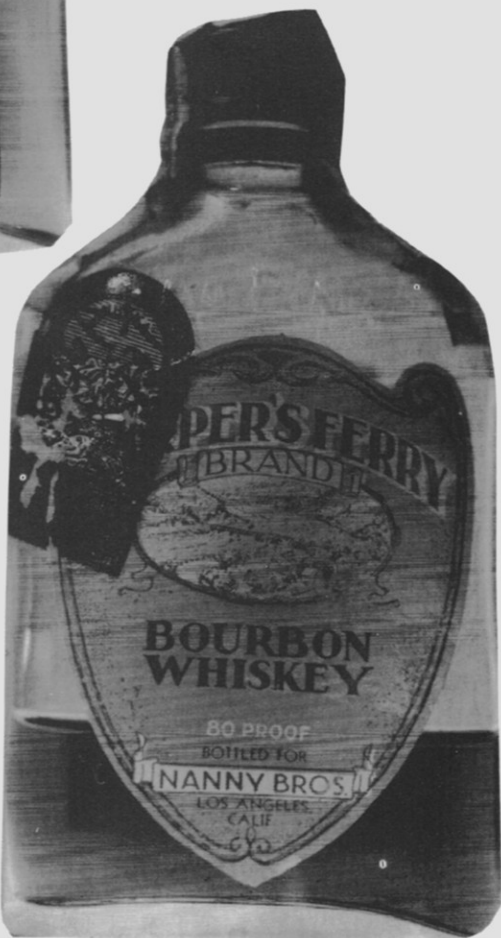
I hope you enjoy looking at these nuggets as much as I enjoy writing about them. I feel very fortunate to have them in my collection.

--F.D.H.--

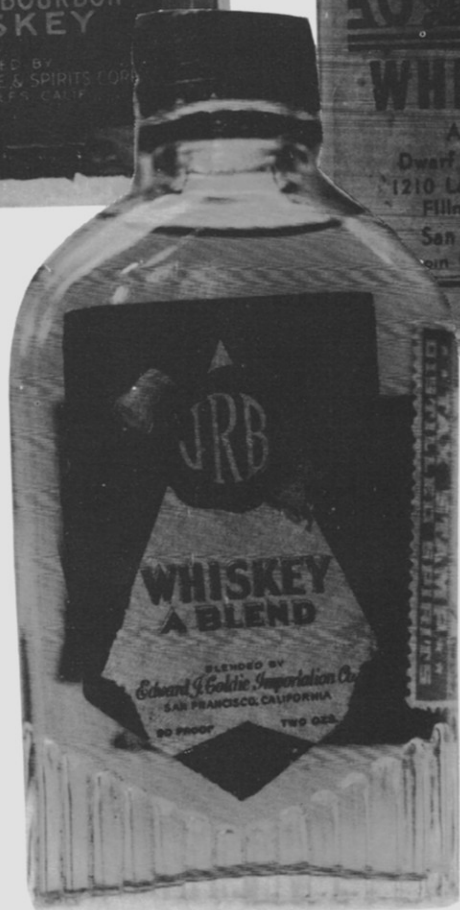
brown printing.

Bottle number six is Six Bits Straight Bourbon Whiskey. It is another 90 proof, 15 months and distilled in Indiana, but bottled by San Angelo Wine & Spirits Corp. of Los Angeles, Calif. This has a green, silver and white label.

The seventh bottle is simply Whiskey A Blend. It is 90 proof and comes from Dwarf Distributors of San Francisco. The bottle reads "Drawn from tax paid packages".







# "SPECIAL" COGNACS

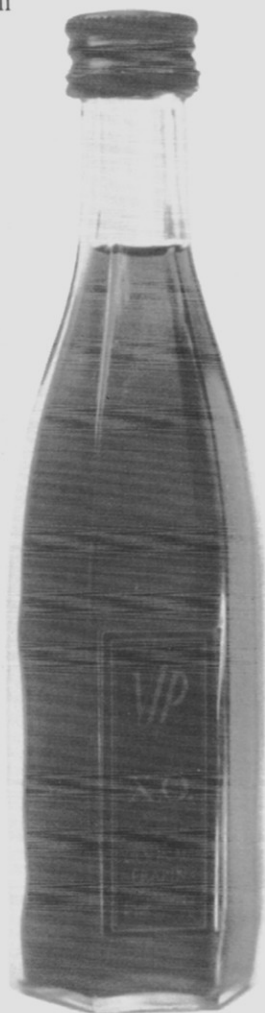
## FRAPIN

By Tony Natelli

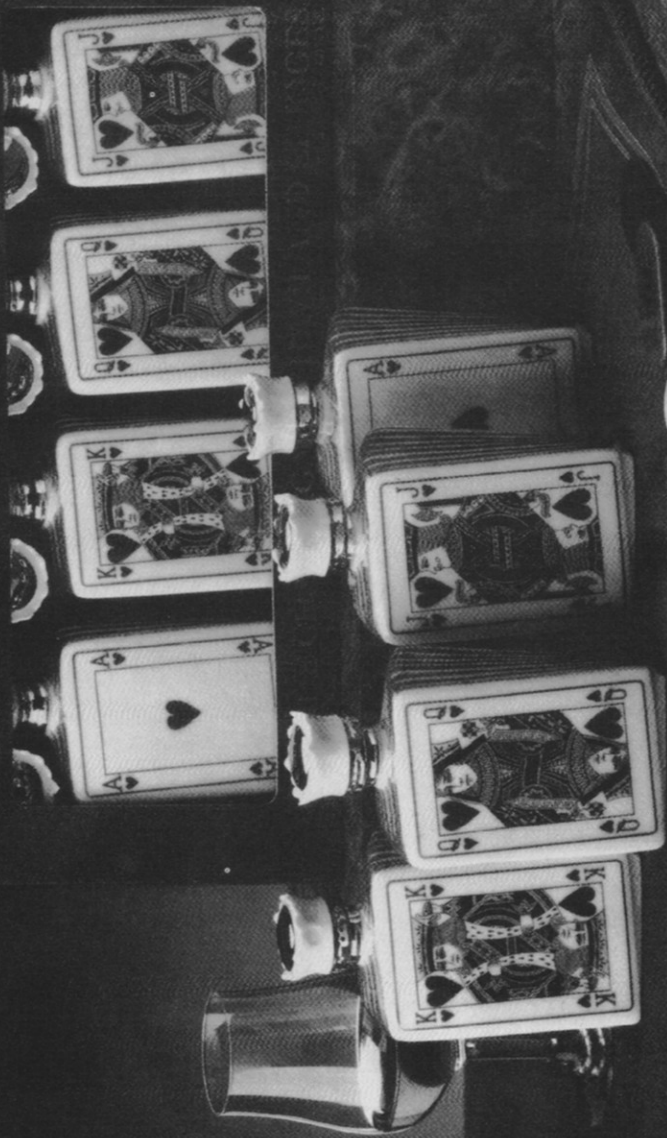
Continuing with our series on "fancy" miniatures, both glass and china, today we are featuring FRAPIN "Cognac Grande Champagne" of Segonzac, France.

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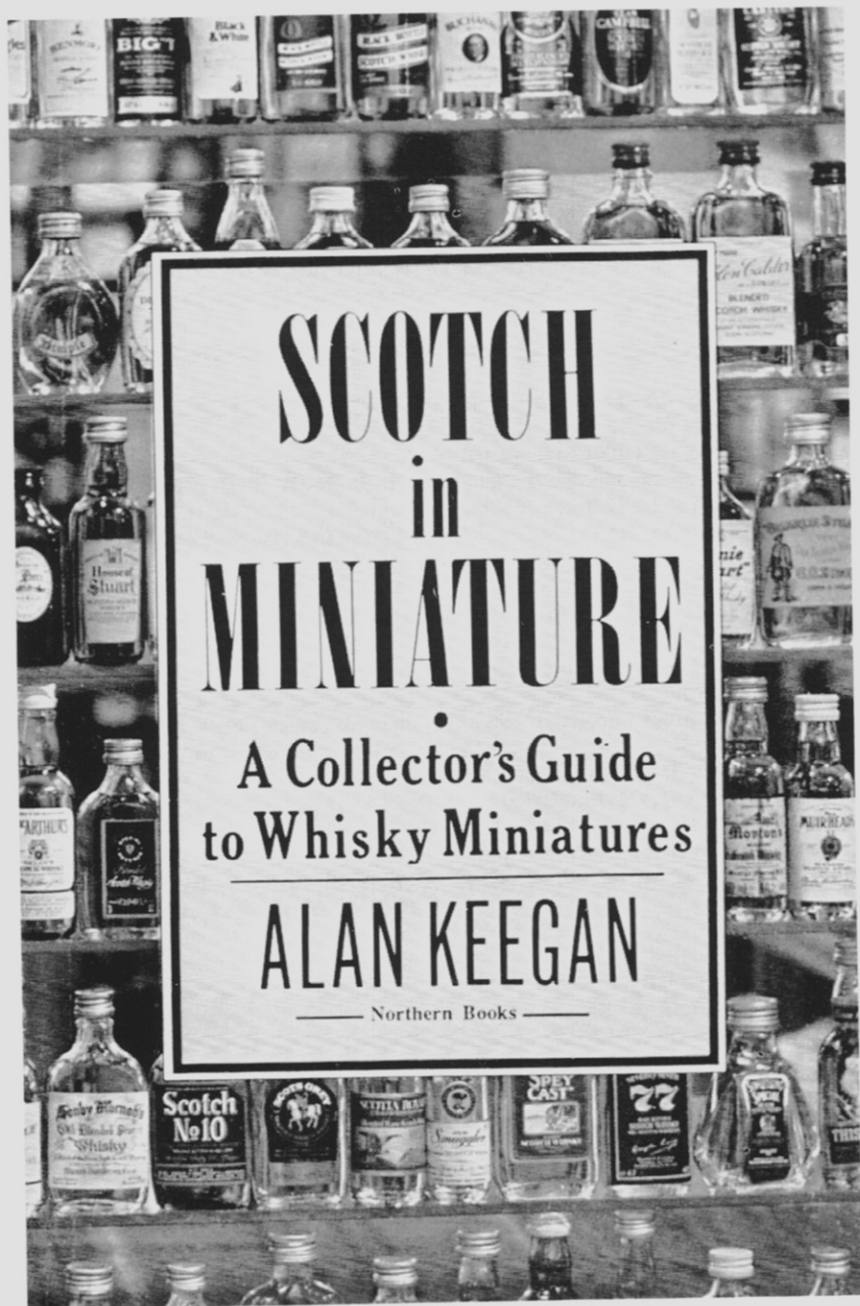
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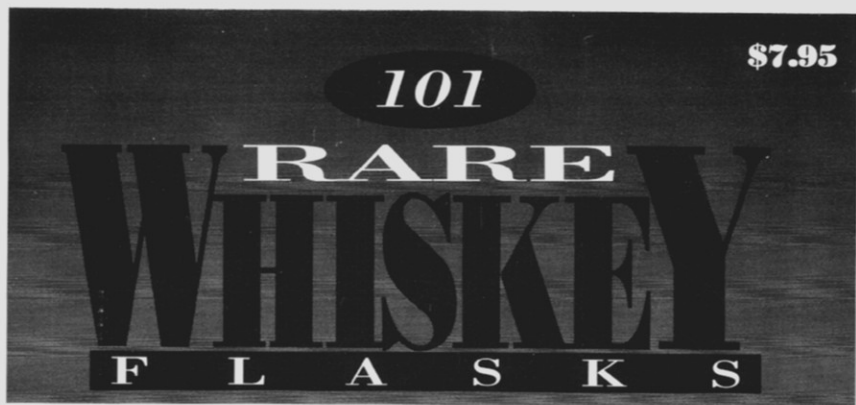
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