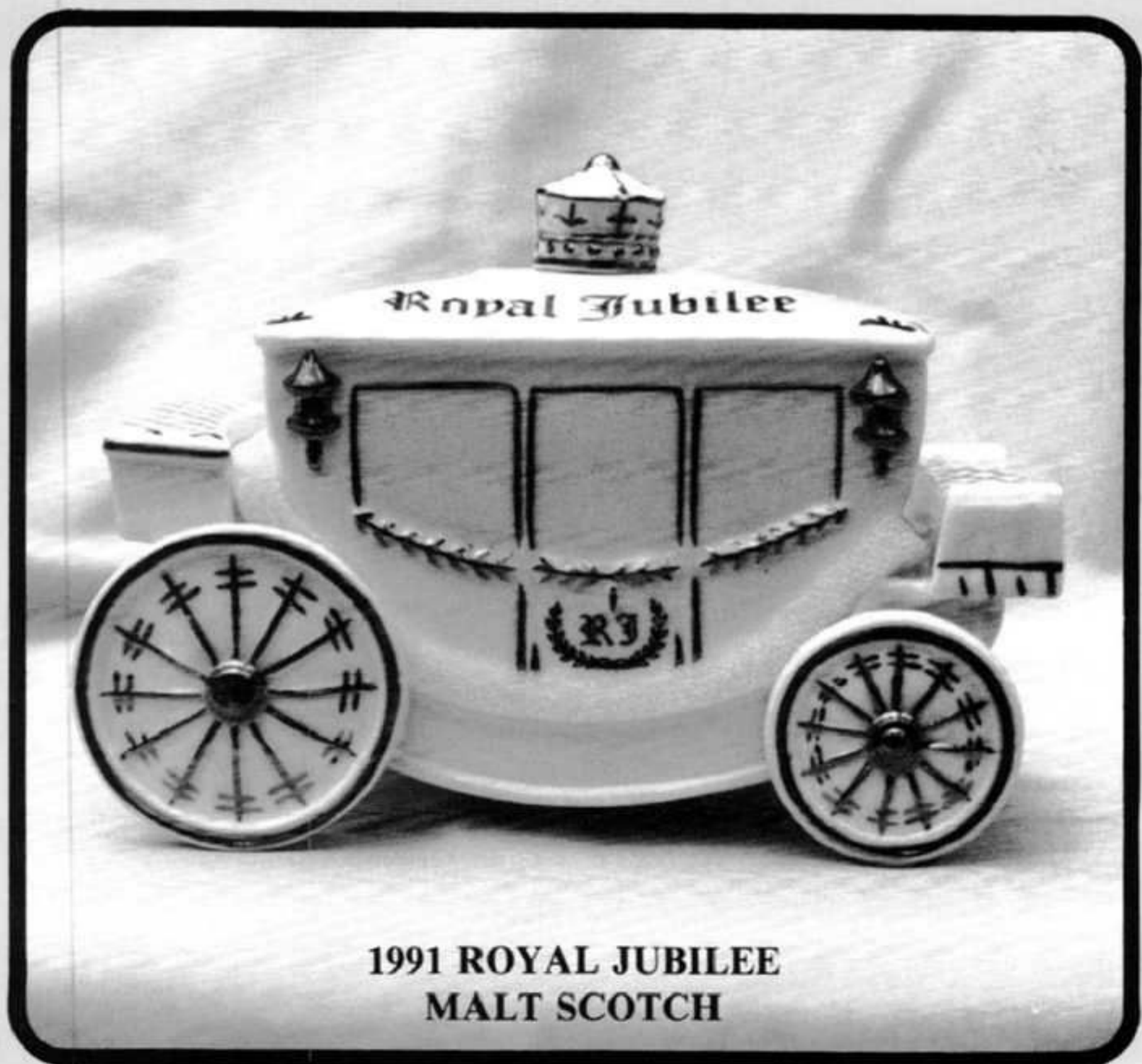


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Let's Talk

I would first like to thank all of you who wrote me with sympathy notes and cards. They were very much appreciated.

Several people wrote concerning Bob Meissner's article on Marnier-Lapostolle. Yes, it was interesting, wasn't it! And while we're on the subject of past articles, let me apologize to Jack Sullivan who wrote the article on Jugs in number 114. The gremlins were working overtime and his byline disappeared. Sorry 'bout that, Jack!

Since it seems to be getting more and more difficult to find some of the new bottles issued here in the U.S., would you please take the time to drop us a line when you find something new. I recently came across a Yukon Jack Perma Frost Schnaps in San Francisco so you'll see it here in WHAT'S NEW next time. Even if we can't get a picture, we can at least tell everyone what's available where.

The majority of our regulars are here this time and we've got a bunch of good pictures of new and old things for you. If you're a general collector, this is the issue for you. Not only are there regular ceramics, but we also have regular articles on bourbon, scotch, cognac, tequilas, and a good many liqueurs. Next time you can expect to see some very nice South African Brandy.

Remember to make plans to attend the bottle show in your area come October. This is the one place you can find just about everything and meet some new collectors, too.

See you in the Fall, just before the Shows.

--DMS--

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Our Cover

The cover this issue shows a very special bottle. Originally this was sold for a very, very short time and was available only as a very, very limited production. Made of Aynsley Fine Bone China, this Royal Jubilee Coach contains 10 cl of malt scotch whisky. It is an actual mini of the larger size bottle which was issued several years ago. This may be reproduced by Royal Doulton in the near future.

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This time we have a study in contrasts. First off is the only new bottle I could find for sale here. Talk about pathetic. This is the plastic version of the Truffles Liqueur de Chocolat. Now it's a nice product and the label will do in a pinch, but just compare it with the other bottles shown this time.

If you like the Mozart bottle and/or if you're a "cream" collec-

tor, Capucine is for you. This Cafe Creme comes from Salzburg, Austria, and is very nicely packaged. Then just go across that almost invisible border to Germany for a set of five bottles from the Behn. The contents are Kirsch-Whisky, Eingemachtes (Himbeere mit gin), Bernstein (Pampelmuse mit rum), Kustennebel (Anis & Korn), and Pfeffi (Peppermint Liqueur).



Of course, it's not the contents that you're looking at these bottles. And it's not the highly colorful labels. It could be the closures or the wildly original bottle shape or a combination of both. The only negative thing I can possibly think of to say with these is that they're a bit difficult to fit on a shelf. However, can't you overlook that??

We've looked at ceramic books and jugs (flagons) from the Rutherford Company of Glasgow previously, but I knew you'd want to see some of their latest. Notice I used the word "some". Several other bottles will be pictured in up-



WHAT'S NEW



coming issues.

For now we have the Christmas Tree flagon issued at the end of last year. Makes a nice little holiday bottle, doesn't it? Maybe we can even look forward to a nice Santa Claus or Father Christmas.

That's speculation though and the two remaining ceramics are definitely here and not speculative. One hundred sets or pairs of the Queens Silver Jubilee and Ruby Jubilee were issued this spring. They were

all to go to one retailer who then could not handle them so collector Dave Allen (our collector of the month a short time ago) got them all and is hard at work on trades.

For your enjoyment the back decal label is also shown. Now scotch and ceramic collectors have to be watching for these two bottles.

Next time hopefully we'll have more bottles from our own shores which we can all buy.

MINI WORLD

SEAGRAVE



SEAGRAVE

This is the second in the series of special Fire Fighter bottles produced for Dug Picking. The first in this series was the Julia Bulette of a couple of years back.

This highly colorful piece (the fire engine naturally had to be in bright red) celebrates the first motorized

fire engine in the State of Nevada. It served in Carson City from 1913 to 1949 and has now been completely restored by volunteers. If you should venture to Carson City, Nevada, stop in to see the original. This one you can see on your shelf!

SCOTCH

David Maund



Since I was told the column wouldn't be included in the last issue because of space limitations, I thought I'd give you a little extra this time. Here for your viewing pleasure and edification are twelve bottles which have made their appearances within the last few months in the U.K.

Since it's the only unusually shaped bottle, let us begin with the 12 year old Burberrys'. Devilishly difficult to capture a label of this type well on film, so hope the label isn't too dark for you. Many of you will remember the original Burberrys' bottle of a few years back. This

new edition for the famous clothing company is a must for all you scotch collectors. In case you don't know, Burberry's supplied the coats worn by the soldiers in WWI, hence the term "trench coat" and Burberry are synonymous in many parts of the world.

The other blended scotch is the 10 year old Edinburgh 1992. This was produced by The Scottish Collection to honour "The European Summit of the Heads of Government of the 12 Member States of the European Community held in Edinburgh, December 1992.

With that said, we can glide into



the remaining ten Single Malts, the first of which being the Scottish Collection's Malt version of the European Summit. It is a 15 years old, 46% scotch which unfortunately is not identified for us.

If you venture out from Edinburgh on a nice morning ride, you can easily visit St. Andrews. The company, Miniatura Collectives, has issued a 10 years old Bowmore to commemorate 150 of the famous St. Andrews Golf Club.

Taking a different direction for another morning's jaunt out of Edinburgh you can visit the Glenturret Distillery. This distillery has

many bottles to its credit and this 12 years old version is but the newest.

Another new issue is the Deanston 12 years old. This features a lovely photo at the bottom of the label. It's a 40% by volume like The Glenturret.

Auchentoshan is a well known name throughout most of the scotch consuming world so collectors should be happy with their two new issues: the 10 years old and the 21 years old. This is a Lowland type Malt with quite a different taste than the Highland Malt most Americans know.

Of the remaining bottles, the two

SCOTCH



Perthshire Four Seasons are indeed interesting. As you can see, these represent Winter and Summer; however, I have it on good authority that Spring and Fall will be with us shortly. As with the St. Andrews bottle, this was produced by Miniatura Collectives but contains 10 year old Tullibardine, not Bowmore.

Naturally I had to leave the best for last. Modesty prevents me from leaving my own bottle for dead last, so take a look at Maund's Bowmore. This 10 years old Bowmore celebrates my Guinness Record Book listing of 8,732 unduplicated. Only 200 numbered bot-

tles were issued and I found immediately that I had more than 200 friends.

Since I saved myself for the penultimate this time, here is the ultimate! This is the Milroy's 41 years old of The Macallan. This was distilled in 1949, bottled in 1990 and entered my collection last year. Very, very few of this bottle were produced as so little of this scotch was available.

Finally with an update on that new book. It will contain 301 photos of more currently available straight glass and flagons. BUT you'll have to wait until '94!

SUNTORY RV

by Taizo Shiratsuchi

This time I would like to present to you a very interesting miniature from SUNTORY LTD.

Suntory have changed the product and package of their mainstay whisky RESERVE and launched New RESERVE on March 17, 1993, throughout Japan. It had been five and a half years since the product was relaunched in its present form in October.

The package design has changed to a green glass bottle in place of the current familiar black bottle. At the time of the relaunching New Reserve, they added a new item of RV (ReserVe) into their brand portfolio. The RV is a flat green bottle, not a dump style, and has a different label.

The RV is targeted at increasing demand among young consumers with basic concept appeal of "Whisky to make merry with friends". Advertising through newspapers was done so that consumers could join a fictitious "The Association of Suntory Reserve" which in reality does not exist. A small box containing an RV flat miniature (50 ml 43%) with a member's badge was promised for the first 50,000 applicants in order of receipt. Over ten times that number of applications were received by Suntory.

This one has the Japanese "sample" on the neck label and, of course, it was never available in the market.

No member of the OSAKA M.B.C. was able to get this miniature!

Until next time... --T.S.--



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Glass!

By Holm Hars



Today I will show you eight miniatures of Friedrich Burhenne of Bremen. The firm has now been closed for several years but formerly they produced many fine bottles.

These are the eight:

1. Esquire, Scotch Whisky, 43%
2. Apfel Bur, 32%
3. Saurer Bur, Zitronenkorn, 32%

4. Roter Bur, JohannisbeerKorn, Trinkmuster (sample), 32%
5. Boonekamp, Herb Liqueur, 40%
6. Eiskorn, ice grain, 38%
7. Skat, Bitter Liqueur, 35%
8. Bonanza, Party Cocktail, 32%

See you next time with more bottles from Germany.

--H.H.--



**FRIEDRICH
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"SPECIAL" COGNACS

By Tony Natelli



The three firms whose minis are shown here are well known to collectors everywhere.

LARSEN's ships (see MBC #106) are among the "great miniatures" and today we picture their new "ovaline" bottle. This extremely attractive glass bottle will eventually be their standard bottle for all sizes

and types. Presently the 3 cl miniature is only available in V.S. an V.S.O.P. qualities.

PRIVILEGE is from BISQUIT and is also a beauty. The full size version is a magnificent crystal decanter which we hope will someday be a miniature but this version will do for now.

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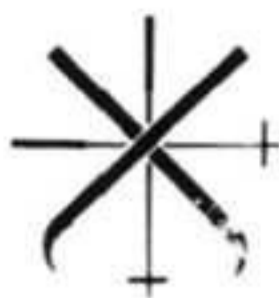
LOUIS ROYER



The firm of LOUIS ROYER produces some fine miniatures (and cognac) and collectors should keep this name in mind. First and foremost is their X.O. decanter and it's a knockout! It's on my top shelf along with the other great cognac decanters better known...up until now. They also produce Napoleon, V.S.O.P., and V.S. miniatures that belong in our collections.

--T.N.--

Ski Country



It's the mini RHINO from Ski Country. This is the newest release from a company well known for its excellent porcelains. In all probability the only way you'll find this bottle now is hope a bottle dealer still has one. Not only is the rhino an endangered species, but the rhino bottle is also pretty darn scarce. Something else that makes this one interesting is that it's the only version...no larger size was produced!

SMALL TALK



SOUTH OF THE BORDER

I think that title's been used before; however, it's still true! For the first time in twenty-four years, I went to Tijuana. Had a lot of fun and am now looking forward to when we can go back.

Naturally I had to find the liquor stores which isn't difficult as there are about sixteen on the main street. All but three or four of them carried minis. Several had the Cuervo 1800 (see MBC #113) but each store seemed to have at least a handful which weren't in any other store.

The four tequila/mezcals shown

came from four different stores. All but the Cuervo Reposado contain worms. The Chinicuil Mezcal has wonderful label which features a gusano con sombrero for you gringos) reclining in his agave plant.

The two remaining bottles are Donaji Mezcal and 'Newton' Especial Tequila. The Cuervo is sold here in larger size but the mini is only 48 ml which would prevent it from being imported.

Who knows what I'll find next time.

--D.M.S.--

melo's minis

by Mike Olson



In this article I would like to feature eight bottles with silk screen or decal labels. These bottles were usually sold or given away as souvenir salt and pepper shakers or cigarette lighters. Some were filled (or privately filled) with whiskey, but most were not. I think the old axiom of buyer beware might apply when adding these to a collection.

Anyway, bottle number one is Penn Valley Blended Whiskey Blended and Bottled by Brookside Distilling Products Corp. Scranton, PA. It is 90 proof, has a yellow and gold label and is from the mid-1930's. Next is the familiar Hunter Baltimore Rye. It has a sticker on the back which states: Baltimore, MD. 25 cents 4-5-39. Bottle number three is Paul Jones



Blended Whiskey from around 1950. This bottle has a salt shaker top, but was also made with a lighter top. I have no comment on the "21" and would refer the reader to M B C Vol. V, No. 5 (Sept-Oct. 1978).

The last four bottles all have plastic salt and pepper tops and are circa 1950. The Old Hickory, Charter Oak and Philadelphia are familiar

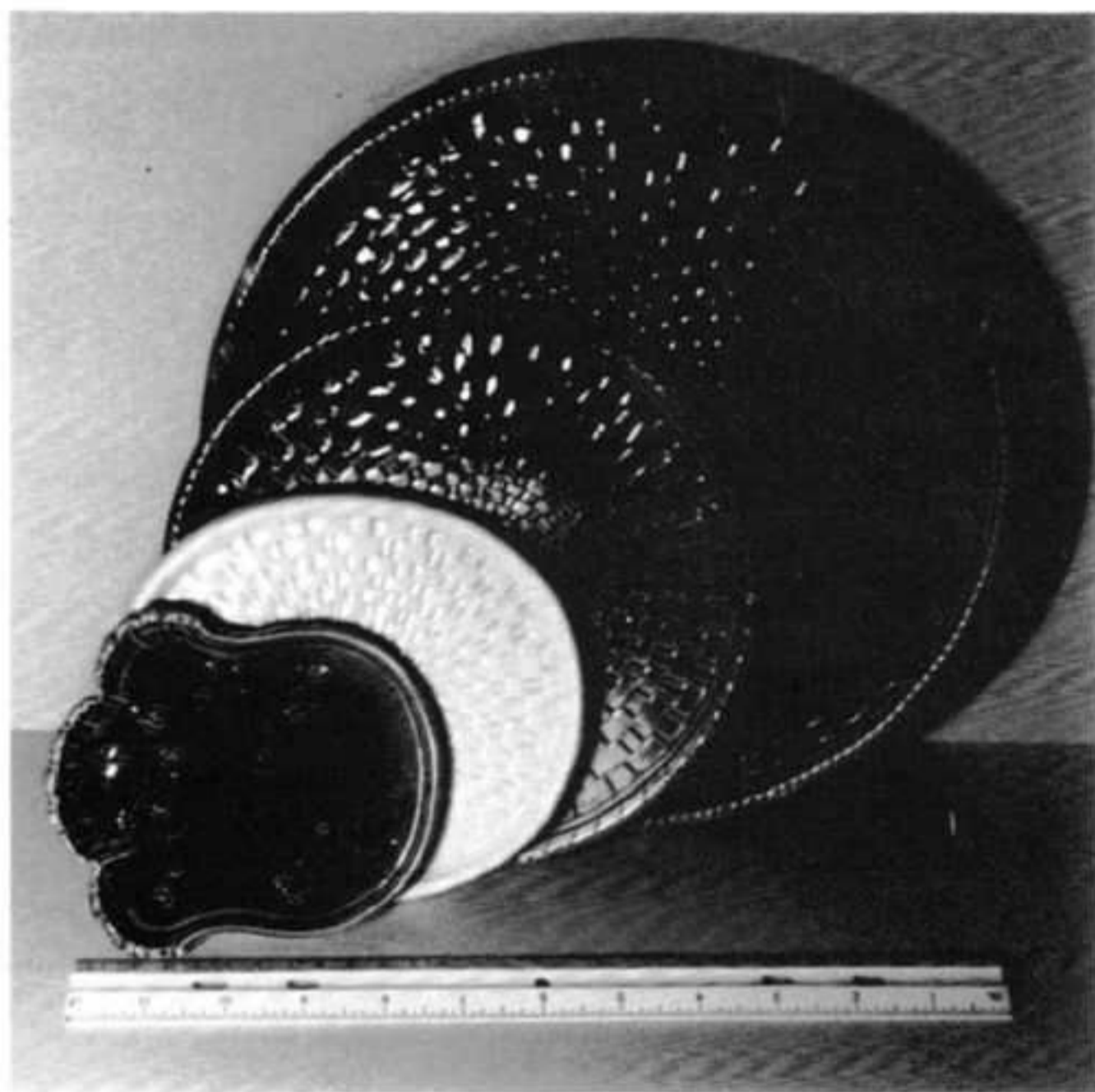
brands from Continental Distilling Corp., Philadelphia, PA. The Kinsey is also a well known label from Philly.

Finally, this category is another of the gray areas in collecting. I consider them as miniature whiskeys and treat them accordingly. Also, I would still like to hear from any of you fellow collectors.

Until next time. . . M E L O

A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



This looks like a city of Boozeville Council meeting. There is the Mayor, some Councilmen, etc. These fellows all have one thing in common, they all can hold their liquor.

There are many cups and trays for the giveaway collector to look for. Here are some that are out there. The largest cup is $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches tall and the large tray is 11 inches in diameter. This size was probably

produced for the large music box bottles.

These are all brown except for one tray in pink. There are the same ones also available in blue. And the same holds true for the cups as they too come in brown, blue and even multi-color!

If you have a rare or unusual German giveaway bottle, please send a picture of it so it may be shared with everyone.

WHISKEY HERITAGE

by
"BUTCH" JONES



Sometimes you just have to be different, sooooo the three whiskeys in this article have absolutely no connection to each other. The first of these is a clear, round George Dickel 1/10 pt, 86.8 proof and embossed Tennessee. Now we all know George Dickel, what then makes this one unusual is the enameled decal on the back (as you can see). I had not seen this variation until I came across at the October '92 West Coast Show in San Francisco.

The second bottle is a Sherwood Monogram Blended Whiskey. The bottle is brown, round, and contains 86 proof whiskey. The Sherwood Distilling Co. was in Westminster, MD. The last of the three is a brown square version of Belle of Nelson Blended Whiskey. It contains 1/10 pint 90 proof whiskey. This is from the '30's and is the first Belle of Nelson in a brown, square bottle.

'Til next time... --B.J.--

Beauties From The **ORIENT**



This time we have six bottles to show you, all of which are currently available in Hong Kong. These are most interesting ceramics for a number of reasons. They aren't easy to come by and they do not automatically fall into what might be called the western cultural bias. These are plainly Asian designs and characters.

The elephant is white (a darker version also exists) and contains 50 ml of Mijiu. This is either a wine or liqueur. It is rather a simple ceramic but somewhat elegant in its simplici-

ty!

The barrel or cask with the horse head stopper contains Napoleon Pure Grape Brandy. This particular one comes in blue but there is also a white version. This is a rather tall bottle and one which would seem to model itself after a duty free item. It is one of the very, very few Chinese bottles not to contain either a wine or liqueur.

The remaining four pieces are Fairies with Calabash. These are quite small in contents by western standards as they hold only 35 ml of



CHINESE CERAMICS

Part I



Ling Chi Chiew. The pair seen together are actually variations of the same bottle. The calabash is the same (except for color) while the Fairy is different. If I am correct, there are eight different Chinese Fairies, so possibly there will be more bottles in this series.

Next time we'll have more Chinese ceramics which will include a completely different set of eight Fairies and some Dragon Sailing Boats.



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