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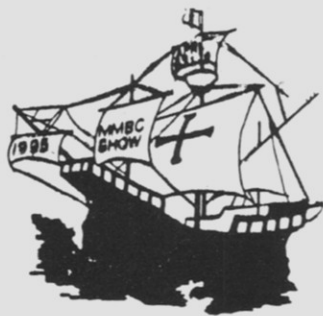
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# Let's Talk

Welcome to year number twenty-two. 1995 has begun with a roar: monsoons here in Southern California, weird temperature fluctuations in the east, the terrible earthquake in Kobe...and it's only January.

The earthquake is indeed a horrific greeting from Mother Nature. Our hearts must go out to all those in Kobe, Japan, who have lost so much in just a few seconds. We've already heard from Taizo Shiratsuchi in Osaka, but the club members from Kobe and its environs still remain silent. We can only hope that the many collectors there have come through this tragedy.

On a completely different level, please note the show in Las Vegas. This one is sort of a grand-daddy of all shows. (at least for the west coast collectors).

This is the place where we usually talk about the dirty work done by the gremlins who ambush each issue. They were taking time off for the holidays and only the back issue ad was incorrect last time. So to make up for that, we're running the original ad once again and giving you until March 1st to add any back issues at a most reasonable price.

Several collectors have written about the Lombard bottles shown in color last time. They should be available sometime soon in the U.S. They were due last year, but then again all companies seem to have their gremlins.

Next time you'll get to see the new Whiskey Heritage set. This is a new group of five glass American whiskeys. Can you believe it? And in #128 we'll have more ceramics!

See you then.

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## Our Cover

We don't get that many new ceramics these days and when we do it seems they all come from Europe or Asia. This time is no exception. In 1994 the cover also showed you some new bottles from Pascal Dumont and they continue to delight us. These two new Eiffel Towers are Limoges china, contain cognac (but what else?) and are available in Europe and Asia.

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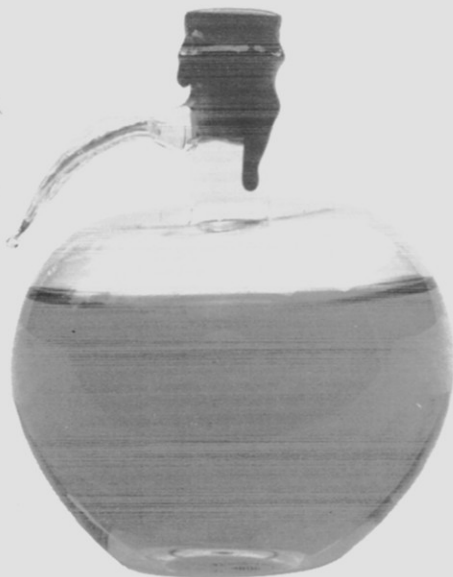
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# WHAT'S NEW



Some times you get lucky. While on a trip to Tucson, Arizona, at the end of '94, I popped into a liquor store to see what minis might be available there which weren't in California.

After looking through a good many "old friends", I saw the bottles pictured here. Grabbing them all, I headed for the cash register. There a smiling face told me, "Sorry, Mister, can't sell ya those."

Several minutes later after much talking and cajoling, I de-

parted with my little treasures. These were all samples which wouldn't be arriving until just before Christmas so they wanted to look at them a couple of weeks. Instead, I have!

The tequilas seem to have taken the prize. The Jose Cuervo is a new glass bottle with a pull off top. This should be in most markets by now. The other four tequilas however probably won't be seen much outside of Arizona as a local importer brought them in.





The four are all plastic and represent only two brands: Viuda De Romero (an old name many will recognize) and Real Hacienda. Each has a Reposado at 6 months old and an Anejo at 2 years old.

Vodka was the other winner in this group. Royalty is in several markets already and even though it's plastic, it's still a nicely done, stylish piece. The Stolichnaya Orange is a standard glass bottle but sports a well done label. This one will be appearing everywhere soon.



# NEW



Saving the best for last, we have the Smirnoff Black. This was brought out a few months ago in the large size to be test marketed in Phoenix. Now the mini has appeared. Unlike all the other Smirnoff bottles in your collection, the vodka in this one was actually distilled in Russia!

That's all we have pictured for you this time, but here's some new info. You can look for all these new ones in various parts of the country. They have

been produced and they are out there: Southern Comfort Reserve, Uncle Oscar's Popcorn Schnapps, Chococo Chocolate & Coconut Liqueur, St. Remy Fontainebleau Liqueur, Kamora French Vanilla, Kamora Hazelnut Coffee Liqueur, and Gordon's Wildberry Flavored Vodka.

Next time you'll see Kwai Feh Liqueur as well as two new super Creams, Millwood Whiskey Cream and Carolans Irish Coffee Cream. --DMS--

# WHISKY HERITAGE

by

"BUTCH" JONES



We have three scotches from the 1930's this time. The first is The Harvest House Blended Scotch by Stewart Patt & Co. Ltd. The bottle is a brown square flask and contains 86 proof scotch. The bottle is embossed "Harvest House Established 1770".

Mini number two is a

Winner's Blended Scotch Whisky. This ten year old comes in a clear flask with 90 proof scotch.

The last mini is Malcolm Fraser's Ancient Liqueur Scotch Whisky. The bottle is a green flask with 86.8 proof scotch. Hope you enjoyed these oldies. --B.J.--

# RUM

by TONY NATELLI



In #125, we discussed and pictured some very rare, beautiful rums featuring natives on the brightly colored labels. We've got ten more people for you this time with a bonus of five rums with horses on the label, another favorite of mine.

Our first picture has Ajouba (France), Flor de Habana (Mexico?), 2 Four Paths (Mexico), and Ara (France). These are, like the previous 13, top of the deck, hard to find miniatures. The "Ajouba" with its bright yellow background is a truly gorgeous mini rum. The two "Four Paths" are also seen wrapped in straw and the "Ara's" label also contains a

boldly colored parrot as well as a mature woman.

Our next five, Pretinha Victoria (Portugal), Suavito (France?), Marita (France), Monsard (Italy), and Primora (Martinique) are also rare and extremely attractive. They depict very classy looking women, an almost 180 degree turn from the previous five.

We close with Standard Brand (Jamaica), Dirty Dick's (Cuba), Jockey Club (Brazil), Mercurio (Spain) and Giro (a recent, plastic bottle) also fine, old bottles. The Dirty Dick's and the Jockey Club (with its horse racing scene on a gold and black label) are simply out of this world!! --T.N.--



## Part III



# SACRED BUDDHA

Occasionally something comes along that the mind says "no" but the collecting gene in the DNA kicks in and you "have to have it". Such is the case with the Sacred Buddha or Medical Sage Liquor from Buddhism.

Currently available in Hong Kong for approximately US\$30, this ceramic contains a most intriguing liquor. So that you know all about it, the information from the company's leaflet follows:

"This precious liquor preventing diseases is brewed with special technology which was presented to mankind by a Buddhist. It has effects of nourishing the liver and kidney, replenishing vital essence and blood, nourishing the heart to calm mind, relieving rigidity of muscles and activating collaterals and curing rheumatism. Modern medical specialists have confirmed it can enhance immunities, promote circulation and accelerate



metabolism, regulate endocrine and make people full of vigor. Its indications are hyperlipidemia, arteriosclerosis, gastrointestinal dysfunction, menopausal neurasthenia, fatigue, listlessness, lumbocru-ral pain, rheumatalgia and achromotrichia. It is the best drink for health care of middle and old-aged people. Often drinking it can prevent diseases and build up people's health and regularly drinking for a long period of time will prolong life."

Amazing isn't it when you think of how the American government went "nuts" when it was slightly suggested that red wine might possibly have healthful properties!

# A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



Boozeville has finally moved into the machine age. Here we have a tourist driving his car right into the center of town.

He has scared most of the horses out of their wits. Now everyone gathers around to get a good look.

This rare giveaway bottle in the shape of a car is multicolor in front and brown in back. The back also suggest the motor's noise, Puff-Puff.

We must thank Ron Bahn for letting us all see this bottle

from his collection and also Ron Danese for getting the photo and sending it to us.

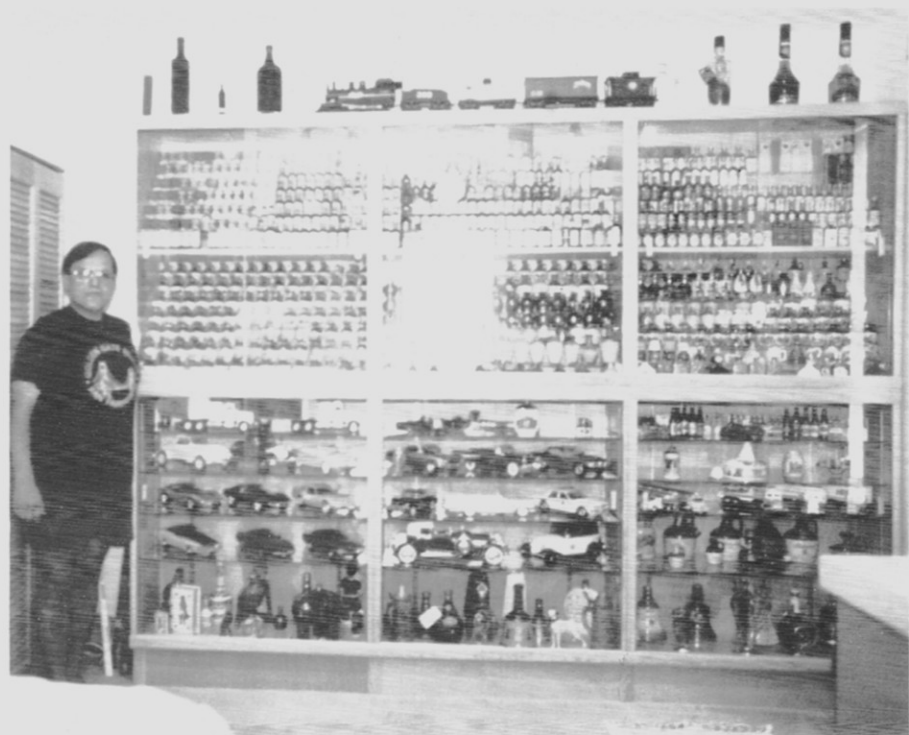
I've been collecting Giveaways since 1957 and would gladly pay \$500 for this one!

And you know, there are some in Boozeville who predict that by the year 2000, there will be more of these automobiles than there are horses and buggies. Just think.

--L.M.--



# MEET THE COLLECTOR:



We travel to Forest Hills, New York, to meet a well known scotch collector. However, we'll let him tell you in his own words.

"Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Derman Villegas. I am 47 years old and Peruvian. I've been collecting miniatures for 22 years now. Like many a collector, I began by accumulating various kinds of bottles. Eventually these totalled nearly 4,000 minis.

Because I live in an apartment, my collector friends suggested I pick a specialty. And so I did. I now collect single malts, scotch whisky ceramics, Jim Beam cars and mini perfumes.

"I've been corresponding with collectors from all over the world and several have become dear friends.

"My collection consists of 1,500 malts, 550 ceramics, 50 Jim Beam cars and 150 mini perfumes. The cabinet shown in



the picture is my newest addition, one of four in all.

"In the near future, I plan to present my collection on a Spanish television program entitled "Sabado Gigante" which airs on Channel 41 Saturday evenings at 7 pm in the U.S. It also airs in 15 other Spanish speaking countries. I hope that such a presentation will motivate aspiring collectors

My newest cabinet filled with Italian fruit minis. The first two rows from the top are Centenari with the black caps. The two bottom rows are the penultimate Centenari with the white caps. You can see from the bottom row the oldest Centenari dated 1960's.

because I feel that this is one of the best hobbies a person can have.

"Collectors, if you find yourself in New York, please don't hesitate to call me at (718) 275-4068. You can visit my residence to view my collection."

Now, you couldn't ask for a nicer invitation than that!

The two center rows belong to new Christian Di Marco that have just come out into the market. Until now, I have 24 and I hope to be getting more in the future. These are the most beautiful bottles I've seen.



# FROM JAPAN

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI



This time I would like to present to you two sorts of commemorative miniatures from Suntory Ltd. and then from the land and the sky!

The first is SUNTORY RESERVE which was released to commemorate the new run of the super express train (Yamagata Shinkansen) from Tokyo to Yamagata. This train is called 'TSUBASA' (means WING) and the inaugural run was on July 1, 1992. This miniature was

available only for a short term and only on TSUBASA. Therefore this bottle is not so familiar among collectors. The label is black with a gold line frame and has illustrated TSUBASA in gold.

Kansai International Airport became Japan's first 24-hour airport on September 4, 1994. The airport is in Osaka Bay and "Kansai" is an area including Osaka, Kobe, Wakayama, Kyoto and Nara.



In commemoration of the opening of the Kansai Airport, Suntory Ltd. launched the OLD and ROYAL Whisky bottles with new labels which picture the Kansai Airport. They are 750ml bottles, no miniatures. So the Osaka Miniature Bottle Club made the 1/4 scaled down labels and put on their miniatures which are available in the market. The labels are multicolor based on blue and are very beautiful.

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

# SETS



There are now available two new sets of bottles which anyone traveling out of the country should watch for. DFS or Duty Free Shoppers has both these groups of bottles AND some of the ones in each group are exclusive to DFS. You'll find DFS here in the U.S. when you leave the country and then in a good many countries of Europe, Asia and Australia when you are homeward bound.

The Camus set is of five cognacs: V.S.O.P. and Grand V.S.O.P. (in the same bottle) as well as Vieille Reserve and Napoleon Extra Old (again in the same bottle). The highlight of the group though is the new X.O. which is just about as fancy as you can get in a glass bottle. This X.O. will be issued individually shortly.

The other set, Whiskies of the World, is of six bottles but





the six is the regular, well-known Wild Turkey. The other Wild Turkey is a DFS exclusive. It is the 1855 Reserve (sorry about the dark label) and is surely a tough one to get. Those two account for the U.S. whiskies.

Across the Atlantic, we have both the Scotch and Irish bottles to enjoy. As you can see, the Scotch are the Aberlour and Clan Campbell. The Aberlour 12

year old is another DFS exclusive.

The two Irish are ones I hadn't run across. The Jameson is another label variation but the new Bushmills 1608 12 year old is surely a nice one.

All of these could have come under a huge What's New article; however, the two sets seem like a logical grouping. Hope you've enjoyed them.

# POPULAR SQUARES

by Fred Hawley



I would like to share with you eight more mini square whiskeys from the 1960's and 1970's. All of these minis have tax stamps from Alabama or Tennessee.

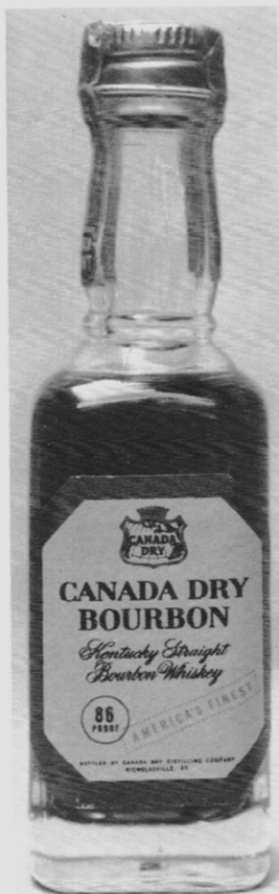
Bottle number one is Distiller's Pride Kentucky



Straight Bourbon Whiskey, 86 proof, 10 years old and Bottled by Fairfield Distillery Co., Meadowlawn, Jefferson County, KY. It has a black label with white printing.

The second piece is Wildcatter Kentucky Straight

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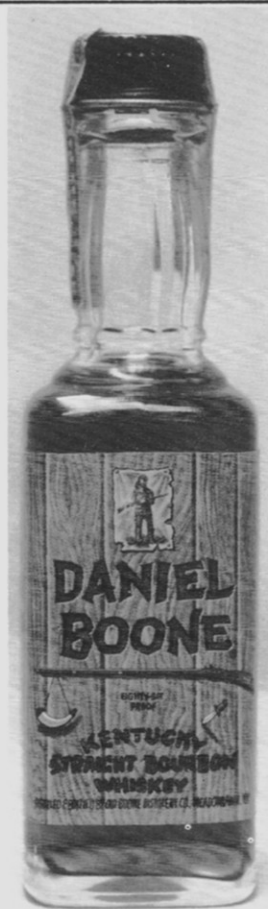
Bourbon Whiskey, 90 proof, 8 years old, Distilled by The Wildcatter Distilling Corp., Louisville, KY. It sports a green label with white and gold printing.

Bottle number three is Anderson Club Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. This one is 90 proof, 6 years old, Distilled by The Anderson County Distilling Co., Tyrone, Anderson County, KY. It has a green label with white and gold printing.

The fourth bottle is Canada Dry Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. This is 86 proof, 6 years old, Distilled by the Canada Dry Distilling Co., Nicholasville, KY. The label is white and gold with black, red, and blue printing.

Next comes Johnny Drum Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. This bottle is 86 proof, 4 years old, and Distilled by The Willett Distilling Company Inc., Bardstown, Nelson County, KY. It comes





with a green label with white and gold printing.

The sixth bottle is Daniel Boone Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. Distilled by Better Brands Distilling Co. of Lawrenceburgh, KY, this is an 86 proof and 6 years old. The label is black and white with gold and black printing.

Bottle number seven is Copper Kettle Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. The Old Spring Distilling Co., Lawrenceburgh, Anderson

County, KY, is the distiller and it has an orange label with red, black and gold printing.

The last bottle is Old 1889 Brand Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. This is 86 proof, 4 years old and distilled by The Old 1889 Distilling Co., Meadowlawn, KY. It has a white and yellow label with red and black printing.

Hope you enjoyed thee. Next time I'll show you the last nine, mini square whiskeys in my collection. --F.H.--

# melo's minis

by Mike Olson



In this article I would like to feature the John Smith Brand by Lionel Distilled Products of Chicago. Also, we'll take a look at the fairly rare Old Valley in a pinch bottle.

Lionel was not a distiller in the traditional sense, but merely bottled distilled spirits. The owners of this company probably all wore fedoras, smoked big cigars and one can only imagine where some of the whiskey came from. Lionel was only in business for

a short time in the mid 1930's, during which they produced some of the most gorgeous labels ever created. I would invite long time subscribers to look back to M B C #95 for illustrations of this point.

Anyway, bottle number one is Old Valley Straight Whiskey at 90 proof and one month old. It has a green and blue label with a red sun and is from 1934. The hip flask is Captain John Smith Straight Whiskey at 90 proof, with red and black



trim on a white label and is from 1934. The other Straight Whiskey is an embossed square bottle, also with red and black trim but from 1935.

The first Bourbon Whiskey is 90 proof, Three Months old, has red and black trim on a white label and is from 1936. The other flat is Bourbon Whiskey at 90 proof, Three months old, has red and blue trim on a white label and is from 1936. The last of these is a Bourbon Whiskey in an eight

sided amber bottle from Kent which was a Lionel subsidiary. It is 90 proof, 12 months old, has again red and blue trim and is from 1937.

Finally, I am fortunate enough to have most of the known Lionel brands in my collection. I am missing the Old Buckley Ben which I would dearly love to have. If anyone can help me on this, please feel free to contact me.

Until next time.....M E L O....

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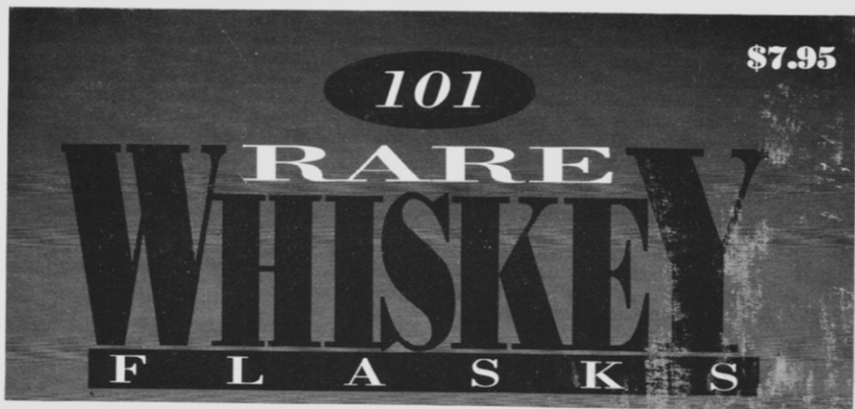
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