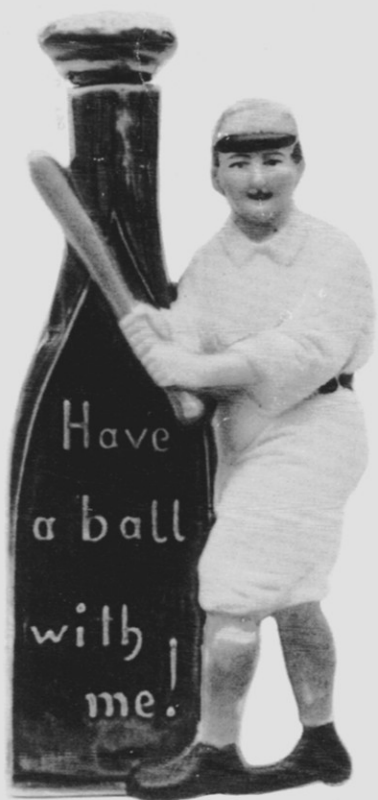


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Let's Talk

One of the things I've been forgetting to mention was the English auction of the Graham Greene bottles. Two of the bottles were signed by Greene and the 82 pieces were valued at between 1500 and 2000 pounds. The collection actually went for 330 pounds or \$525 U.S.

Reader Dick Cotton in Massachusetts learned of this auction and notified me. The bottles were collected by Greene in the 1940's and 1950's and anyone who has ever seen **OUR MAN IN HAVANA** will never forget the bottles. They were used as the players in a chess game between Alec Guinness and Ernie Kovacs. In the story and film, 12 scotches and 12 bourbons were used.

The bourbons were fairly common, but most of the scotches were not. Here are a few names to make you drool: Cranmer (signed by Greene), McIntyre's Vat 101, Old Cavalier, Glen Glade, Roger Grayson, Applegate's, Highland Glory, etc. I would imagine a lot of UK collectors wish they'd gone a bit higher than 330 pounds!

Lots of new bottles in this issue and a good many more scheduled for next time. Take a good look at those great Suntory pieces sold only at the Suntory Museum. Their big "brothers" are beautifully done ceramics.

Hope a great many of you can make the Buffalo, New York show this month. And, note the news on the Lilliputian west coast show in October. Time to make plans.

See you in August.

—DMS—

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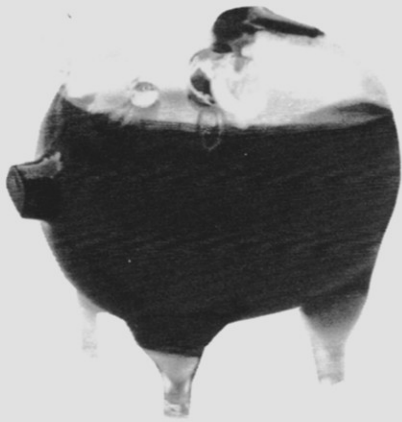
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Our Cover

Yup, it's time for the old National Pastime. Baseball has been taking quite a few hits... off the field, that is. In any case, any collector of German porcelains would definitely agree that this bottle is a hit. And if you're wondering why this bottle hasn't been seen, the answer is really quite simple. Collectors of baseball memorabilia have squirreled these little treasures away for years.

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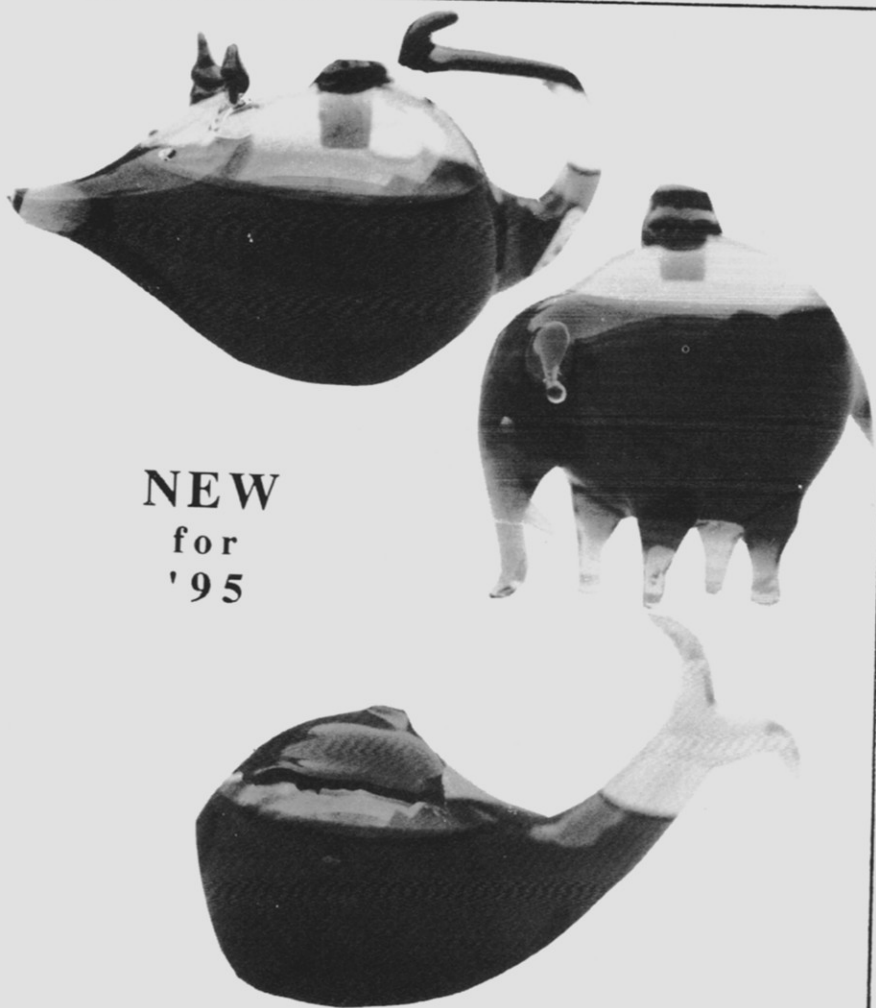


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WHAT'S NEW



The pictures came out just a bit on the light side this time so hope they reproduce well. Lots of new ones...all available here in the U.S.

Let's begin with the two new ones from T.G.I. Friday's: Monkey Bite and Kosmic Kaze. Clever, humorous labels which add a nice dose of mirth to our collections. In the same style bottle there is also a new Kahlua Icepick, but haven't seen it yet.

On the whisk(e)y front, the Buchanan's isn't terribly new, but is a label variation found in New York. The Tullamore Dew is an old, well-known brand which has just been re-introduced in the U.S. these past few months.

The four remaining are all liqueurs found in various areas. The St. Remy Fontainbleau is here in southern California as well as many other areas while the Godet is still fairly elusive, except on the east coast.

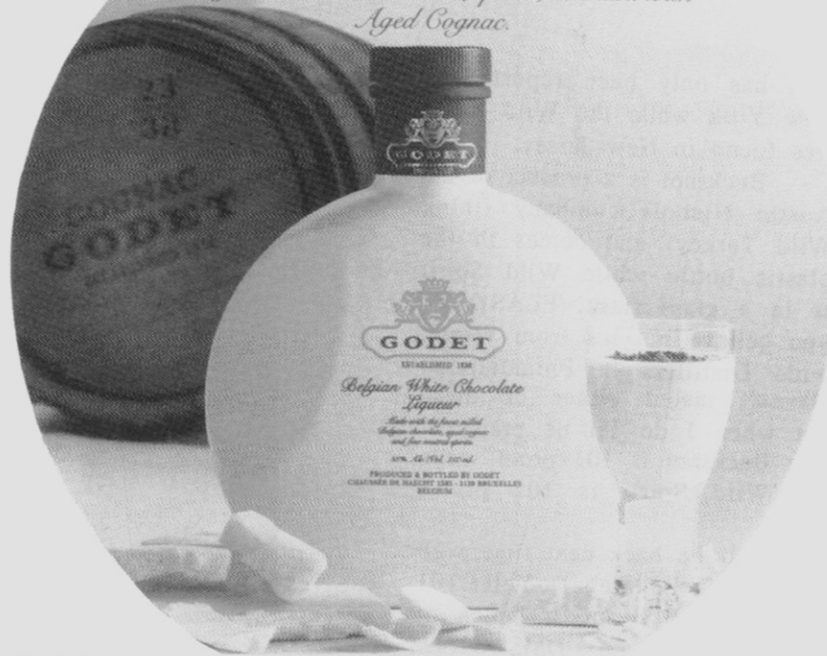
This Godet is a Belgian White Chocolate Liqueur made with "the finest milled Belgian chocolate, aged cognac and fine neutral spirits". It is extremely low proof (30 pr/15%) and absolutely delicious. Surely the best reason you might ever have to buy two!

The last two bottles are very interesting as they are both bourbon liqueurs. Possibly each is only a test as the Buck-



GODET

Belgian White Chocolate Liqueur, Blended with Aged Cognac.





shot has only been reported in New York while the Wild Spirit was found in New Jersey.

Buckshot is a product of the Austin Nichols company (think Wild Turkey) and comes in the plastic bottle while Wild Spirit is in a glass flask. FLASK...do you believe it!! It's from Worldwide Distillers in Philadelphia. Haven't tasted either of these but when I do I'll be prepared. The Buckshot is 101 proof while the Wild Spirit is 105 proof. Whee.

I'll be back next time with After Shock, Rebel Yell 101 **SCHNAPPS** and a bunch of other new ones. --DMS--



MISC.

by BUTCH JONES



I want to share four Manhattans with you this time. The first is a white vase with peach color on top and bottom. This is the most common of the four.

The second bottle is green in color with a gold label and contains a Chartreuse Cordial. This is one I haven't seen before and should be considered fairly rare.

The next bottle is a blue unicorn with a clear plastic horn on top. Many collectors

have seen this bottle but without the horn and think that it's a horse's head. Nope. The colorful label notes that it contains Creme de Menthe.

The last ceramic is a vase shaped like a violin. The violin then is outlined in red. Although not as common as the first bottle, it's still seen in many collections. Contents are Apricot Cordial.

Hope you enjoyed these. See you next time. --B.J.--

AUSSIE OLDIES

by Bob Meissner



Welcome from Australia. I thought I'd give you a good look at some great old and rare bottles from this part of the world. The two whisky bottles and the three rums comprise a group the likes of which isn't seen too often!

Allow me to begin with the two Whiskies. Occasionally the Clelands may be found, but the Gilt Edge is quite outstanding. A good many whiskies have undoubtedly found their way

from here to all points of the globe, but these two I doubt have seldom strayed from our shores.

The three rums have spectacular labels, with Old Soldier as my favorite. Note that both it and Admiral are 2 1/2 ounces. This size was popular for many years here. Many of you will remember the old VOK bottles from some twenty years ago which were also this size.

My only complaint with these is that Smuggler should have



been a flask bottle so that its excellent label could have been more easily seen. All in all though, no gripes about any of these.

I'll return with another article soon on some of the newer bottles to be found here.

(Ed. Note: Bob didn't mention it, but you can definitely find out more information on Australian bottles if you join the Miniature Bottle Collectors of Australia. Check their listing in the Club Directory.)

melo's minis

by Mike Olson



In this article, I would like to feature five bottles from the more recent past, plus we'll look at three variations of Embassy Club. Most of these should be familiar to serious collectors and while not extremely rare, I believe they are becoming more difficult to obtain. In fact, some collectors who have passed on newer bottles might come to rue their decision.

Having once again become a quidnunc, we lead off with three 1950's Embassy Club Blended Whiskeys from Continental Distilling of Philadelphia. Bottle one is 86.8 proof and 6 years old while bottle two is 90.4 proof and 8 years old. The last of these is 86 proof, 8 years old, has a back label which states: "Bottled for Export Under U.S. Gov't Supervision" and is from 1951.



The next bottle is Old McCall's Straight Bourbon Whiskey Bottled by Baltimore Liquor Co. It is 86 proof, seven years old, has an orange label printed in red, black and gold and is from 1975.

Bottle number five is Club 400 Blended Whiskey which is eighty proof, 4 years old and from 1965. The Rights has the exact same information on the label and was made by the same company in Hartford, CT.

The last two bottles were available only in Wisconsin. The Don Giannini's Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey was bottled by The Old Joe Distillery Co. for Don's Liquor

Stores, Burlington, WI. It is 86 proof, 6 years old and from 1962.

The M A C Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey was bottled for the Milwaukee Athletic Club. It is 90 proof, has a light and dark blue label and was probably bottled by Barton's circa 1960.

Finally, I recently had the good fortune to obtain a number of whiskeys from the 1950's and '60's that had been wrapped in plastic since they were purchased new. What a joy to get a mint condition Johnny Reb Bourbon for a couple of bucks!

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

HILLS



Okay, okay. Twelve bottles all with similar labels...not the most exciting group you've ever seen. But then again, does it get more interesting when you know that this is the first of several groups of bottles from a company in the Czech Republic which really seems to want to cater to collectors the world over? And, does it get more exciting when you know these bottles are no longer available except through trading with collectors in eastern Europe?

Another intriguing note. We can all look to add another rum or whisky or vodka to our collections, but how about some of these others. How many slivovitz minis can you count today? What in the world is Brusperska Varonka...let alone Jerabinka...or maybe even Kokosovy? Surely would like to have a sip of that Kiwi Vodka. Maybe another trade is in order so that a few samples may be tasted. What do you think?



FROM JAPAN

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI



H. de TOULOUSE-LAUTREC
Eldorado, Aristide Bruant

This time I would like to present to you four Suntory Reserve Flask miniatures called the **POSTER COLLECTION**.

They are available only at Suntory Museum which is a cultural facilities complex located in the Tempozan Harbor Village, Osaka. The main attractions there are the "Gallery" and the IMAX 3D Theatre.

The label's pictures of miniatures are selected from a lot of posters the Museum owns

as its own collection. They are then exhibited a part of the time at this Gallery.

Each bottle is 9.5cm tall and 9.5cm wide in a clear flat glass and contains 100ml Suntory Reserve Whisky at 43% alcohol. Each comes in a black paper box covered with plastic film with **SUNTORY MUSEUM** written on it. The labels are very colorful.

Until next time with some more very special bottles.

--T.S.--



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T. A. STEINLEN
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Sterilise



H. de TOULOUSE-LAUTREC
Divan Japonais

SCOTCH

David Maund



There isn't much to say this time around...the pictures do all the talking. Take a good look as they speak rather eloquently I think.

This group of eight flagons was issued in the last half of 1994. Previously I've commented on the 500th anniversary of Scotch Whisky but currently this is the only flagon (if memory serves) produced to mark the event.

The seven wild life flagons

join four similar ones produced by the same company a few years back. Those particular pieces contained Lindisfarne Mead though. This time we have the Roe Deer while earlier we had the White Tailed Deer. Don't know why, but my favorite of these is the Badgers. No accounting for taste, you know.

I'll be back on track with more glass pieces for you next time.

--D.L.M.--



**GLEN
FIONA
FLAGONS**



SCOTCH



COURVOISIER

by

Tony Natelli



Recently Courvoisier established a new range called EXCLUSIF. This was done for the Far East.

Two new elegant bottles with a most contemporary design are now available in all markets of Southeast Asia (therefore not Japan) in both domestic and duty free outlets.

Exclusiv is comprised of Exclusiv FCN and Exclusive VSOP. The former is a fine champagne cognac and should compete with the X.O.'s. The VSOP is a very high class cognac so should be extremely successful.

Travelers take note!

--T.N.--

SMALL TALK

by HOLM HARS



Today I will show you some bottles from Austria which I have bought during our holidays. Some of the minis have the additon on the label: Ausländisches Erzeugnis - in Österreich fertiggestellt (foreign product - Completion in Austria).

1. Mayflower Bourbon, American imported whiskey, 5 yr 40%
2. R & B Whisky, from R. Bitter GesmbH., 40%.
3. Jim Beam Bourbon Whiskey Import Henkell & Söhnlein.

4. Cognac Frapin, Grande Champagne V.S.O.P. 40%

5. Cognac Napoleon, Grande Fine Champagne, shipped by Besson.

6. Nikita Wodka, import Asbach Austria GmbH., 40%.

7. Roter Nikita, Fruchtsaftspirituose, Asbach Austria.

8. Ice Breaker, Vodka and Peaches, from Keglevich, 25%, frosted bottle

9. Stolichnaya Vodka, from Russia 40%/70pr.

Until next time.....

--H.H.--

...from
AUSTRIA



MINI BEER DISCOVERIES

By JOHN WYSS

Today I am proud to present several new mini beer variations from abroad. This photo is a fine example of shared information by a fellow collector willing to help the hobby expand. Few people send me information or pictures to pass on, but when they do it is extremely gratifying. It is also quite refreshing to learn of new bottles I must now track down to acquire (hint, hint). Remember: The hunt is still half the fun!

Bottle number one is San Miguel Pilsener Cristal. This amber glass beer comes to us in a "micro mini" size of about 2 3/4" with white enameled labels. This little beauty was





found at a flea market in London four years ago.

The second and third bottles were most like a salt and pepper set as both brands hail from John Smith's Brewery, Tadcaster. Additionally the John Smith's Magnet Pale Ale has been previously noted to have come with a metal shaker cap. Both the Magnet Pale Ale

and the Alken Lager have two paper labels on brown glassware and stand 4" tall. The age of these beers is sketchy at best, but neither is of recent vintage.

Hope you have enjoyed today's bottles. AND keep that correspondence coming! Cheers.

--J.W.--

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