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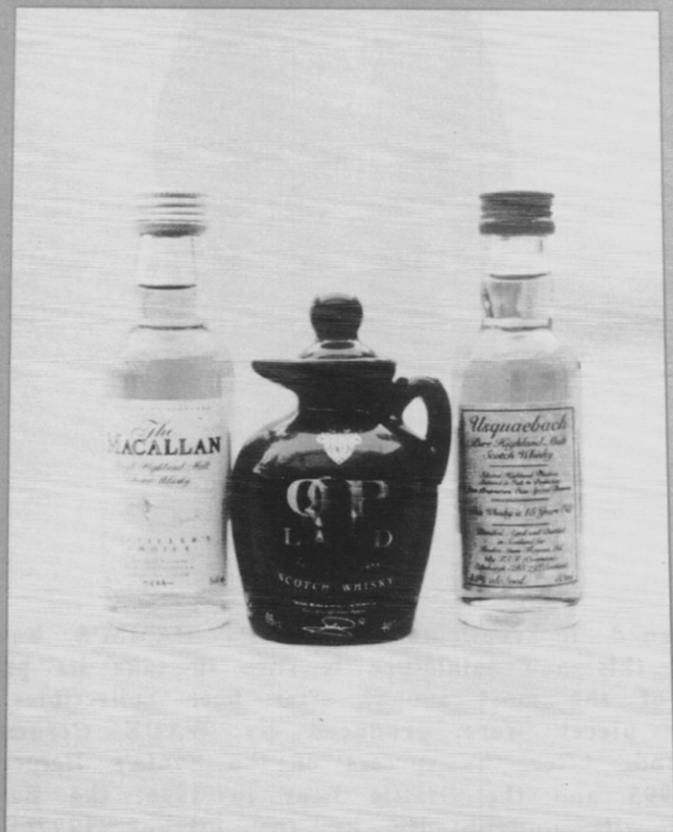
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# Let's Talk

Aha, you do pay attention to this column. In the last few weeks literally scores of collectors have asked if it's true there may be a bottle show in Las Vegas in 1998. The answer is yes ... however, nothing has been set in concrete. As soon as any contract is signed, you'll read about it here!

While we're on the subject of shows, Tony Dobyns and the group in St. Louis put on another excellent show. I don't know whether it's better to buy or sell at that show as each collector is always extremely happy with their sales and their purchases.

A tip of the fedora again to Tony Dobyns for having his interview and showing of his collection on television in St. Louis the week of the show. Now that's what I call publicity.

Last time I also made a plea about mentioning where you find bottles in your travels. Well, if you're traveling to Chicago you can forget about bottle hunting. In one of the most stupid decisions a legislative body has yet produced, the City of Chicago voted that minis may not be sold in city limits. The convoluted logic that got them there is too ridiculous to be mentioned here. The remainder of the State of Illinois hasn't had this lapse of sanity and you can still find interesting bottles.

Have a great summer and keep thinking small.

—DMS—

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## Our Cover

Incredibly enough, two times in a row we have an airplane on the cover. But this isn't just any fancy plane from the supersonic era, this is The Concord. For years sold only as a large bottle, this new miniature version from Maison Gautier is a cognac-filled Limoges China bottle. Available in gold (the cover), blue, and white, it deserves a special place in any collection.

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## MEMPHIS BELLE



# MEMPHIS BELLE

As seen previously in the magazine, this new bottle from Dug Picking is already making its way toward the "Sold Out" column. 1500 were produced BUT only a few cases were held back for bottle collectors. Get it now or search diligently for it later. Only

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# WHAT'S NEW



There's a good deal new, if you explore. And explore I did through Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. Some of the finds are shown here; others you'll just have to wait for.

At the bottle show in St. Louis, I picked up two new ones from Canada: Seagram's Five Star Rye Whisky and Tangle Ridge Canadian Whisky. Both are plastic and are attached to larger bottles.

This means that even in Canada they aren't easy to obtain. However the Tangle Ridge in large size is being imported by Jim Beam so this one might make an appearance here after all.

In Nashville, Frugal McDougal (would I make that up) had the Tradition Rare Maison Gautier Cognac 10th Generation. The store sold it to me but it's clearly a sample as no importer or health



warning was in evidence...and it still cost \$10!

Since we began with bottles from Canada, I want to jump down to our other border to finish up with four new Tequilas found in Tijuana, Mexico or Baja California to be more exact. These are all glass. The nicest bottle is the El Charro as it's well embossed. The others feature interesting labels.

More next time...like maybe Rain and the Grey Goose. --D.M.S.--



# FROM JAPAN

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI



This time I would like to present to you some Japanese Whisky miniatures from SUNTORY CO.

The Japanese Government has decided to lower the liquor tax on Whisky from October 1997. So distilleries now prepare to lower the prices and to raise the quality of the Whisky. For the present we

can expect new Japanese Whisky miniatures to appear.

The first is **SUNTORY SPECIAL RESERVE 10 year old** which was launched in place of the usual **SUNTORY RESERVE**. This Whisky uses the malts of 10 years rather than those of 8 years. It is 9.5cm tall and has a dark label

you know, the **HIBIKI 21 year old** was available only for a trading sample and now it is available in the market, but very expensive.

Next is the new **SUNTORY ROYAL 12 year old**. It is graded up a quality from the very familiar **SUNTORY ROYAL**. The label is dark gray with a golden frame and there are a golden Emblem, **ROYAL** and **12**. The round neck seal is red.



with silver letters., It contains 50ml at 43% alcohol.

Suntory renewed the design of **HIBIKI** and **HIBIKI 21 year old**. They have added the Japanese letters which mean 'Whisky' on the bottom of the labels, but lost is a small round seal on the should of **HIBIKI**. It is a big change though with the caps...from khaki and black caps to a fancy clear crystal type. The top of the cap is golden and there is an emblem. As





The last **SUNTORY ROYAL 15 year old** took the place of the old **SUNTORY ROYAL 12 year old** (MBC #131). Yes, it is graded up a quality from the old **SUNTORY ROYAL 12 year old**. It has the same blue label with a golden frame, Emblem, ROYAL, and 15yo. There is '15' on a golden round neck seal, not Emblem.

The new **SUNTORY ROYAL 12 year old** and **15 year old** are both 9.5cm tall in a brown glass which contains 50ml at 86 proof alcohol.

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



# A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



Sometimes you just can't keep the mutts off the streets. Here in Boozeville we have these curs which always seem to be underfoot. Then the other day I found two of them together. They looked just alike, except one of them was much bigger than the other one.

Actually the two bottles you're seeing here are more unusual than ever. The "I won't be long now" is in blue while his bigger counterpart "All's Well That Ends Well" is multicolored. That

"bigger" business should be emphasized. This is a new size for me as this figural/flask is a good inch taller and generally about 15-20% larger than the normally seen bottle.

That's the delight of collecting these wonderful old bottles, you keep getting surprised. Wouldn't it be nice if we had some sort of registry where collectors could tell what they had and then all of us would know what's really available. What do you think?

--L.M.--

# IRISH !

by TONY NATELLI



William Cadsenhead of Campbelltown, Scotland, issued some dynamite pieces early this year. Talk about rare...only six different whiskies were bottled in miniature and one of those only produced a total of 6 bottles. That's 300ml, less than half the contents of a full size bottle.

Two of the six are pictured here. The other four have already disappeared into other collections. The information as to the number of bottles, years, percentages, etc. is all shown in the chart on the adjoining page.

Now you know why there's an exclamation point above. --T.N.--

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17	- POWER'S JOHN'S LANE DISTILLERY	1956	34Y/O	73.2%
84	- DUBLIN JONES ROAD DISTILLERY	1942	48Y/O	66.5%
21	- DALY'S TULLAMORE DISTILLERY	1952	38Y/O	68.9%
214	- DALY'S TULLAMORE DISTILLERY	1949	41Y/O	65.3%
45	- DALY'S TULLAMORE DISTILLERY	1948	42Y/O	64.5%

# BEERS...(BUT I DON'T REALLY COLLECT THEM)

by BUTCH JONES



I don't collect miniature beers and usually don't have the opportunity to picture them for articles. However, featured in this article are six not commonly found and I thought you'd find them interesting.

The first is the 3M version of John Wieland's Extra Pale Light Beer from 1947. This was produced by the Pacific Brewing & Malting Co. of San Jose, CA. The back label says 1-WAY. Number two is Koehler's Beer, the 3M version from 1950. It was produced by the Erie Brewing Co. of Erie, PA.

Number three is also by Koehler. It is the Koehler Select, from 1963. The next is the white label version of Goetz Country Club Pilsener Beer from 1940. It was produced by M. K. Goetz Brewing Co., St. Joseph, MO.

The fifth bottle is Bill's Export Beer from 1950 which was produced by Bill's Specialty Mfg. Co., Milwaukee, WI. And the last is Million's Wisconsin Select Beer, a three inch stubby from 1940 which was produced by the Million Brewery Inc., New Lisbon, WI.

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



# CREAMS



Down through the years we've seen a good many cream liqueurs come and go and the majority of them have been documented here. Previously I tried to be humorous about this...The Return of the Creams...The Revenge of the Creams...Son of the...well, you get the picture. However, it now appears that I've run out of silly titles and we've got to take them at face value. Here goes.

Prenzel Cream and McRoberts Irish Cream both hail from New Zealand. This Prenzel is the new version and a great improvement

on the old label. Both of these are current and both are plastic.

Kober's Babalou is from Germany and it's another of the little bottles with less content. Seems as if the U.S. is the only place in the world that thinks a drink should be 50ml. This is a cute label and another plus is that it's glass.

The last is Tequila Rose...made with the finest natural imported strawberry flavor cream liqueur and tequila. Gad, I can't begin to think what that must taste like! It's available here in several states.

# THE ART NOUVEAU MINI REVISITED

by JACK SULLIVAN



In 1994 in this publication I presented six "art nouveau" minis. Here are five more of these outstanding minis, created about one hundred years ago but looking as elegant as if they had been produced today.

The Art Nouveau Movement originated in England as a style of art, architecture, furniture design and decoration that sought to reject the imitative and the mass production ethic of the Machine Age. Its guru was William Morris (1834-1896) who emphasized the need for individuality, even in every day objects.

Because of the popularity of art nouveau ornamentation, which featured "organic" shapes and

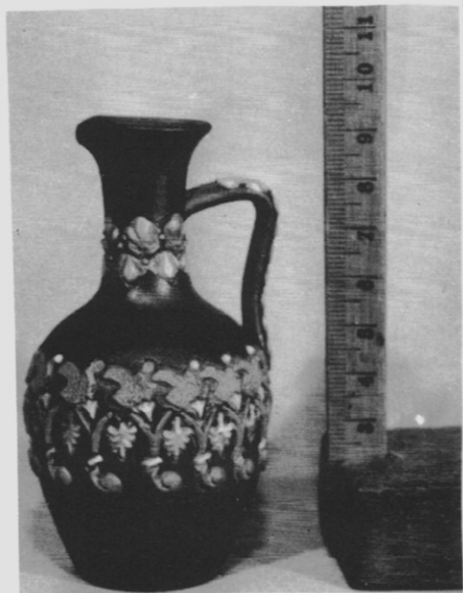
designs, manufacturers were not long in picking up the trend and mass producing copies. One of these businessmen was Henry Doulton of England's Doulton Lambeth pottery. About 1862 he formed a link with the Lambeth School of Art, with the aim of producing some radically designs using traditional methods and materials.

This linkage came to fruition near the end of the 19th Century. Doulton's ceramic designs and unusual glazes gained worldwide recognition. These included both larger and mini art nouveau ceramics, the latter as shown here. Each of these Doulton minis is from two to two-and-one-half

inches high. Many probably contained a swallow or two of some alcoholic beverage. The first four shown are from the collections of Rob Goodacre and Ray Whyborn of England. These jugs feature the graceful designs typical of art nouveau as well as lustrous colorful glazes.

The last jug is "silicon" ware, a form of stoneware colored with pigments and left unglazed so that designs could be built into the body and sculpted into relief before firing. Silicon ware was a special invention of Doulton Lambeth and only rarely is seen in mini form.

Issued in limited numbers, many of these minis long since have found their way to museums or the private collections of wealthy devotees of art nouveau. Even one gives a collection of minis real distinction. --J.S.--



# RUM

OLD and NEW

by JACQUES ROLLET



Sometimes you find bottles which just sort of jump out at you and demand to be written about. The old bottles shown this time I believe are such bottles. Fabulous labels with often most interesting stories behind them. The two new bottles are included so that you know you can still find interesting glass bottles.

**OLD BRAGGS** and **WESTWARD HO!** are two favorites with particular honors going to the former because of its colorful infantryman. Both bottles are English rum from the 1950's.

Going back further in time, we have four old round bottles, but oh what labels. You may pick your favorite, but **MINUTE MAN** is tied

It's from the Frith Co. of Bermuda.

Also from the Frith Co. is the **OLD FRENCH MARTINIQUE RUM**. This is another excellent label with the pirate and his cask. The last in this group is the **LONDON DOCK KEY RUM**, You may have seen this one before as their are a variety of variations. It's a Jamaican rum. All four are from



with **SEA HORSE** in my mind. Please note the little paper tag of the Minute Man which hangs from the neck of the bottle. This was produced by the Siboney Distilling Co. of Philadelphia and is in the old-style New England Rum tradition. Sea Horse is extremely colorful but doesn't show off its attractiveness in black and white.



the 1930's.

So, we have '30's, '50's, and now '90's. The last two rums are from **BUSCO** which is found in Saint Martin in the Antilles Francaises (or West Indies to us). They are the Rhum Agricole de Plantation and the Vieux Rhum 10 ans. These were found just recently by Fred Hawley who you should remember from his superb California whiskey articles.

We'll look at more rums soon.

--J.R.--



# GLASS

by HOLM HARS



Today I will show you some bottles from Germany and France. The bottles from Germany are bottled by L. Strahberger, Lauterstein and contain 0,02l (20mm). The ones from France are various.

#### From Germany:

1. Cafe Ole, Sahne Kaffee-Likor, 17%
2. Miss Molly, Pfirsich-Likor, 18%
3. Funken-Mariechen, Brombeer-Likor, 22%
4. Trompeten-Stosser, Weizenkorn, 32%
5. Susse Herzchen, Pflaumenlikor, 25%
6. Susse Pflaume, feinerherber Likor, 25%
7. Flotte Nummer, Himbeerlikor, 22%
8. Welten-Bummler, Schlehen mit Rum, 25%
9. Vagabund, Spirituose, 30%

#### From France:

1. Ricqlès, Alcool de Menthe, 80%
2. Ricqlès, Alcool de Menthe, 80% with a cube of sugar
3. Clair de France, Creme et Cognac, 17%



# VIENNA

by FRANCO ZARPELLON

## AIRPORT & HARROD'S

Before leaving Vienna by airplane, spend some time at Schwechat International Airport to visit its stores and duty free. I'm sure you will not be disappointed by the good miniatures for sale. When you enter the airport, on the right, you may find some typical Austrian stores with the already quoted classical miniatures: Bailoni, Nannerl and Konig. It's the last (or nearly last) occasion to get them.

But the real surprise is waiting for you at the other side of the large hall in the airport, where it seems to enter into... London. Yes, *The Harrod's* has "downsized" the London megastore in this smaller space where a lot of original

English goods are sold. Cost to the English bar in the middle of the store is placed a little whisky miniature paradise. We have counted more than 75 kinds of different whisky, both blended and single malt, in a very interesting selection. And, for whisky lovers, two new special bottlings for Harrod's: the Blended Scotch and the 12 year old Single Malt.

Entering in the *Duty Free* of B/C terminals is like coming back to Vienna again. The Mozart image comes again from chocolate, wine and liqueur miniatures. Liqueurs and miniature choice is ample and interesting. As gift packages there are the series of 5 different Bols





miniatures and the minibar series (12 miniatures) by Stroh: Austrian Mixed Spirit. Close to the cashier's are some crystals of the Czeil Collection containing brandy from Williams pears, Marrillen (apricot) and Golden Delicious apple. They are mini with pyramid-shape or ovoidal. Their caps are in coloured glass with extravagant conformation. And now, we are ready to board.

The flight to Venice, my town, as well as other flights to European countries, are organized by Tyrolean Airways. All the airplanes in its fleet (it's explained in the on-board journal) are small: from the Dash 8/100 which seats only 37 passen-

gers to the Fokker 70 with a maximum of 80 seats. In the same journal the on-board bar is well advertised, with an airplane-shape built with miniatures. The complete off (June/July 1996) consists of: Ballantine's and Canadian Club whisky, Bailey's Cream, Campari (or Martini bianco), Courvoisier VSOP Cognac, Beefeater Gin, Bacardi Rum, Obstler (Austrian fruit liqueur), Underberg Bitters, and Eristoff Wodka. A good choice...and all the miniatures are free!

Another profitable journey is completed! See you next time with a guided tour from...try to guess!!

--F.Z.--

# MELO'S MINIS

by MIKE OLSON



In this article we'll go back to an old theme, name bottle variations. I know collectors who only keep one or two of a brand name and others who keep any slight variation. I tend to go in the latter direction, especially if the bottles are older and/or rare.

I am sure everyone his or her own opinion on this subject, so in this and the following article, I will show some of my California variations. I will let the reader decide whether or not they should be kept in a collection.

We lead off with two similar looking labels. They are Lucky Strike Bourbon Whiskey. The first is 100 proof, 2 months old, has a white label printed in green, blue, yellow and black and was Bottled for C. C. T. Co. Los Angeles. The other is 100 proof, seven months

old, was shipped by boat via Panama Canal, has a yellow, blue and white label and was Bottled by San Angelo Wine and Spirits Corp. L. A.

The other pair are no brainers. The Three Rivers Straight Bourbon Whiskey is 90 roof, 2 years old, has a brown and tan label with red and gold and was also bottled by San Angelo. The Three Rivers Straight Whiskey is 100 proof, Distilled Spring 1934, Distilled by American Distilling Co. Pekin, Illinois and was Bottled at G. B. Warehouse No. 6 Calif.

Finally...did you like the Red Robin? It is probably my favorite California whiskey.

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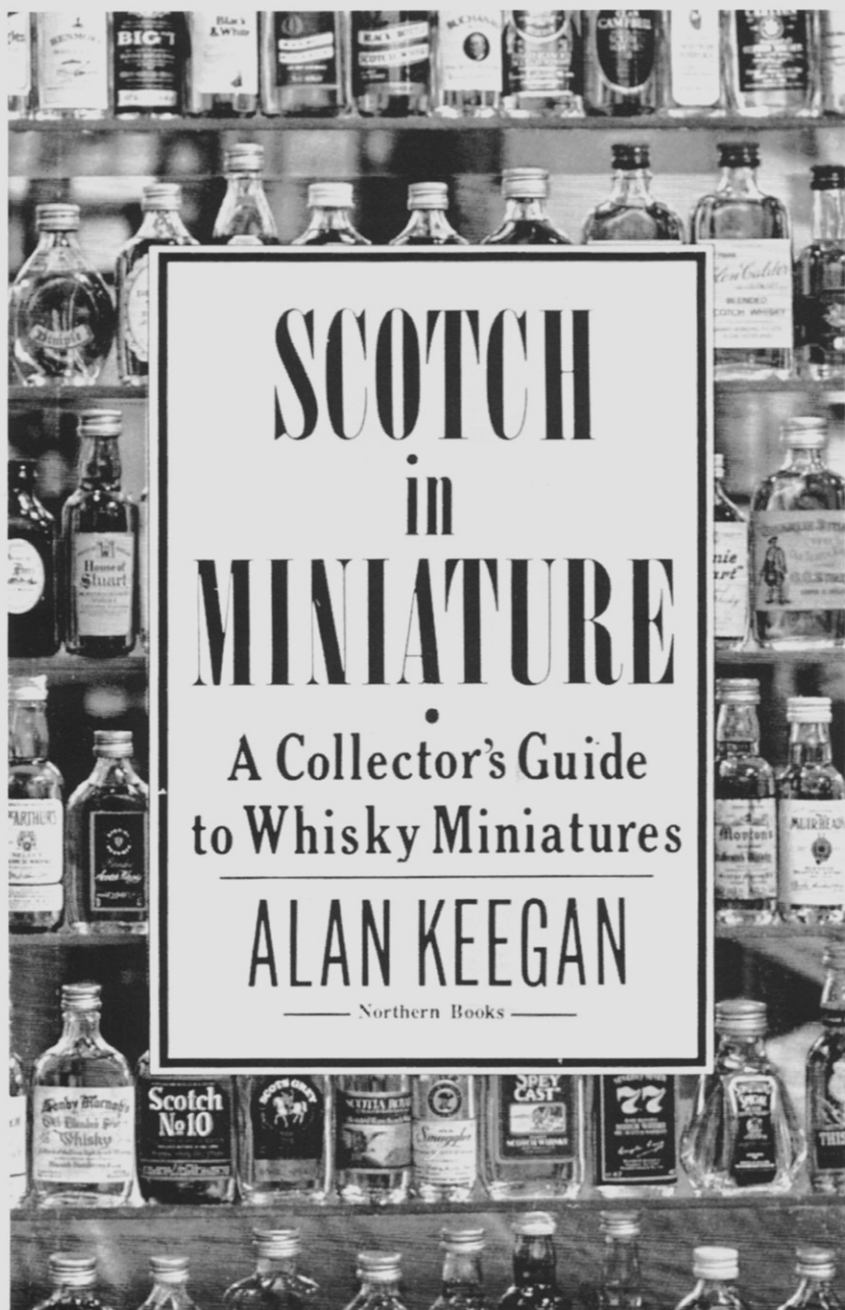
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