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# Let's Talk

We're getting closer and closer to that milestone. Yes, we've begun our 25th year with this issue. After all this time and issues, I still get excited about getting new bottles . . . and finding good old one. Hope you do too!

Last time I talked about going on the internet and the world wide web. Let's continue on with that this time. You no longer have to go to mediapulse.com/mbc to find us. We've made it even easier. Now all you have to do is type in bottlecollecting.com and you'll find us. This will be updated very shortly.

While you're on the 'net, see what David Smith has done down in New Zealand. If you can't find a link to something you're interested in on this site, then there's no help for you.

Collector Phil Cole back in Michigan recently told me about what a good time he had when he found all the cognac sites. One of the key words in all of this though is "time". You'll need a good deal of it because one thing just keeps leading to another . . . and the minutes lead to hours before you know it.

As a final note on the internet, see page 21 this time. You'll understand why.

Hope you're making your plans for the show in St. Louis, the end of April. As always it looks to be a good one. And also as always it's a wonderful place to get to know some of your fellow collectors. Bottles may be sold and traded, but the friendships which have been forged you'll find are even more important.

See you there.

— DMS —

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## Our Cover

As far as can be ascertained, we have a definite first for you this time. There have been many glass bottles from Korea which have turned up in the last couple of decades, but this is the first time any ceramics have been found. This interestingly shaped group of three comes from the Okroju Company and each contains 50ml of something at 45% alcohol by volume. This set was found by Hong Kong collector Man's Chan on a visit to Korea.

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# WHAT'S NEW



There's a great deal new to start this new year. And we're going to skip around the world to show you some very interesting new products. There are glass and ceramics, but no plastic this time!

Let's go to the farthest point first. The beautiful island of Bali in Indonesia gives us this excellent ceramic bottle of Bali Moon. The liqueur, which is a mixture of palm sugar with coffee and fruits is found in a bottle which depicts a typical Balinese dwelling.

However, this bottle comes in box made of a cotton fabric which has

been boiled in a thin porridge of rice flour. To create the fine lines needed for the Kamasan painting on the cotton, a sharp quill pen made from the vein of the sugar palm leaf is used. Bamboo brushes, made by crushing a bamboo stalk at one end until the fibers come apart are used for applying the color. The Garuda depicted on this Kamasan covered box is the giant mythical bird that is Prince Vishnu's steed from the Mahabharata. (All this material comes from a flyer included with the bottle.)



We'll go from Bali to Hong Kong where our second ceramic is produced. This new Panda Bear is found in front of a bamboo and it is obviously a mother with her proudest possession. It contains a very potent wine which we would consider a liqueur due to the proof of the liquid.

Now we'll travel to the middle east and the country of Jordan. One or two bottles from Jordan have previously been shown here but we've been waiting for some articles by Southern California collector Mittri Manneh. It seems



every time Mittri travels back to Jordan there are some interesting new bottles. From Haddad Distillery come the two Ghost bottles, the Blended Whisky and the London Dry Gin. C'mon, Mittri, you've got to show us more!

On our travel west we come to France and adjacent to the famous wine growing area of Bordeaux is the equally famous area of Cognac. This Camus is made there, but it is only sold at the DFS duty free shops at various airports in the world. It was introduced in October and to see it is to want it. Outside of the fact that it's a great bottle, it has 60ml contents.

From France we go a bit north to Holland for the Godiva Cappuccino Liqueur. This is similar to the other Godiva bottles except for the cappuccino-like color. It is sold here in the U.S. so look for it. (Taste it if you want something very nice after dinner.)

Our tour ends in the Emerald Isle. This is a new Pot Still Peated Single Malt Irish Whisky. The large bottle may be found in the U.S. but so far the miniature is limited to the U.K. That's a shame!

Next time we'll try to stay closer to home, but you know me...I get the wanderlust.

--DMS--







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# GOLEMS & JUGS:

New Ceramics from the Czech Republic

by JAROSLAV KUBA

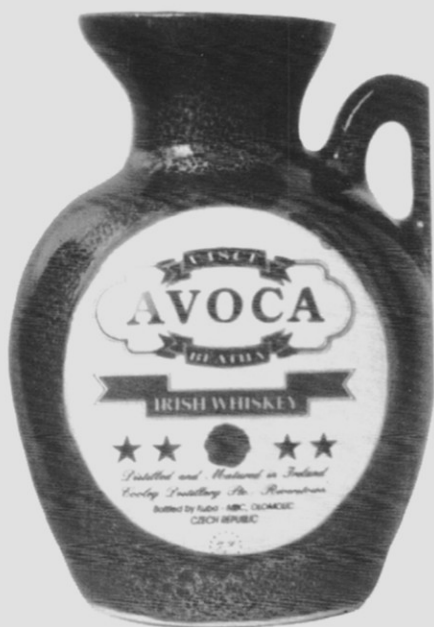


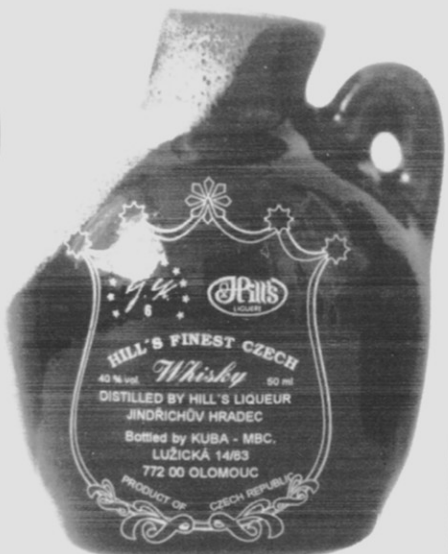
In this article I would like to feature the new Czech ceramic production pieces. You have no doubt seen the first attempt: series **Drunkards' Heads** and **Harem** which appeared as early as 1993 (MBC Vol.XXI, No.124, 1994). They were eight figurines in four different colors. Today the blue, green and brown variations are no longer available.

After these two successful series, the new series called **Golems** was issued in 1995. According to an old legend, the Golem in Prague Jewish mysticism was a man made of clay who was brought to life by Rabbi Jehuda who said magical words and placed a sorceress thing - Shem - into his mouth. The Golem was done in seven colors,

each with a different whisky contents. The colors were earth tones: rusty brown, light and deep gray, deep green, beige, light brown and white. Brand names were Hills, Halberd, King Barely and Gold King. At most there will be 1,000 pieces of each Golem.

Lately the jug series was emerged. Two sets were developed with the first group in 1996 and then a further 12 bottles this past summer. Altogether the series numbers twenty-two pieces. They differ in colors and some of them vary slightly in shape. The labels themselves show many variances from easy round labels to peculiar badge-type labels to those in shapes of historical emblems and crests.





All Czech ceramic mini bottles contain 50ml. The Golem and Golden Jugs series were awarded the prize for "The nicest novelties of the year 1995 outside Germany" by the German Mini Bottle Club. For detailed information a web site was established in July 1997 on the Internet to show all the Czech ceramics. You can find it at <http://skunk.sh.cvut.cz/~jk/mini/welcome.htm>. You are welcome to drop in any time.

Recently the **Lady Diana** commemorative mini jug was issued. However, I'll leave that for next time.

Best regards from the Czech Republic.  
--J.K.--



(Ed. note: See the Dealer Directory for Mr. Kuba's Czech address.)



## TREASURES OF THE PAST

by  
BUTCH JONES



Four unrelated miniatures are pictured in the article this time. Until I obtained these in August 1997, I had only seen the Stone Haven in other collections. Are there any new ones here you hadn't seen before?

The first is Old Sutton Brand. The label is yellow with the picture of a man in the center. This brown bottle is filled with 86° blended whiskey. This was bottled by the Number One Distilling Co.

Old Oak is the second bottle. The label is a blue and white foil one. The brown bottle contains Highland Liqueur at 86.8°. This was produced by the Dundalk Liquor Co. of Baltimore, MD.

Next we see the Stone Haven Straight Bourbon Whiskey. The bottle contains 100° whiskey and is a brown embossed flask. This bottle was used by several companies (Century Club and Fleet Street to name two) during this time. This was blended and bottled by Century Distilling Co., Peoria, IL.

Last we have the Southgate Liqueur at 100°. The brown flask has a very colorful label. The white label has a picture of an estate in the center. If you look closely, you can see the house through the open gates.

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

# RUM

by JACQUES ROLLET

## OLD and NEW



Bonne Annee to you. I am back with some more rums which I hope you'll enjoy as I do. This article I want you to see some of my old ones from France, a recent one and then two very new ones from Cuba. Shall we begin with those?

Legendario is a brand name of Bocoyn in Habana. These two labels show the new Carta Oro and the Carta Blanca rums which take their place alongside the other well known rum still produced in Cuba, Havana Club.

I am fortunate enough to travel in many tropical climates and so I now have the Green Island Rum

from the island of Mauritius. The label shows a lovely scene of the harbor. I don't think too many of these are in collections.

Now we come to some of my favorites. These are three of my 1930's French rums. I cannot tell you much about them; I just enjoy looking at the labels. In this case though the shapes are interesting as three basic ones are represented. The Rhum Selena is a bit larger than most and the glass of the bottle is green also.

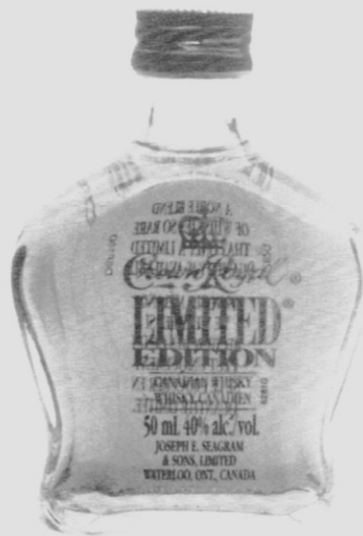
I will take some more photographs and bring you more of my collection in the future.

--J.R.--



FROM

# CANADA



And now for something completely different...with apologies to Monty Python. We're used to showing you a good many whiskies...scotch, bourbon, Japanese and miscellaneous foreign ones. What we don't show you too many of are the Canadians. This is due to a couple of reasons. There aren't that many of them and what are available usually aren't easily obtained. So this time you'll get to see five Canadian bottles that may never have been shown before...well, at least four of them!

Let's work backward. In 1997 the Crown Royal Limited Edition was issued. Simply, this is a superb glass bottle! It's extremely difficult to photograph as the silk screen label comes through from the back

side, but at least you can appreciate the shape. The bottle may be more widely available now but last year you had to buy a large bottle to get the mini. And, naturally you had to go to Canada to do it.

The four other bottles all date from the late 1920's to early 1930's. The two Seagram's bottles are here because they are rather unique. Oh, you can ask what's so great about a Seagram's "83" and an "Ancient Bottle"? These two turn up in just about every old collection. Yes, that's true, but not on these bottles. The Ancient Bottle label is on a regular flask while the "83" is on a round bottle. How many times have you seen that?

Please don't think that because





these aren't on their normal bottles that someone has been "fudging" with labels. Both of these have state stamps/decals which show their authenticity. Mistakes at the time they may be, but the labels and bottles haven't been changed.

The last two bottles are favorites. For years the Four Aces American Rye has been known and appears in many collections; however, it wasn't until recently that anyone unearthed the Four Aces Canadian Straight Bourbon. This is one of those bottles like the American Scotches of the 1930's that cross national boundaries.

We hope to do more articles on Canadian bottles. Hope you find them as interesting as we do.

# VEDRENNE by TONY NATELLI



**LES GRANDS SOIRS DE PARIS** is the name of the new set from Vedrenne of Nuits-Saïng-Georges, France. All of their previous sets have been seen here, but I find this one the most

intriguing.

Created on the theme of fashion and French Designers, the labels for the five miniatures have been designed by Pierre Cardin, Christian Dior, Coco Chanel,



Hubert de Givenchy, and Andre Courreges.

This Burgundian firm has given us sets with art masterpieces and they continue this with these masterpieces from the fashion

world. Celebrating French life, style and art, it will be difficult to top what they have already done with these labels. But the culinary world is still available! --T.N.--

# SCOTCH

David Maund



*Etiquette*  
Whisky

It's time for some specialty items. These are the ones that aren't found in every little whisky shop... you have to search for them.

I've actually got a ceramic this time that isn't a flagon so let's push on with it. This is to be the first in a series of decanters celebrating famous golf courses in Scotland. In this case, it's the Turnberry course. The ceramic itself is a large flat golf ball and it was made by the Wade Company in Stoke so that always adds a bit more interest. The name is Etiquette and it's a bit dear. Lowest cost seen so far in Scotland is £25 which at today's rate is over \$42 for you Yanks. Etiquette is the name but elegance is what they're after as it comes in a very nice presentation box.

Also released for this past Christmas was the yearly set from the Marks & Spencer stores. St. Michael is the brand name for the store but these four also feature some well known names of their own. As shown all four come in the wooden presentation box.

The remainder of the bottles this time come from The Whisky Connoisseur in Scotland. During the past few years they've issued a good number of interesting bottles. Almost all of the pieces they do are very limited and some incredibly so. The Ardbeg 30 year old in the set of three bird-label bottles is one of only 70 produced. The set (the other two being the Imperial 1976 and the Balmenach 1977) was therefore limited to 70 even though there were more of the

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other two produced.

The William Wallace is here not because it's any great bottle, label or contents; however, as far as I know, this one wasn't sold but only given away to collectors who regularly order bottles. It's a vatted malt so who knows what's in there.

The Lochmaben and the John Barleycorn are both in shorter, more stubby bottles with labels quite unlike the majority of items from the Whisky Connoisseur. These two are seldom seen and look good in any collection.

I do believe I've saved the best for last though. I can't quite take this bottle seriously although it surely was a serious event. This is the Watergate Highland Malt Scotch with a drawing of the American President Nixon. It commemorated the twenty-five years which have passed since that ignoble break in. Somehow I can't imagine an American bourbon company putting a Royal on one of their labels! --D.L.M.--



# WATTERSON



This article might better be entitled *Treasures of the Internet*. That should be a dead giveaway as to where this bottle was found. Yup, I let my fingers do the walking only on the keyboard and answered an e-mail query from a man who had just inherited a very small collection of only two dozen bottles.

Several of those bottles were very good blown glass animals from the 1930's and then one dozen were the 1913 Henry Water-

son you see here.

You read that correctly. There was what in the liquor industry is called a "sleeve" of these Henry Watterson bottles. The tax stamp reads 1913 but they actually came from Prohibition times as the medicinal statement is found on a back label. Who knows... maybe the box of twelve was for a prescription. I know this bottle made me feel better when I received it!

--DMS--

# MELO'S MINIS

by MIKE OLSON



In this article I would like to feature three Mattingly & Moore variations plus we'll look at some nice bottles from the 1930's. Mattingly & Moore was one of the many brands produced by Frankfort Distilleries of Baltimore, MD and Louisville, KY. This brand probably does not get any respect, although some of the early 1930's variations are fairly rare. The four round bottles are all somewhat rare with the last two being the most scarce.

Anyway, bottle number one is Whiskey-A Blend at 90 proof and was bottled Jan 1934. Bottle two is also Whiskey-A Blend at 90 proof and six months or more old. The last of these is A Blend of Straight Whiskies at 90 proof and eight months old.

The Tom Taylor Straight Bourbon Whiskey is from the Hamburger Co. of Chicago. It is 90 proof

and 3 years old. The Hamburger Co. also gives us Hoffman House Sour Mash Straight Bourbon Whiskey at 90 proof and 42 months old.

The next bottle is Tommy's Cabin Whiskey Bottled by The Chesapeake Distilling Co. of Baltimore, MD. It is 80 proof, was stored less than one month in reused cooperage and has a green and white label.

The last bottle is Wathen's Kentucky Leader Kentucky Bourbon Whiskey at 90 proof and 3 years old. I have this bottle in a flat variation and particularly like the black and red label.

Finally, years ago I passed on the Tom Taylor hip flask because of its large size. It ended up on the cover of **101 Rare Whiskey Flasks**. The price. . . \$5.00!

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by HOLM HARS



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**FOR SALE:** Rare and distinguished collection of over 2,000 miniature gin bottles plus over 500 bottles in the shape of houses and buildings.

I am selling my unique collection of 2,000 different gin bottles from 64 different countries. All bottles are in very good condition, many are very new. The bulk of the collection is ten to fifty years old while some of the Dutch bottles are over 100 years old. I began collecting in 1962.

To purchase this collection, send a certified check, bank draft or money order in U.S. dollars to Hamilton Stanford, 32859 Seagate Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. For further details, phone (310) 541-0199. Add freight of 50 cents per bottle to cover shipping and handling.

Bottles and houses will be sold by lot number only; lots will not be broken.

Included in my collection are a computerized list in two volumes with illustrations and containing about 240 pages. The computer disc will be included with the complete collection.

Some of the items are as follows:

Lot 23A: set of 6 Godewaagen Gouda canal houses in blue delft, fitted on a matching tray. This set offers a complete replication of the six types of roofs and gables on an Amsterdam canal. Price \$150.00.

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Lot 2 is the group of five pewter gin bottles for \$100.00.

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