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Let's Talk

We have a good deal to talk about this time and most of it revolves around the internet. Many of you have been delighted with the classified ads you could input on our website. Now many of our major changes are going to take place.

Beginning July 1st, to access the majority of the site, you'll need both a user name and a password. The password will change with each issue. Here goes:

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We will have interactive classified ads. There will be discussion forums or bulletin boards. And there will also be a collectors' directory. All of this will be explained on-line. And, in case you've forgotten, to get to us, just type in

bottlecollecting.com

Continuing on with more internet news, if you'd like to access the French Club, you can do so at

perso.wanadoo.fr/a.c.b./acb.htm

Or, if you like to swap with a German collector who really likes to keep up to date with his whiskeys, then go to:

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All this should keep you pretty darn busy...and up to date. Have a great summer.

Keep thinking small.

— DMS —

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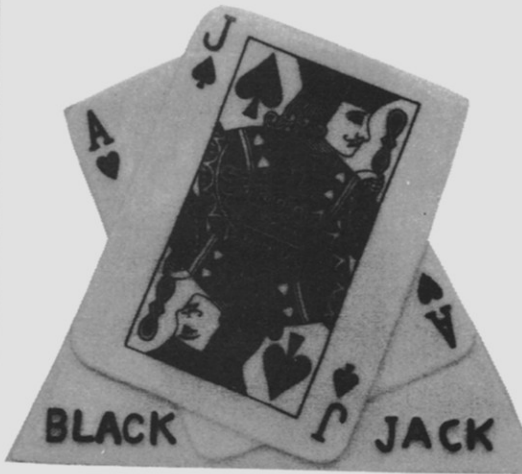
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Our Cover

This is a study in contrasts. For the cover this time we have two superb cognac bottles. The 1938 Cyrano was sold in California and not off seen. The Remy Martin bottle was sold (for one week) in Tokyo at a French Exhibition and celebrates the same date two centuries earlier. As nice as the new one is, I still prefer the old Cyrano. How about you?

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WHAT'S NEW



There's quite an interesting selection for you this time. And we have bottles which should suit just about any taste.

Let's begin with those you can't find in the U.S. and have to trade with others to obtain. From Japan we have two new shochus...two interesting bottles and two very interesting labels. For those who don't remember, shochu is the Japanese white spirit which fits into the gin-vodka area. The bottle on the left is both ribbed and frosted while the one on the right (Japansch ZakY) is embossed.

The next bottle is produced in the U.S. but is found only in Japan...sort of. Old Kentucky 13 year old Straight Bourbon Whiskey is produced for Japanese travelers. You may remember the ceramic





Statue of Liberty bottle a few years back. It was sold in the same manner. Japanese tourists may purchase this bottle as part of a number of available U.S. souvenirs available to them. In any case, it's a great whiskey produced last year as a commemorative. It even comes boxed!

From Scotland we have a pair of glass figurals and also a ceramic. The ceramic is the latest from the Souvenir company which has done cats, dogs, seals, owls, eagles, etc. Several of those have been shown here previously. The pair of glass golf balls are from the Old St. Andrews company which has given us many other nice bottles in the past.

Now we turn to those available here in the U.S. The Tangle Ridge



is a sample glass bottle and undoubtedly it will be available in several markets soon. The plastic version has been found in Canada, but this new glass one is much nicer. I believe this is being imported by the Beam Company and they never miss a good opportunity.

Finally we have the excellent set of three Paul Monier Cognacs. In case you're interested, these are "true" minis in that they are exact replicas of the larger bottles. These may be found in the San Francisco area. What's best about this group is that you can buy an Extra. Very few cognacs of the high-end extra quality are bottled in miniature and an even fewer amount ever make their way to the U.S. An extremely well-done trio. --DMS--

A Visit To Boozeville

by Lloyd McLeod



Attention Drovers, Bullwhackers, Miners, and the like. There will be a public dance at the local hall... time and date to be announced soon.

It will be the biggest event of the year. Some people are coming from as far away as Leadville. The band will consist of two fiddlers, 2 banjo players, one guitarist and Delbert Dimwell will be there with his harmonica. Ladies are all

welcome. In fact we have a photo of one of the ladies shown here.

This is a very rare giveaway bottle sent in by Ron Danese. This German lass is very colorful with her black bonnet and shoes and red and white dress. Her back is the brown wood grain but also shows her braids which go almost to the base of the bottle.

Hope to see you all at the big dance. --L.M.--

CREAM

of the

CROP

As sure as God made little green apples, there had to be another article on new Cream Liqueurs. That was a given.

We return with six new creams and they're all over the map. Of course the best place to start is with the "A's" so let's look at Dakota from the island of Aruba, the A in the A-B-C islands of the Caribbean. This is a Ponce Cream or rum cream punch produced by the Playa Liquor & Bottling Co. from the Netherland Antilles. It's plastic and it certainly will be fascinating to watch what happens with the interaction of the cream and the plastic in a few years.

Our closest neighbor now is Ireland with this new version of O'Grady's Classic Country Cream. The label is quite colorful with an Irish Country scene. The product is also quite good and you'll quite possibly find yourself doing a chorus of *Oh Danny Boy* after a few of these.

On to Germany now with a new bottling and flavor of Alpen Cream. This is a much smaller bottle than usual with only a 20ml content.





In the old "saving the best for last" category, we drop down to Spain, in particular, the Catalan region of Northern Spain of which Barcelona is the capital. You might remember that approximately two years ago two other Crema Catalana pieces were shown. Crema Catalana is the Spanish version of Creme Brulee and it's a wonderful dessert. Meolody and Grelot are welcome additions both here and on your palate.

SCOTCH

David Maund



I missed the issue last time, but I'm back with several new ones...a couple of which have not been shown or written about anywhere yet. There is not too much to be said about some of these so my comments may be a bit brief in places.

To begin we have the new Keswick Comfort with a very colourful label. This is a blend unlike all save one of the rest of the bottles. It's companion in the picture is the newest of the Ben Nevis bottles. In the last few years there have been

several and this 10 year old is the latest.

Our second picture has the latest in the Scottish Collections Hogmanay bottles. This one shows depicts Edinburgh Castle. It's partner is the special 1969 Glengoyne. There are still a few of these remaining at the distillery or you could spend quite a few quid and get it for free when you bought the large bottle.

Picture number three has the other blend, The Baillie Nicol Jarvie. This is such an unusual,



old style label that I thoroughly enjoy it. Leith is the docks area of Edinburgh and also home to several famous scotch companies. The companion bottle here is the Scottish Parliament 12 year old Malt. The Scottish Parliament is a definite point of pride and has been commemorated for us in this bottle.

The next pair is part of a group of six famous Scots issued recently by BlackAdder International. You might remember I showed a few of their bottles last year. The

drawings on the labels are very well done.

The last pair is also taken from a new group issued by Celtic Connections. This is a series of aged scotches from various distilleries. These were all bottled last September so have only been on the market a few months and already are very difficult to obtain.

Next time I'll show you more sets which have been done in series.

--D.L.M.--





TREASURES OF THE PAST

by
BUTCH JONES



Let's go north this month to visit five great Canadian whiskies. The first two are by Corby's. In fact as you can see, they are both Corby Special Selected. The first is a 1966 whisky. The bottle contains 1.6 ozs. and the label is gold. The second is also filled with 1.6 ozs. but the label is yellow with the black stripe through the middle and it is dated 1969.

The third bottle is Hudson's Bay. The bottle is brown and is filled with 6 year old 86.8° Canadian Whisky. It is from 1950. The label is maroon with white letters. This whisky was produced by the

Hudson's Bay Company.

Next we have the McCall's Canadian. The bottle is clear with a white label with blue letters and it contains 80° Canadian Whiskey. This is just one of several produced by McCall's, but it is a rare one indeed.

The last bottle is Rock Mount, dated 1949. The label is yellow with a mountain scene in the middle. This Canadian Whisky is 86.8°. This one was imported by Cereal & Fruit Products Ltd, Honolulu, HI. It also is quite rare.

'Til next time.....

--B.J.--

FROM

CANADA

One of the highlights each year at the St. Louis show is seeing Canadian collector Brian de Athe for Brian always is able to come up with the newest and most interesting that Canada has to offer. The bottles which follow give testament to that.

The only unfortunate thing is that only one of these is in glass so we'll begin with it. Gibson's Finest is aged 18 years and thus it lives up to its name. It sports a rather simple label; however, the bottle itself is so clear that the numbers which seem to appear above the 18 years are actually on the back of the bottle and the camera read through the double glass and whisky!

Now it's time to have a bit of a laugh. Dr. McGillicuddy Snake Bite and Fireball will fit that bill. These two shooters are corn whisky with little additions: Fireball has a hot cinnamon taste while Snake Bite is infused with black pepper. Both of them sound as if they'd be right at home in the 21-30 crowd.

Moving on we come to the newest Canadian Club label (this being a six year old) and the most aptly named "3"...because it's all of three years old. Not the cleverest designs of all time, but surely nice additions to any collection.





Finally we have two marvelous labels, the Schenley Golden Wedding from United Distillers and the Seagram's 83 which is now celebrating its 115th Anniversary. Long time whisky collectors will quickly recognize these two great old names. Both of these are superior bottlings for their respective companies.

So that's probably it until next year, but you never know.. I am meeting Brian again in Buffalo and I've got my fingers crossed.

KENTUCKY COLONELS

by TONY NATELLI



"Kentucky Colonels" is a phrase for those minis generally containing bourbon which picture a "Southern Gentleman" on the label. At least 25 or 30 different ones are known to exist, including the nine discussed here. They range from the rare to the commonplace and make up an interesting group.

OLD DIXIE, JESS MOORE and COLONEL PARKS are the "cream of the crop. Old Dixie is an American Bourbon bottled in Canada in the late 1920's by United Distillers of Vancouver. Jessie Moore is a U.S.A. product,

also of U.D.L., but was bottled in their Baltimore plant in the 1930's after Prohibition. Both are excellent much sought after minis but Colonel Parks is a couple of notches above them and this is the only one I've ever seen or heard of.

KENTUCKY GENTLEMAN, COUNTRY GENTLEMAN, and KENTUCKY COLONEL (himself) are next and all are well known to collectors. Country Gentleman is sold in Germany while Kentucky Colonel was sold in Japan.

Two COLONEL LEE surround TOM'S (which is also sold in



Germany. There are at least two other Colonel Lee's and bottle #1 pictures the back label. Like those in our second picture, they're obtainable and reside in a fair amount of collections.

Some other Kentucky Colonels that are known are the following: Sampson's, Old Colonel, Old Southern Governor, Mr. Bourbon, Colonel Gold, Gilded Age, Cotton Club, Old Virginian, Colonel Goode and at least three pre-pro's: Old Kentucky Colonel, T. W. Samuels and Old '79. --T.N.--



TEQUILA



It's the white spirit of choice right now. Consequently more and more new tequilas are being introduced. From the sublime (Tres Mujeres) to the ridiculous (Donkey Piss...which we're not showing), here's a new batch for your edification.

Tres Alegres Compadres comes in both a round and rectangular version but the label is the same. This is a reposado and, of course, is 100% Agave!

De Los Dorados with the banditos on the label is a young

(joven) version of tequila. It comes from the same company, Tequilas Selectos, as Tres Alegres Compadres.

The set of six are all from Orendain. No doubt many of you have seen some of these labels previously. The second from the left has been around for many years. A totally new label though is number four, Anniversario Anejo. These all hail from Guadalajara. As an added attraction, you get a tiny ceramic shooter as well as a miniature straw hat. The go-with



collector within you can also be satisfied with this set.

But saving the best for last we have the Tres Mujeres (Women or Ladies). This bottle is covered with buckskin and leather. The front and back labels are printed on leather strips. This one is available in California and sure to be a hit with collectors.

We'll return with more tequilas when there is another agave deluge.

LADY DIANA COMMEMORATIVES

by JAROSLAV KUBA, JR.

As I wrote last time, the new Lady Diana commemorative jugs appeared recently in the Czech Republic. Actually, a three-piece set of these bottles was released since the deadline of that article.

All three Diana bottles are of a regular jug shape with a small handle at the right hand side, similar to the Czech jug series described and depicted last time. The contents are also 50ml and the bottles are about 3 inches or 7.5cm. The series is limited to 1000 pieces for each of the first two jugs and 500 pieces for the third one.

First there is a dark brown Lady Diana jug with a white oval space for the label. A Lady Diana color picture is used with the years of her lifetime 1961-1997 underneath. Another label on the jug's back specifies in gold the bottle name and alcohol (King Barley 12 year old whisky).

The second jug is in white. The portrait on the front is different and shows the smiling princess with a brilliant tiara and necklace. This bottle contains Gold Cock Whisky, 12 years old.



The last in the series is the blue Lady Diana jug. Diana's image varies from the two previous bottles. In this piece the contents are O'Briens Irish Country Cream.

More information and photographs of Lade Diana as well as other Czech ceramics may be found via the Internet at <http://skunk.sh.cvut.cz/~jk/mini/welcome.htm>.

This series is intended to serve as a commemoration of Lady Diana, princess of Wales, for her fascinating life and tragic death. As the labels state: "Goodbye, Diana, we will always keep you in our hearts".

--J.K.--



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MELO'S MINIS

by MIKE OLSON



In this article I would like to feature Clarke's Brand from Arrow Distilleries, Inc. Peoria, Illinois. Arrow produced several nice bourbons during the 1930's, such as Pride O'Peoria and Manhattan Club.

Anyway, bottle number one is a pre-pro Rye BIB 1914-1919 which has its original box. The next is Clarke's Rye at 90 proof and 4 years old. The following pair are Clarke's Pure Rye Inc at 90 proof and 3 years old. The Clarke's

Bourbon is 90 proof and 3 years old. The last of these is a bourbon at 90 proof, 3 years old and in an amber bottle.

Finally, the St. Louis Bottle Show was another success. I even managed to find a couple of whiskies which I did not have. Sadly, we note the passing of Verne Brinker who was the person most responsible for making the MMBC what it is today.

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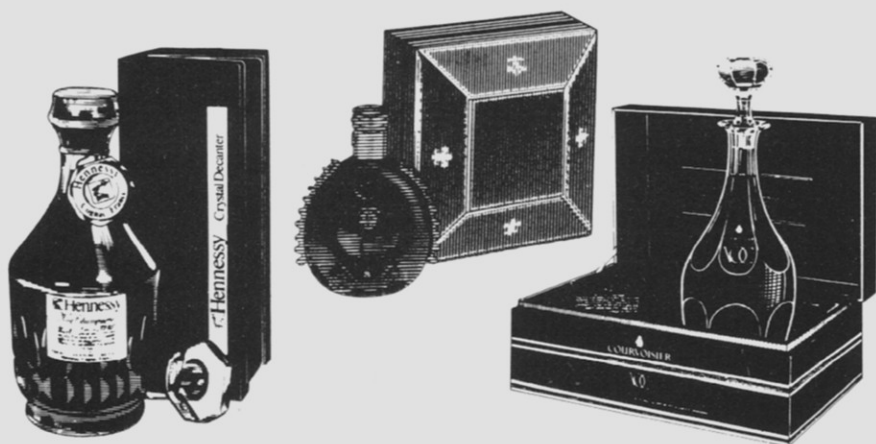
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NOTICE: I'm working on more of those lists. If you're interested in German giveaways, scotch, and some interesting liqueurs, send an SASE and tell me which list you'd like. David M. Spaid, P. O. Box 2161, Palos Verdes, Ca 90274.

FOR SALE: American whiskies from 1930-1970 and whiskies from different countries. Also Christian Di Marco bottles with fruit and vegetables inside. Please write to Derman Villegas, 105-25 64th Ave. Apt 6-F, Forest Hills, NY 11375 or call (718) 275-4068.

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