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Let's Talk

Well, here we are in the "dog days" of summer. Did you find any gems on your travels this year? If you did, let us know so we may share with everyone.

On a recent trip to Maryland we ran across a lot of minis at very decent prices. How about Bulleitt Whiskey at 99 cents. Yes, it's one of the three states being used for test marketing (Colorado and Ohio being the others), but 99 cents is a real bargain. Also found the Grey Goose Orange there and you'll see that one next time.

The west coast collectors are gearing up for the show in Reno in September. This one should be quite a good one as a good many of the northwest U.S. and western Canada collectors are planning on making the trip. If you're looking to escape the heat, then take a side trip to Lake Tahoe where it will be cool...and, as always, absolutely gorgeous.

Time to remind you once again to take a look at the web site.

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A great many new postings recently from people looking to sell (we aren't e-Bay, but...) and also giving information. There are also a number of new links which are very, very interesting.

See you in the fall and keep thinking small.

— DMS —

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Our Cover

A step way back into the past for the cover this time. The two shown are from the late 1920's early 1930's when Prohibition's ugly mug was still seen in the land. This was also before the laws were changed and anything that said "bourbon" actually had to come from Kentucky. BLACK BIRD is the more interesting because we don't know if it was meant to remind drinkers of the Cuervo bird or whether this was a reference to Old Crow. We'll never know!

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WHAT'S NEW



This time we have an even dozen interesting ones to show you. As usual they sort of jump all over the globe. All are glass this time...not a PET in sight.

Let's begin closest to home with the bottles from Canada. We have four all of which are extremely desirable. The two Whiskies are an excellent start. **FORTY CREEK** is not imported and is even difficult to obtain in Canada. It may be found gracing the neck of a larger bottle as a giveaway. **TANGLE RIDGE** (we've

shown you the plastic one before) is imported and this 10 year old version may be found in Mississippi. It's brought in by the James B. Beam Company so it really should be found in other places.

If you've never tasted ice wine, you've missed quite an experience. Miniatures of it are few and far between. This one is a mixture of ice wine and brandy and is from **KITTLING RIDGE ESTATES**. Finally from our good northern neighbor we have **INFERNO**



Pepper Pot Vodka. The large size of this is available in the U.S. but no one has brought in the mini yet.

Since we're on vodka, we come next to **ZAMOYSKI** from England. This one has been around for awhile so it may not be new at all to some of you. It's a nice flask with a good, colorful label.

From England we'll hop over the channel to France where we find **ALIZE RED PASSION**. This is a mixture of cognac and fruit juices while





its companion **DIVA** is a mixture of cognac and grapefruit liqueur. I don't know about you, but that appeals to me more than the first one. Diva is found on the east coast while the Alize Red Passion seems to be just a salesman's sample so far.

France to Germany is not too great a jump so we'll give you the 100ml size of the **FEIGLING** vodka with fig flavoring. The little 20ml has been shown previously. This

one is available here in California. As with many bottles from Germany, the label is quite humorous.

Next we have a new **BACARDI** 8 year old rum. This may be found in Kentucky and a few other markets. It's a new quality product from Bacardi and a nice label too.

From rum we jump to tequila.

The **SAUZA HORNITOS** is a new label which replicates that of the one found on the large



bottle. Nothing spectacular, just a nice bottle. The other bottle, **RAICILLA REAL**, is an excellent bottle more reminiscent of the quality pieces found in Japan. This fancy bottle is also a corker.

Finally, I've saved what I feel is the most interesting for last. This is the **MYONGGO** Cognac from...North Korea. I don't know if it's really cognac or not. If it was imported into No. Korea in bulk, then it is a cognac. If it was actually

produced in No. Korea, then it is a brandy which they've just labeled cognac. In any case, this 100ml fancy glass piece was found by our Hong Kong correspondent, Wai Man's Chan, on his recent business trip to No. Korea. He states that it is the only mini bottle he has found there.

So there was something here for everyone this time. See you next time. **-DMS-**

VODKA

by JOHN SULLIVAN



I just returned from another trip to Russia and Ukraine and I found a lot of goodies on this trip. Many of you are familiar with the "Window" bottles that appear in the vodka world. These are the frosted bottles with windows on the front of the bottle and some picture on the back of that bottle that can be seen through the window on

the front of the bottle. Some of the more popular ones that you might be familiar with are the Grey Goose and Krolewska. There is also a Mezzaluna, Dvorak, Three Olives and French Alps. Now I have brought back some new ones to show you.

There is a sister bottle to the Dvorak called Tchaikovsky and



it is pictured here. There is also a set of three beautiful bottles from the Ukraine from Hetman distillery. Each bottle has a picture of a different Ukrainian statesman on the back. I had my distributors looking all over Kiev for these sets. I believe it is the last of them as I heard that Hetman is discontinuing the miniatures.



Another nice little window bottle is the Yuri Dolgoruki bottle with the famous St. Basil's Cathedral on Red Square as the picture seen through the window. Yuri Dolgoruki was the founder of Moscow in the year 1147. This bottle is a commemorative bottle celebrating the 850th anniversary (in 1997) of the



founding of Moscow.

I also found some other straight glass mini vodkas. One is called Zhelka and it is one of the most popular vodkas in Russia. Another is the Zavlinka. This is very popular in the regions with the farmers of Russia. The label shows some farmers sitting on a fallen tree. This is what Zavlinka means: "The tree that fell over". Another great mini is one from the Rodnik distillery in Samara. This is the beautiful Taiga mini vodka. Taiga means "deep forest" and the label shows two bears in the taiga.

I usually go to Russia once or twice a year and I always seem to find something new in the way of vodkas while I am there. By the way, if any of you are traveling to Moscow, the best place to go to find vodka minis is the bottle shop on the ground floor of the G.U.M. department store on Red Square.

In June I am traveling to Cyprus and Estonia and I will report to you on my findings in those two countries when I get back. I know there are some great vodkas in Estonia.

--J.S.--

LANDY



Last time we looked at the 24kt goldplated Aladdin's Lamp. This time we have the Lion. Although the Landy Cognac company uses a dog in their logo, this lion has been a favorite for many years.

The miniature is an exact replica of the large bottle which was first seen in Asian duty free shops back in the 1980's. Since Landy is not too forthcoming about answering

letters, the age of this miniature is uncertain although it was sold in Hong Kong this year.

Due to the luminous quality of the 24kt gold plate, it is difficult to tell the facial features of the lion. It is a very nicely done bottle and we can only hope that Landy will continue to provide us with quality miniatures.

SCOTCH

David Maund



I have some nice glass bottles for you this time. Most of these are available in Scotland; however, two of them will not be found there and we'll start with them.

Mac Harry's and Highlander were both made for UK export. The Mac Harry's blend I got from a collector in Spain while the second bottle was



produced for Mallorca. Both are very nicely done and are 40 c.c. and 40 ml respectively.

Now we'll return to home. One I've been waiting to show you for some time now is the Old Pulteney Liqueur. This is another single malt scotch liqueur and is truly a good one. It also comes in a different style bottle which is quite well done.

Next we have two of The Glenlivet. The 12 year old is a new label while Archive is the mini replica of a package that Glenlivet has been selling in



duty free for some time now.

The last two bottles just happen to be recent favorites of mine. The flask with the horses rampant is an 18 year old Ballantine. Much as with the Archive above, it is almost impossible to correctly photograph. Surely makes a nice addition to the Ballantine family.

Aberfeldy made its appearance earlier this year at the distillery in Perthshire. So far it may be found only there. The packaging on this one is very good indeed with an excellent tube for the bottle.

More next time. -D.L.M.--



ISLAND PETS



Surely you know of which "pets" we speak. These are the plastic bottles we will never love, but have come to accept. The group this time is from the Caribbean.

Seven of these are from the U.S. Virgin Islands, notably St. Thomas. Five of those are chocolate flavored liqueurs while the other two are special



rums with the brand name of Calypso Island. If you like to drink them as well as collect them, these chocolate liqueurs are really something extra...as in extra good. My personal favorite is the Banana Chocolate.

The last bottle is the Guava-berry Liqueur from St. Martin. The old fellow on the label is virtually the logo of the company and is seen in all its advertising on the island.

Once again it is unfortunate that we can't show you these in color as the labels almost make up for the plastic! --DMS--



WHISKEY/ HORSES

by Tony Natelli



Whiskey minis picturing horses have been seen from pre-prohibition times to the present. Probably close to 100 exist, most from 1934 to 1955. Some are relatively easy to obtain while others almost never seem to show up.

Old Pimlico, Harvester, and Saratoga Club are

among the better examples. Old Pimlico (1940's) is seen from time to time while the Harvester is a very, very rare magnificent pre-pro. Saratoga Club, produced for Saratoga Liquor Store, Superior, WI is another gem.

Wight's Maryland Rye, Kentucky Derby, and Old



Horsey are known to advanced collectors, but still rate very highly. Numbers one and three are from Maryland

(sold in the 1940's) while Kentucky Derby dates back to the 1930's. All sport very attractive labels.





Two versions of **Hunter** (#'s 1 & 3) are more common but the **Maryland Futurity** (1940's Maryland) is something special. Three different **Green Spring Valley Club** (Straight Blend, rye and Straight Blend, and rye), like the Hunter's are somewhat more common than

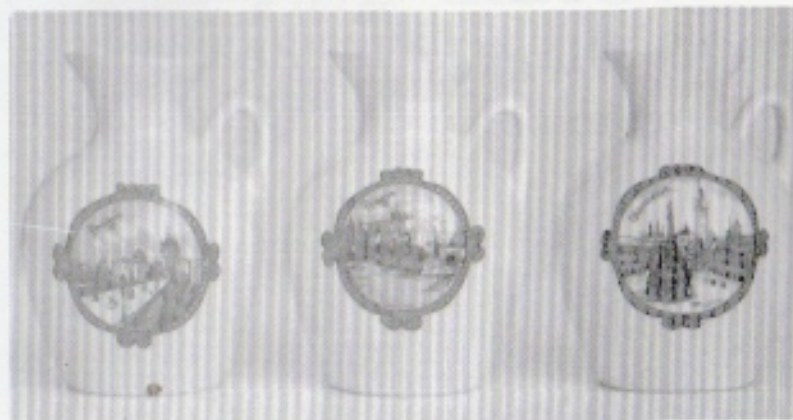
the others. At least two other variations exist.

All twelve are American Whiskies. There are also some very nice foreign "horse" whiskey miniatures to be found. (Ed. Note: But that's a horse of a different color.)

—T.N.—

CZECH FLAGONS

by Jaroslav Kuba



The Czech Republic is a country in central Europe with ancient traditions and many historic places of interest. Hence it is only obvious that the famous Czech cities now also appear as Czech ceramic mini bottles.

Prague Castle is shown on one of the jugs. Prague is the capital of the Czech Republic and the Prague Castle is one of the largest castles in the world. It is the traditional seat of Czech kings and today houses the office of the President, Vaclav Havel.

Another view on one of the bottles is of the upper square in Olomouc. It may be surprising, but whisky distilleries are mostly situated near charming towns, often of a great historical importance. This is the case of the Tesetice Distillery (King Barley Whisky) that finds itself near the glorious historical city and former capital of Moravia - Olomouc. Its origin is so hazy that nobody knows when it was founded. The historians date it back, at least, to

the ninth century.

Another bottle shows the gothic Charles Bridge with its baroque statues, built in the 14th century by the Czech king and Roman emperor Charles IV, who personally placed the corner stone.

The designer of these artistic views is the Czech artist Mr. Cizek. The series is now available also in a decorative box. The bottle height is 7 cm and each contains 50 ml of the well-known King Barley whisky. As Jim Murray said in his *Complete book of Whisky* (USA 1977) about King Barley whisky: "Of all the world's whiskies, I place Tesetice's - and especially the 20 year old - easily in the top dozen".

How come the Moravian Whisky is usually described with so many superlatives? Maybe it takes its excellency and force from the legendary Moravian king called Barley, whose name it bears.

—J.K.—

<http://www.sh.cvut.cz/~jk/mini/>

MINI WORLD

by HOLM HARS



This time I have a couple of photos for you...hope you like the bottles.

The first bottle also is very, very unique packaging. This is Der Lummel aus der Tute (the lout from the bag). It's a rhubarb vodka from Germany distilled at 15% alcohol.

The second picture shows a set of three corked bottles from Schosser, Austria. All the bottles have 40ml capacity and contain Bilberry Liqueur, Nut Liqueur, and Mahaleb Cherry Liqueur. The distillery Schosser was the winner of the competition Destillata 1995.



TREASURES OF THE PAST

by BUTCH JONES



For your enjoyment this time, we have five more foreign whiskeys. The first is ROC Cherry Whisky. This was produced by Rocher Freres of France. The second is Eckes No. 1 Whisky of Austria. In the middle we have Mellwood Straight Bourbon from Mexico. This bottle and the next are larger than the normal 1/10 pt

mini. It is also covered with a red velvet material.

The next bottle is Vat 100 VO Bourbon also from Mexico. It is 8 years old and 100 proof. Finally we have the Three Stills Fine Old Whiskey from Ireland. This one was blended and bottled by D. E. Williams Ltd. Of Tullamore. -BJ.-

MELO'S MINIS

by MIKE OLSON



In this article I would like to feature G & W Primrose Rye Bottled for Gooderham & Worts Limited Detroit, Michigan. These bottles are all from the 1930's and used whiskey Distilled by Hiram Walker & Sons Peoria, Illinois. This brand is probably not highly prized, but I was always happy to add a variation to my collection.

The first three bottles are the oldest and have plain labels printed in red and black with gold accents. Bottle number one is 86 proof and one year old. The next is Straight Rye at 90 proof, six months old and is from 1934/35 making it the

first of these. Bottle number three is 90 proof and one year old. I also have this variation in a pull off cap.

The next three have more colorful labels featuring a flower. Bottle number four is 86 proof and 18 months old. Next is a Straight Rye at 80.6 proof and two years old. The last of these is 86 proof and two years old. This bottle is circa 1940 and probably the last of this brand produced in miniature.

Finally, wouldn't it be fun to travel back in time to visit a 1930's liquor store?

Until next time.....M ELO.....



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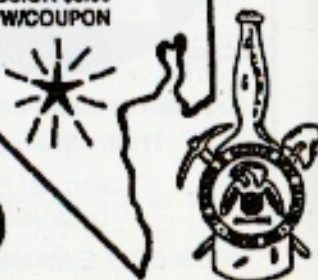
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