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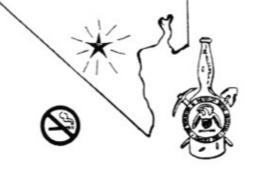
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Let's Talk

Once in a while you feel like not getting out of bed. That was my feeling when I first looked at the last issue.

We surely do hope you enjoyed reading the same Ski Country article that had been previously printed in #165. What was supposed to have been on p.2 was the Ski Country ad that should appear on the adjacent page this issue. The gremlins found the old page and viola...we have the ad that is not an ad.

Then if you had an eagle eye you noted that the last line in the "Our Cover" on this page stated: "Look for more of these new ones inside." Well, you'll definitely find them inside, but it's this issue not the last one.

On to better things. We have fewer articles for you this time but we're still presenting a great many pictures. Next time Tony Natelli is beginning a new series on fancy French bottles and we'll have an article on new Cuban bottles from Arnaldo Barreto from San Juan.

Holiday madness is probably already rearing its (ugly) head in your area. Just remember that this is the time of year when distilleries like gift packs and hanging minis on the neck's of larger bottles so be on the lookout. There are a good many new products which will also be launched (in miniature too) during this time.

So see you toward the end of the year. Keep thinking small.

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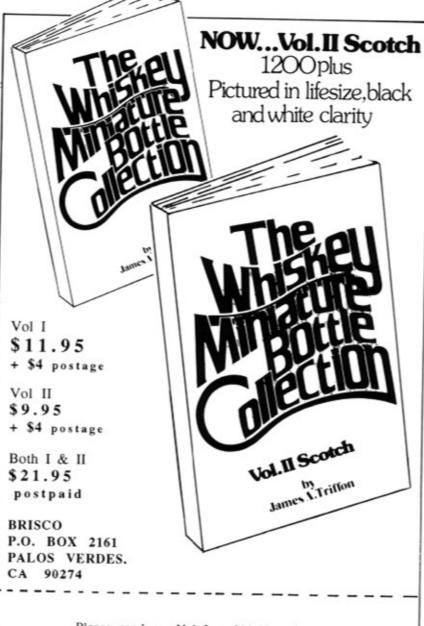
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Our Cover

This time we have quite a unique bottle for you. This ceramic plane is a replica of one which was very well known in Holland. In fact, the DDA see on the plane stands for "Dutch Dakota Association". This piece was retired (which means destroyed) after the plane it represented crashed. Only a few of these are known to have escaped the destruction. It was filled by the A.v. Wees distilleerderif and contains Uiver, Echte Onversneden Korewijn at 40% alc.

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WHAT'S NEW



Let's call this group of bottles the "vacation specials". With just one exception, you have to leave the U.S. to find all of these new ones. That bottle is good one to begind with as it's the only plastic in our group. This is the Pearl Vodka which isn't as mediocre as you might think. It's got it's own particular shape and you might call its color "pearlescent".

Next we come to a group of bottles found in Spain and sent to us by collector Miguel Bilbao. Selecto is a Gran Reserve Brandy in a very nice pebbled bottle.It's quite reminiscent of some of the bottles which came from Mexico in the 1930's. Then we have Royal Café Cream Llqueur which sports a fancy label and comes in a nicely embossed bottle.

Las Endrinas is probably the least exciting of all the bottles as it comes in a plain flask. However our last two from Miguel are rums from Columbia and Cuba. These are the Ron Medellin Anejo and the Conde de Cuba. If you're a rum collector, these two









should be ones you'd definitely seek. Great label and embossing on the Medellin while the Conde is, of course, from Cuba.

We go all the way down to New Zealand now for Shepherd's Export Whisky and John Brown Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. Ian Butcher of NZ brought these with him to the St. Louis show and needless to say, his supply didn't last long. Both bottles have excellent picture labels. And for you bourbon collectors, here's another one of





Maple Lia

those pesky exports which have been turning up in all parts of the globe.

Our last two bottles come from Canadian collector, Brian de Athe. In the past there have been a few different maple liqueurs produced. but Oh Canada Maple Cream Whisky and Oh Canada Maple Liqueur are two which appear much more intriguing than those of the past. Now I have to get a second set ... to taste!

Back at the end of the year for a group of bottles which you can find here in the U.S. -DMS--

Tequila





I know that those of you who love glass bottles are going to look at some of these pictures and drool. Tired of those plain old straight glass that get churned out by the gazillions? Well, the remedy is to make it to a bottle show and find bottles such as these. Of course the ceramics here are nothing to sneeze at either.

Two collectors from Mexico brought all but one of these bottles with them to the St. Louis show. The one bottle which is Noble cobalt blue ceramic. Needless to say, these pieces didn't stay on the tables very long.

My other personal favorite beside the two bottles shown on the last issue's cover is the Don Tacho with the blown glass agave plant in the bottom of the bottle. This is a slightly larger bottle with 80ml contents which means it can never be imported here. The Herencia is similar to other bottles sold here but still not your average glass bottle. As with the first three, it is 38% alcohol.



With our last glass bottle, we change pace. Obviously patterning themselves after the very successful vodka "see through" bottles, the Hacienda de Oro is the first to use this marketing tool...and it is a good one. The large size of this one is currently available here so let's hope the mini comes in.

The remaining four bottles are very nicely done ceramics; however, for me they don't quite have the character of the glass bottles. As noted above, the Casa







Mexico

to contribute

information and pictures. you'll see them here.

more

SCOTCH

David Maund



Every once in a while, I get some poorly done pictures so I shall apologize in advance if some of my bottles this time don't come out too well. In any case, let's begin with bottles which feature three of the members of the Royal Family.

Issued by Connoisseur in Scotland last year, this set gives the Queen Mother and celebrates her 100th birthday; Anne, The Princes Powel's 50th birthday; and

Prince William's 18th birthday. No word yet if a bottle has been issued for the Queen's 75th birthday this year.

Previously I've shown you individual bottles which were done for Jenner's Dept. Store in Edinburgh, but this is the first set that I know of. We have four malts here each from a different area of Scotland and each in a different



While in Scotland I was fortunate enough then to visit the Springbank Distillery waaaay out in Campbeltown. It's worth the trip even without the superb miniature which was only available for those who actually visited the distillery. It's sold only there.

If you're wondering about the Classic Malts bottle, it's another interesting one. Surely you're







Well, this is a taste tester to see if you can pick out which of the six it is. I wouldn't even try, but I was very keen on adding this to my collection.

Thought you might be interested in a pair of Macallans.

The 20 year old was one especially done for our MBC club here in the U.K. and should be considered another millennium bottling. The other Macallan is the one we most







often see but which the rest of the world does not.

Finally a trio issued last year and quite easy to find. These the the 10yo Ardbeg Malt, the 10yo Lochindaal and the 16yo Glen Moray. This last one is a bit dear but still a nice addition from Glen Moray.

Hope you've enjoyed my baker's dozen plus one. I'll be back with clearer pictures next time.



MANHATTAN



About forty plus years ago, one of the great places to buy bottles was Mannie's Liquors in Miami, Florida. Mannie's had quite a clientele as lists were sent all over the U.S. so collectors might add new bottles to their collections.

Some of the most unique bottles were those issued by the store itself. Pieces were purchased wherever they could be found and then filled with a non-alcoholic cordial. You can see the Kuemmel labels on a couple of the pieces while Crème de Rose Cordial was another typical content.

You may find some of these at flea markets, swap meets and garage sales for pennies. If you find them at a bottle show, you'll pay dollars...many dollars. In coming issues we'll show you more







MELO'S MINIS

by MIKE OLSON



In this article I would like to feature some of my favorite "Railroad" bottles, plus we'll look at a great pre-pro pumpkin seed flask bottle.

The so-called Railroad bottles were produced by Brown-Forman in the late 1940's and 1950's and had felt back labels printed mostly in brown. These bottles were also used by airlines and even some were made up for private organizations and/or individuals.

It's difficult to say how many of these exist, but I have about 20. I would guess there are at least 50 different ones, but probably less than 100. These bottles are highly Sought after by most collectors, with yours truly being in the minority. I like them, but have never placed a high priority on adding them to my collection.

is printed in purple, which is different. I like the Chicago North Western because my uncle worked for the line and I rose the trains when I was a kid. The Santa Fe and Union Pacific are very historic railroads and both have nice labels. The last of these is Eastern Air Lines and is printed in red. I have never seen this one before and would guess it's fairly rare.

The last bottle can truly be called rare. It is Huguley's Old Amor Whiskey sold by H. M Huguely Co. 134 Canal Street, Boston. As an added bonus, this information is embossed on the back of the bottle.

Finally, I'm happy to say there is a little action in mini whiskys and I'm actually adding bottles to my collection. Amazing!!

Until next time. . . M ELO















We take a few moments now to visit some super ceramic figurals from the 1940's which are rarely seen. They usually only become available when somone is breaking up a collection. What you see here in the picture are eleven of the twelve ceramic figurals that were produced in white with gold outlines and/or highlights. These were made by the M.A.B. Company of France. The missing number twelve is a duck with a fish in its beak.

ceramic figurals which were not gold painted but were done in white with various colors used for enhancement...for example, eyes, beaks, etc. Another company, A. Droz (also in France), used the same bottles but painted them in more drab, matte finish colors. Strangely enough it appears that Droz only produced nineof the twelve (as far as I know). If you have more than nine, please drop me a line with a picture or, at least a description of what you have.



CENTURY HORSES

by Tony Natelli



The Century Distilling Co. of Peoria, Illinois, a division of Hiram Walker, was responsible for a fine group of miniatures during the 1930's. The first six shown here feature the same horse and rider while our final two depict two other "horse" scenes.

Century Club Straight Rye (black label), Century club Straight Rye 5 yr. (red label), and Century Club Bourbon start us off. Our third bottle predates the other two andwill be

known to collectors. There are a few other varieties of bottles one and two.

Century Bonded Bourbon, and Century's Old Toddy Straight Rye will prove a little more difficult to find while the Century Gin is reasonably common.

Old Dover and Dr. Dick are the prizes of this group. Btoh are grand, old scarce miniatures. There was also a prior, very, very valuable Old Dover that almost never turns up. —T.N.—





FRORR

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI



This time I would like to present to you some Japanese spirits of Syochu miniatures which appeared during from the second half of 1999 to the first half of 2001.

The first is TAIGA NO ITTEKI which means a drop of the great river. There is a Japanese word which means long matured liquor. Yes, it is 3 years old and rather rare in the case of Syochu. It is 8cm tall and 50ml contents at 25% alcohol. As you see, the clear glass cylinder is covered with a Japanese







Syuzou, Miyazaki, Kyushu.

The next four Syochu are from Takara Syuzo Co. which is famous as an owner of Tomatin Distillery, Scotland. The Takara define two different distillation type which has come to Japan from Greece and Egypt...one through the western route and the other the eastern. The world map of silk-screen labels imagined the thing. They were available only as samples.

The JUN LEGEND is a traditional type of Takara Syochu

and it came from the west. It is a 9cm tall clear cylinder glass with 50ml contents at 25% alcohol.

The ARACK 20% (gray map) and 25% (brown map) came through the eastern route and is blended with sugar cane distilled in Southeast Asia. They are 11.5cm tall in clear round glass and 50ml contents.

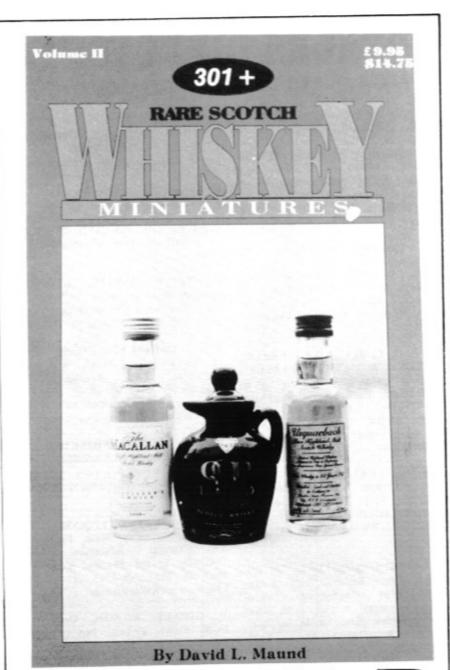
The ZIPANG is also a sample miniature. Did you know the Zipang was available in France? In May 2001 it appeared in Japan too. The bottle is very beautiful and



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unique. It is a Japanese picture window bottle and you can see an ukiyoe pictured Mt. Fuji by Hokusai. It is 11.5cm tall frosted window bottle with 50ml contents at 25% alcohol.

The last one is JINRO which is imported from Korea, so it is Korean Syochu from Jinro Ltd. The Jinro is one of the larger distillers in Korea. It is a sample in 12cm tall green glass, 50ml contents at 25% alcohol.



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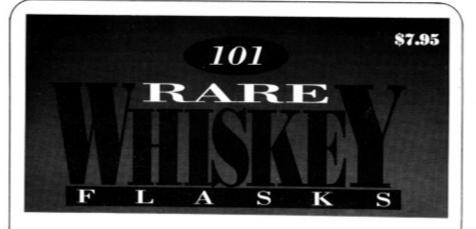
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