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On the cover this time are two very nice old rums. These are the beginning of what you'll be seeing beginning with the next issue. Today we think of rums coming mostly from the Caribbean. Previously they were distilled there but bottled in England, Scotland, France, and even our New England. We'll return to some you some of those fascinating older bottles.

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Let's Talk

Well, the results are in and to paraphrase Sally Field at the Oscars a few years back, "You liked it. You really liked it".

Of course I'm talking about the previous issue, number 169. That was our first issue in the new 48 page size. Letters and phone calls were all positive with nary a dissent. I guess it was the sheer number of articles that everyone liked.

Actually there was one different comment from our columnist Mike Olson. Mike allowed as how he liked it in the new size but he would still prefer us to go monthly. Never having been one to escape from either positive or negative criticism, I still ran screaming from the room at the thought of what a monthly issue would entail. Since getting most people to write even a small article is akin to asking them to spend three hours in the dentist's chair for a root canal, I didn't think monthly was too good an idea. Mike and a couple of other writers though are diehard collectors who would like nothing better than to receive new bottle information on a daily basis. And I concur.

One way you can definitely receive new info daily is with the internet. I'm always looking for new and interesting web sites and have one for you this time. It's

from Austin, Nichols & Co. and you bourbon lovers should really enjoy this new Wild Turkey site, Wildturkeybourbon.com. The site offers visitors an array of options, including a virtual tour of the distillery, 30 Wild Turkey cocktail recipes and details about the latest happenings at the distillery. The site also features the Wild Turkey Store, which sells Wild Turkey paraphernalia, like denim jackets and golf umbrellas. And finally, bourbon connoisseurs can join the Rare Breed Society, an insider's loyalty club for Wild Turkey fans.

Remember our web site is www.bourbon.com and soon we'll be posting a few new short articles on a regular basis. The digital camera is already fired up and June 1st is the target date. You'll have just one more place to see bottles and get information.

I'd like now to make a plea to try to stop people, not collectors, who are using eBay to sell new bottles. They aren't supposed to be selling anything that's available currently; however, there was one individual who took the bottles out of the new small batch bourbon set, selling them individually and taking great advantage of people who didn't know the bottles were available. The same is true with some Russian vodkas which are sold here. When you see this happening, report them to eBay. You'll be doing all collectors a favor.

Keep thinking small. --DMS--

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WHAT'S NEW



As usual we have quite a line up for you this time. From the beautiful to the most plebian, from the most delicious to the "what the hell was that, and from far and near...here they are.

Only four are available in the U.S., two very close and six you

have to vacation (or get on the web) to find. Those just waiting for us to pull them off the shelves are Louis Royer V.S.O.P. Cognac, Bunratty Meade, and two from that paragon of taste, Bartenders. They are Awesome Orange Cream and Tequila





Strawberry. (Note: go crazy...mix it with the Baja Luna from the Tequila article.)

Royer is a very old name in cognac and you'd think it would be an old French product. Well, it's owned by Suntory and has been for about fifteen years now. Alain Royer has his own cognac line, A. de Fussigny, which we've shown you previously.

This ceramic jug of Bunratty Meade is another version of the jugs or flagons as they're known there which celebrate the famous

old Bunratty Castle in Ireland. This one happens to be a 100ml version.

What can be said about Bartenders visions of liqueurs? Nothing good.

In the two from the "not-too-far-out-of-the-country" category, we have the Icewines. These are from Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, which is a beautiful area for the wineries and also has a lovely little resort town which does a Shaw Festival every year. The two are **Reif Estate** and **Konzelmann**.



There are others which may be found too and we've shown some of those before. Icewines are dated and these are 1998 and 2000 respectively.

Our remaining bottles are from the Azores and France. From the former comes the set of three liqueurs by **Santo Antao**. These are available on line from the main website of the Azores Islands. The last three are marvelous examples of the glass maker's art. The little one which may disappear completely depending on the printing is Poire

William while the two taller cobalt blue pieces contain Framboise, These are produced in various designs by **Regine Cataly**. A few may make it to shops in Paris, but usually these are just found in the south of France. They are well worth the look. We have fellow collector Harland Johnson to thank for these.

So, a dozen truly different pieces in one or more ways. Obviously there is some-thing here for everyone.

SCOTCH

David Maund

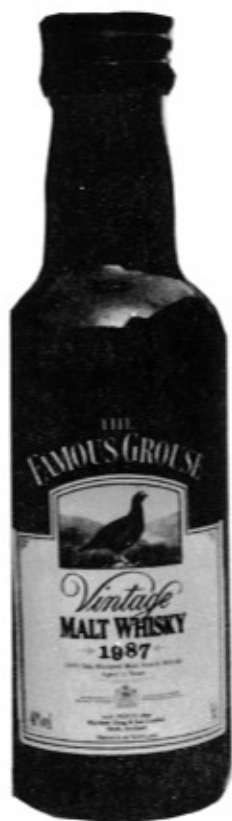


This is going to be not my longest article. As I'm going to spend a couple of issues looking at some older bottles, I wanted to show you some odd bits from here and there.

The **ABERLOUR** is a new version which I imagine everyone will want to add to their collections. Arriving in its own

tube is a nice touch too. This will be found just about everywhere as Aberlour is found almost worldwide.

Thinking along the idea of worldwide, the rest of the bottles fit in nicely. My candidates for mysterious bottles are **Angus Dundee** pure malt and **The Dundee** blended. Same company,



nicely different labels and available in completely different parts of the world. The former is found only in the States in California (or so I've been told) while the latter is found in various areas of Europe. My question is... why?

Two more world "travelers" are

year old and **The Famous Grouse Malt 1987**. I haven't seen these in the U.K. but they were found in Germany and Holland. Those of you who specialize in malts have two more to search for now.

Our last two bottles haven't traveled but they represent something which has. These are **The Royal Yacht Britannia** blend and malt. The latter is a nice 15 year old. These two came about I believe because the Royal

Yacht is currently berthed in Edinburgh and I've heard a small store has been erected to sell souvenirs. Fortunately everyone in Scotland knows that scotch, particularly in miniature size, makes a wonderful souvenir.

So a short visit this time. In the summer I'll have some nice old ones from Tower Blending for you. Then maybe I'll even have found something good at the St. Louis show in April. --
D.L.M.—



GIVEAWAYS?



Sometimes you get lucky and find something completely out of the ordinary. Last Christmas I received this pair of German flasks as a gift. Since then I've shown them to any number of people and no one seems to have seen them before. Approximately 3 1/2 and 4 1/2 inches tall, the bottles would probably hold about two

The Latin phrase *In Hoc Signo Vinces* is easily translated as *In This Sign We Conquer*. However, it's the two letters below the symbol that have me stumped. They appear to be "K T". This could stand for Kappa Tau and these then were fraternity drinking flasks. At any rate, if you know something about these, please share it with the rest of us.

RUM



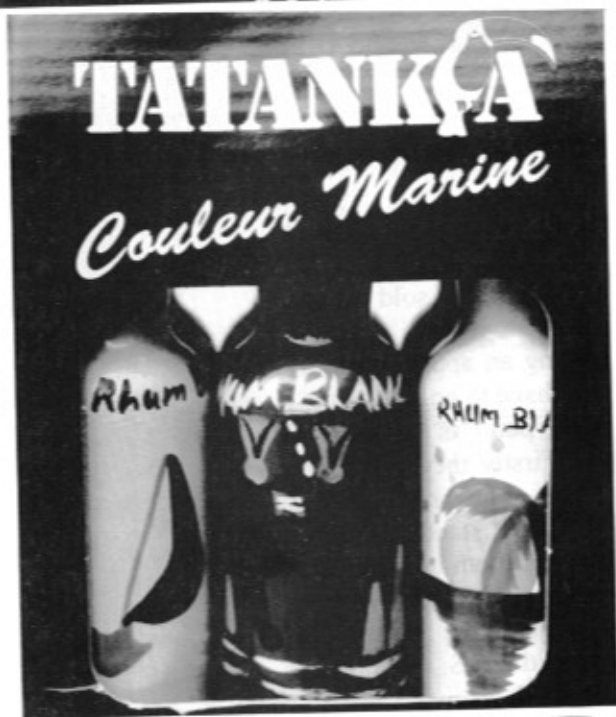
We're going to be running a series on great old rums but thought you might like to see a few newer ones which with a little digging you can find.

The easiest ones to come by are the two plastic ones which are available in several states. These are **Forres Park** and **Royal Oak**. Both are products of Trinidad. The **El Dorado** is found throughout large parts of the Caribbean and is rumored to be in one or two states. Nice dark rum

with a good label.

The two souvenir packs can be found in almost all of the islands. The rums are in hand painted bottles and you can find three packs and six packs. One comes from St. Martin while the other is from Martinique which is where the rums usually come from in these packs.

And speaking of Martinique, the two **Courvilles** hail from there. Nice colorful label on the dark and light. My bet though for great





label has to be on the **Kweyol** Spice Rum. This product of St. Lucia could not be sold in the U.S. That naked person (Eve...picking an apple??) on the label would have to go.

The last pair is the most interesting. Firstly they are flasks and secondly they are from St. Kitts. The **C S R** stands for Cane Sugar Rum and both are from the same company. The large version of the Saint Kitts Rhum is imported into the U.S., but not the mini.



SMALL BATCH BOURBON

SMALL BATCH BOUTIQUE BOURBON



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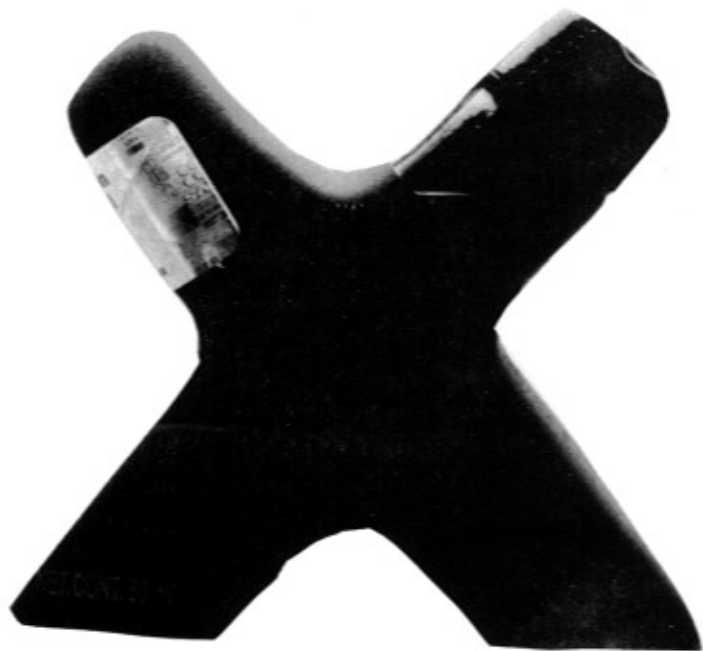
Early this year there appeared in Kentucky and Scotland, this set of Small Batch Boutique Bourbon. Exact replicas of the larger bottles, these miniatures were grabbed off the shelves as quickly as they appeared.

If the picture is a little small, the four are Noah's Mill, Pure Kentucky, Rowan's Creek, and

Kentucky Vintage. Please note that all are glass and shaped differently from one another. As with similar sets which have preceded this one, the bottles are found in a wooden case.

The set sold for approximately \$20 which today is a very nice price for four high end bourbons.

TEQUILA



Of all the tequilas being produced today, only a handful is being brought into the U.S. in miniature. Oh you can find upwards of 100 interesting large bottles in a well-stocked liquor store. Many of these are extremely expensive. How better then to give the public the opportunity to purchase a miniature, consume it and know the quality of the product. That would require thinking and salesmanship.

Unfortunately today in most wholesale liquor houses in the non-control states, those qualities

or characteristics are often missing. The only idea is... "How much Jim Beam, Canadian Club, Seagram's, etc. can I sell? If most of them had their way, there wouldn't be any new products and they could just take their orders. So salesmen (pardon "genderizing") have become order takers. Knowing this the wholesaler doesn't want to waste his time handling something the "order taker" doesn't want to "sell". Hence, miniatures stay in the home countries.

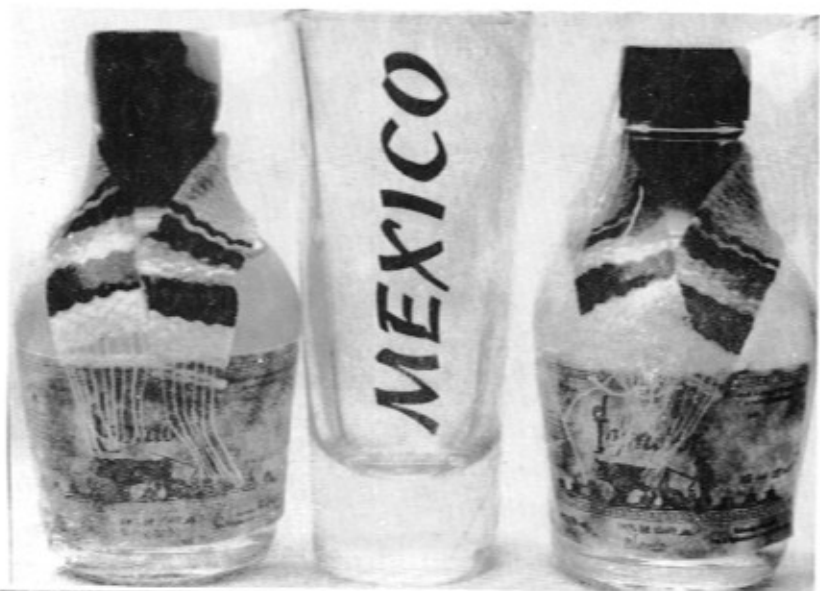
So, after sermonizing, here are



some of those which haven't made it across the border. XO is a marvelous blue ceramic "X". It at least is due here this spring.

Los Socios is a nice squat little bottle and one of the few you'll find designated by "joven" or "young, youthful". This must really be fiery since many tequilas are only months old as it is. **Dos Coronas** is shown here only in the blanco but it also comes in an older version. **Jalisciense** is a reposado and the only one this time in a square or rectangular bottle.





Down in Nogales across from Arizona, I found the slightly larger **El Gran Viejo** or The Great One or Great Man. This is an anejo and was the most expensive mini in Nogales at \$15! Well done though with a hand blown bottle covered in places with rawhide. Also in Nogales was the "gringo special". This means the ridiculously overpriced bottle because you have to buy it with a souvenir of Mexico shotglass. These are **Labrador** which are blanco and reposado.

So much for those in Mexico. In

Germany you'll find the **Tequila Silla** while in Spain you'll find (one of the versions) **Tequila Zapata**. Of course here in the U.S. we have two plastics, **Sauza Gold** and the inimitable **Baja Luna**. This little gem is a mixture of tequila and black raspberry flavoring!! However, I did save the best for last. This is the **Tenoch**, a very well done ceramic which is made to resemble the agave plant. It's apt that we close with this as it's from the same company as the opening XO.



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only the large bottles.

Now raise your hand if you
knew there was more than one
tulip?

VODKA

by JOHN SULLIVAN



Last year my business led me to Viet Nam. I knew that there were some vodkas available there as a Vietnamese collector had sent a few to several collectors in the U.S. So, I was very determined that I would find some of those bottles.

In making the long story short, I didn't find them. However, with

the help of a business acquaintance, I was able to find the seven bottles here. The photography doesn't show it, but these are extremely crude bottles. Both the glass and the closures look like "seconds". Mind you though, I'm certainly not complaining; I'm just more than happy to have these in my



collection.

Several of the labels appear to be similar and they could be from various time periods in the last few years. A predominant color is red which in most of Asia is seen as a good luck color.

Now I'm wondering just how many vodkas are available in Viet



MARCO LIQUORS

At 46 South Clark Street in Chicago there was once a store which for collectors was a magical place. This was the home of the Marco Liquor Company. Marco was both an importer and a retailer thus a great many miniature bottles were brought into the country for collectors.

The store was managed by G. F. Marco or Jerry as he was known. From running a liquor store, Jerry made his way up the corporate ladder and when he retired about twenty years ago he stepped down from the Presidency of Ezra Brooks Bourbon. It was in this capacity that I became friends with him and learned much about the old store in Chicago. One of the many tasks he told me he performed was putting the little

Illinois state decals on all the bottles.

What follows now is just one list from the Marco Liquor Company. This list was used in late 1939 and early 1940. At that time the law had changed in Illinois and regular, straight glass whiskies, gins, etc. were no longer allowed. The law took effect on January 1, 1939, which "permitted the sale of any type of wine and miniatures in fancy, distinctive shapes where there would be no possible use for consumption. Therefore regulating the sale to collectors and fanciers."

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- t-11 Dachshund - Green Ears
- t-12 Elephant
- t-13 Pelican (Orange Beak)
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ABSINTHE



Once again we return to the world of Absinthe (with or without a final "e"). Of all the ones we've shown in previous issues, one of these two is my favorite.

Both these bottles were found in London in 2001. England seems to have a much more lenient policy towards this liqueur as absinthe was a famous drink in France but is no longer allowed there except in a much more

watered down form and a different name.

The Hill's Absinthe is another bottle from the Czech Republic. It's in an interestingly-shaped bottle but with a rather plain label. My favorite among all these is the French **La Fee**. It's the eye that does it for me...sort of Salvador Dali-ish.

Sometime soon we'll have a complete rundown on the known absintnes, both old and new.

MELO'S MINIS

by MIKE OLSON



OK, here are some bottle you can really drool over (sorry, David). Also, all these bottles have some interesting connections. For example, there was a corktop version of bottle number one in the big 1989 whiskey auction. I lost out on it and always felt I should have bid a little higher. Anyway, I ended up getting a much nicer version of the **Kentucky View Bourbon**

Whiskey bottled for Samuel Klibanow & Co. Chicago. It's in a keg-shaped embossed bottle and has a great looking label printed in red, black and gold. I recently acquired this from a local trash collector. It seems someone threw out a box of 1930's minis. Go figure!

Next we have a pair of great looking **Chicken Cocks**. The pre-pro version was BIB 1909-1914



by The G G White Company of Kentucky. The 1930's version was bottled by the Penn-Maryland Division of National Distillers and is one of the better looking bottles in this series.

The next bottle is unusual for what it is not. It is **O. F. C. Bourbon Whiskey** Bottled by Wm H Lee & Co. St. Louis, MO and has a very nice multicolored label. It

Schenley) as distiller, but does come from the O F C Distillery of Frankfort, Ky. The next pre-pro is **Old Prentice Whisky** Bottled by (the famous) J T S Brown & Sons of Louisville, Ky. It has a gold label printed in red, blue and black. The flat pre-pro is **Old Sage Bottled in Bond Whiskey** by H. S. Barton Distiller, a very famous name in whiskey history.

The last four bottles all have



McHenry for brand names. The pre-pro McHenry Pure Rye Whiskey is from Rohr McHenry Distilling Co. of Benton, PA. It is an amber square bottle and has a black three paneled label as does our next bottle. The McHenry Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey was Distilled by The McHenry Distilling Co. of Greenbrier, Ky. This is one of the highly sought after square whiskeys from the 1960's and '70's. The remaining two bottles are Fort McHenry Blended Whiskey from the Crosse &

Blackwell Co. of Baltimore. The amber glass is fairly common, while the clear glass is rare.

Finally, a note about the big 1989 whiskey auction for those of you not familiar with it. It was a mail and phone auction of over 3000 American whiskeys and had some truly great bottles. It had TWO DIFFERENT Old Camels plus dozens of California bottles. Can you imagine what this would be like on the internet. It boggles the mind.

Until next time. . .M E L O . . .



TREASURES OF THE PAST

by BUTCH JONES



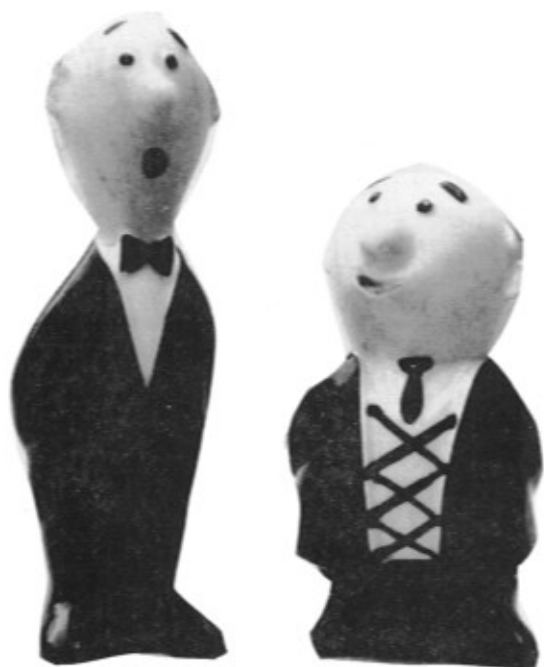
Five unrelated but super scotches are shown in this month's article. We begin with a scotch in a slightly larger bottle than most scotches are bottled in. This scotch is **Golden Cap** Old Scotch whisky. It is 70 proof and bottled by J. C. & R. H. Palmer, Bridport. The label is white with orange on the top and a mountain in the center. The **Campbell's** is a Tomintoul Special Highland Whisky, 100 proof. The scotch was bottled and blended for P & J Campbell, The Glenlivet Whisky Depot, Tomintoul. It was an

The third mini is one of several produced over the years by **Hudson's Bay** Best Procurable Scotch Whisky. This scotch is in a brown flask. The fourth miniature is a great scotch from the 1930's. This **Highland Nectar** blended scotch whisky has a tax stamp dated Mar 15, 1939. This scotch is 86.8 proof and is 12 years old.

The last one is from Japan. It is "**Ne Plus Ultra**", the very first scotch whisky of great age. It was specially reserved and selected by John Dewar & Sons, Ltd. Perth, Scotland.

'Til next time. —B.J.—

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HARRY and BERT

by **SCOTT P. SPAID**

If you take a good luck at beer collectibles today, you can find pins, steins, glasses, and you name it. In the salt and pepper category, Hamm's, Stroh and of course Budweiser come to mind. However, one of the earlier salt and pepper sets which fits right into my mini beer collection as a go-with is this set which represents Harry and Bert Piel of Piel's Beer.

They're pictured with their mouths open and in almost every commercial that's the way you'd find them...talking your ear off. These two were the "stars" of a series of humorous animated commercials back a few years...ah, make that decades. Occasionally found on e-bay or your ubiquitous antique mall, they're a nice addition to any mini beer collection.

--S. P. S.--

HENNESSY

1873



The newest of the fancy (and very expensive) cognacs has arrived. The large size of this bottle is now on sale here in the U.S. and in many other countries. Unfortunately, the miniature is not. As far as is known, it's not being sold over the counter anywhere. Only a very few miniatures were done to promote this new offering. Below is the text of what's on the cover of the box and this will undoubtedly explain why.

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THE SMIRNOFF STORY

by **John Sullivan**

Several years ago I was given a Russian Smirnoff miniature vodka by one of my Russian distributors. This is the one that has the name written in Cyrillic letters on the label. The other really interesting and identifying thing about this mini is that it is 60ml not 50ml. I don't believe I have ever seen a 60ml mini vodka before this one. And it is a very nice cut glass bottle.

I usually go to Russia two or three times a year on business. On each trip I have taken in the last five years since I had received this bottle from my distributor, I have looked in many stores to find more of these really nice bottles because many of my friends have asked me for one. I have never been able to find one in any store,

including the Smirnoff shop in the famous Eliason Delicatessen on Tverskaya Street. They even told me in that shop that Smirnoff does not even make a miniature vodka. It has been driving me quite crazy, as you can imagine, since I already had one in my collection.

So on this last visit to Moscow in May, I looked in the telephone book, both white and yellow pages, for a listing of the Smirnoff offices. I came up empty. There was no listing for the company. So now I was bound and determined to find them. I went to the concierge at my hotel and asked him if he knew how I could find the Smirnoff offices in Moscow. He said he would check with his friend and let me know. The next day he told me that he



had had some success. His friend knew a guy who knew a guy who worked at the Smirnoff offices. He gave me a telephone number and the name Dimitri and said to call him. So I had my Russian engineer, Stan, call him and we made an appointment for 10am the next morning.

The next morning Stan and I took the Metro (which is, by the way, one of the nicest in the world) to the Oktoberskaya station and began to look for the address of the building we were given. We finally found the big building but it had no sign and a great big steel fence all around it. We finally got past the guard at the gate and got to the reception center.

We asked for Dimitri and were told he was not there. We were

then kind of rudely asked by the receptionist what our business was at this office. As Stan began to explain to her, a well-dressed man walked in with his briefcase and asked the receptionist what was going on. It turned out he was the Managing Director of Smirnoff and was just coming in to work.

Stan knows I am a big vodka collectors of miniature bottles so he answered to the guy rather than waiting for the receptionist. He told the guy that I was a very important American visitor and collector and that we had an appointment with Dimitri. After inviting us into his office, he called Dimitri on the telephone and the next thing I knew, Dimitri was walking into this office with three miniature Smirnoff vodka bottles for me.

The Director then made another call and someone else came into the office with one of the all time great gifts... a box that looked like a book. Inside the box was another box that looked like a book but when you opened it, it contained three 100ml Smirnoff vodkas. There was also an actual book in the box which was the history of the Smirnoff distillery going back to 1853 when the distillery was founded by Peter Smirnoff.

We chatted for about another fifteen minutes until the Director made another call. Then a woman arrived with my final gift which was a 750ml bottle of Smirnoff Juniper flavored vodka. Yes,



that's right, Juniper flavored vodka. The same juniper berries from which they make gin. This is quite common in Russia. However, the Smirnoff difference is that they use the juice of the actual berries in their process where all the other distillers who make the same flavor of vodka use an extract tht they buy.

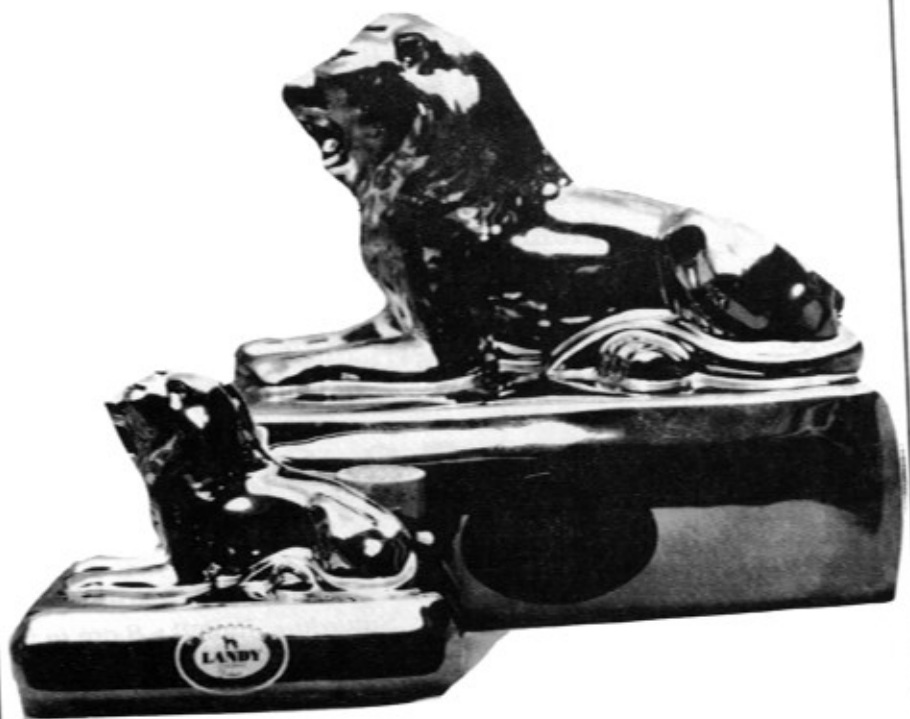
Mr. Gusov, the Managing Director, went on to tell us that the miniature Smirnoff is not sold in any stores. It is strictly a promotional item and is only given out at tastings and other functions. So now you can understand how difficult it is to get hold of one of these little beauties.

Oh yes, after I got back to the hotel, I thanked the concierge and asked him why they were not listed in the telephone book. He very quietly whispered to me that it is quite common in Moscow for companies not to be listed in the telephone book for a couple of reasons. #1 they don't want the public to know where they are because many times the public might get mad at them for some crazy reason and then call the tax police to report some problem. #2 is they don't want criminals to know where they are located.

So now you know the "rest of the story" about the real Smirnoff miniature from Russia.

--J. S.--


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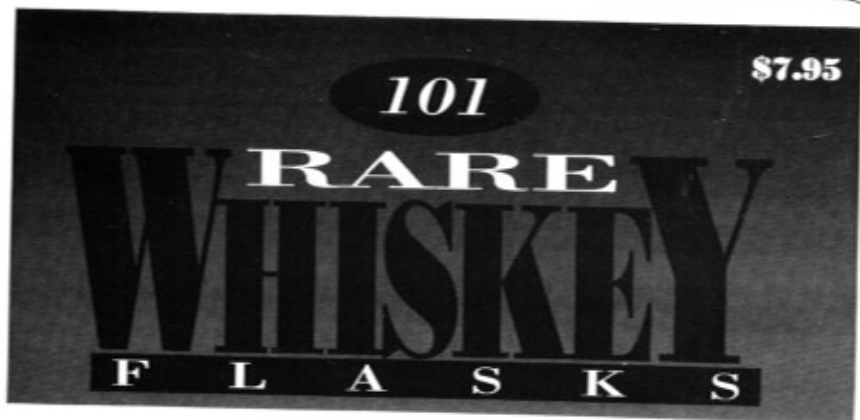
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