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Our Cover:

On the cover of this issue you see a set of five **GLENHAVEN** Single Malt Scotch Whiskies. These were found at the Hi Times Liquor Store in Costa Mesa, CA and at no time could you find all five. They arrived individually and only twelve of each were available. They are notable because they are not only quite rare but also because the labels are shrinks of the large ones. They don't contain 750ml!

FROM THE EDITOR:

Look at that, a new title. Since the magazine has been changing, I thought it was a good idea to have a new title here. I do take pride in this publication and thought I could take credit for it!

Actually, I'd like to bury my head in the sand because of that last issue. To say that it was jam packed with problems is like talking about that tip of the iceberg with the Titanic.

Putting aside the fact that some of the pages were printed too dark and some too light, it was the shape of some of the bottles that sent me into orbit.

After a great deal of thinking we finally figured out that the pressman thought he could improve the pictures if he didn't work with the pages I brought in but instead would replace them with camera negatives which he would cut out. This man no longer works for the printer. End of story.

Moving on, I want to mention a new book which has just been published. This is *The American Whiskey Jug* by Jack Sullivan and you'll find an ad for it elsewhere in this issue. Jack's name should surely be familiar as he has written many interesting articles for us in the past and has another this time. The book centers almost exclusively on larger bottles; however, if you have a love of

bottles and history, you'll definitely enjoy it.

Last time there was another gremlin which wiped out our web site address. You know it starts with www so if I don't use that I can trick the computer into printing it correctly. Don't forget:

bottlecollecting.com

There seem to be more and more sites popping up on almost a daily basis that are extremely well done and worth spending time with. The Jack Daniels site takes you to places you can't even go to on the tour. I already mentioned in a short column for the Lilliputian Club the Wild Turkey site. Just type the name of the company with no spaces between the words and then put ".com" and you'll be transported to whiskeyland.

Speaking of the Lilliputian Club, it is once again sponsoring the West Coast Mini Bottle Show in Reno. The last one there in 2000 brought out collectors from all over the western states, Canada, and lots of folks from back east. We expect the same again this year except that this time it will be at Circus Circus.

Last time I mentioned that I would have the digital camera fired up by June 1st. It didn't happen. I'm still digitally illiterate. But I will get there...I've already bought the camera!

Keep thinking small!!

--DMS--

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MEET THE COLLECTOR:



Vivian has been an avid collector of miniature liquor bottles for about forty years.

She began when she lived in Reno, Nevada. In the beginning, she was buying bottles for an aunt who was collecting, but soon she was also getting some for herself.

Her collection grew!

After she moved to the Portland, Oregon, area, she began working at Lewis and Clark College. When the professors for whom she worked discovered that she collected minis,

they began bringing bottles back for her any time they traveled to various parts of the world. She not only has bottles from all over the world, but the bottles were purchased in the countries of origin: Russia, China, Peru, Germany, Austria, to name a few.

When she was in need of new carpeting in 1969, she was surprised to see a collection of miniature bottles on display in the carpet shop! Upon inquiring about them, she learned that a small group of collectors had just established a club. She attended their

VIVIAN BETTERIDGE

From
Portland, Oregon



next meeting...and has been a member of the Northwest Miniature Bottle Club ever since. She ultimately purchased the collection she had seen in the carpet shop.

Vivian's collection grew!!

In the sixties and seventies, a good friend and companion who was a cross-country truck driver began bringing bottles back for her (mostly figurals), from the various states to which his route took him: Tennessee, Maryland, Louisiana, and points between.

On one of his stops at Foss Drug, in

Golden, Colorado, he learned that Ski Country has just begun issuing firural decanters in fifth and miniature sizes. He brought the first one issued back for her. She was thrilled with it! Thereafter, Foss Drug became a regular "truck-stop", and each time a new bottle was produced, it was added to Vivian's collection.

She has made various trips to Reno and Las Vegas, each time returning with a number of bottles. Her son, Steven, has added to her collection by purchasing bottles for her on his

Vivian Betteridge



business trips to Japan and Taiwan.

Vivian has six children, all grown now. As each of the children reached maturity and moved out on his or her own, she emptied the bedroom and transformed it into a "bottle room". She now has four "bottle rooms", all lined with shelves and filled with display cases, housing her collection.

She also has a complete wet bar in the basement, the walls of which are lined with shelves, filled with figurals.

Vivian has not specialized...she collects all kinds, along with a variety of "go-withs": swizzle sticks, water pitchers, shot glasses, advertising ash trays, etc.

She says she has about 10,000 bottles,

but those who have seen her collection feel that she has many more than that. Her collection is most certainly one of, if not THE largest collection in the Northwest.

Vivian's collection continues to grow!

With every opportunity she adds to her collection via garage and rummage sales, auctions, liquor stores, and gifts from friends and relatives...AND every month she goes home with a few more bottles from the Northwest Miniature Bottle Club meeting.

It always amazes her fellow club members when Vivian looks at the bottles on display for a Club raffle, picks one up and announces: "I don't have one like this!"

PRE-PRO JUG MINIS

by
Jack Sullivan



Behold three stoneware whiskey minis from the pre-Prohibition Era. The first is Buffet Fine Old Whiskey, standing three and $\frac{1}{4}$ inches. It is two-toned, with a honey brown lip and neck and a tan body. The label was applied over the glaze and the writing at the bottom has smeared slightly. It says: "Ripened in wood; unequaled for family and medicinal purposes."

Whiskey advertising slogans extolling the family and medical benefits of whiskey grew very common early in the 20th Century as state after state turned "dry", largely in protest against saloon life. Just as a "buffet" suggested household stability, so Buffet Old Rye meant to distance itself from the barroom and insinuate itself on the family sideboard.

The second jug is a diminutive 2 and $\frac{1}{4}$ inches, also with an underglaze blue label. It advertises Old Jug Rye. The label is highly unusual since it depicts a jug upon the jug. Moreover, there is a

full-sized jug with an almost identical appearance. Old Jug Rye was a brand of the Freiberg Bros. distillery firm of Cincinnati. Sig and Sol Freiberg operated this establishment from 1899 to 1919.

The last is a true "golden oldie" since it advertises Golden Cream Whiskey. The jug stand 3 and $\frac{1}{2}$ inches high and has an underglaze transferred label in dark blue. The Golden Cream brand was registered to the Weiss-Eichold firm of Mobile, Alabama, in 1906. The liquor must have achieved something of a national reputation, however, since it was advertised by the Astor Company, a San Francisco whiskey distributor, on give-away merchandise like shot glasses.

Ultimately, however, no amount of advertising, merchandising or hype mattered and all these brands – as well as the firms that made and marketed them – disappeared after 1920.

--J.S.--



GRAPPA

All those with cast-iron stomachs who have their nightly grappa libation, please stand up...if you can. Just as Scotland has its scotch, England has its gin, Kentucky has its bourbon, and Japan has its sake...southern Italy has its grappa.

The orris or detritus of the wine making process all seem to end up in grappa. Thus you will find a great many types of grappa and each type will have a different base wine. For all the different types you find, in Italy you will also find them available in miniature.

Included on these pages are some of the more recent releases from a few of the companies producing grappa-filled minis. Let's begin with the fish. These are actually two different bottles. The one with the easily read label, which shows a Cabernet Grappa, is clear glass while the other fish is frosted. However, both were hand blown on the famous island of Murano outside of Venice. These both have 4cl contents.





From the same company Zamperoni Liquori, comes the 10cl Murano vase with stopper and signed picture. Unlike most fancy bottles which are found in liquor stores throughout the rest of the world, in Italy these are found in bakeries, gourmet and tourist shops. A "regular" liquor store will net you only a few common bottles.

The individual tall bottle of Grappa di Chianti is another 4cl bottle but this is from the Franciscano company. This is a company which makes many excellent collector bottles. The set of three short bottles are also from Franciscano and are frosted glass in different colors: green, red, and blue. (Yes, I snuck in the Amaro in the center.)

The last group show other varieties of grappa bottles. All three of these are in cobalt blue glass and beautifully done. The first is from Vieux Moulin di Borra and contains 4cl. (Why does an Italian company have a French name of "old windmill"?) The other two bottles are again from Franciscano. Number two is a 10cl bottle while the third is again a 4cl bottle.

Next time we'll take a look at some other fancy Italian bottles which found their way to the U.K. last Christmas.



from

CYPRUS



From Nicos Zevlaris in Cyprus comes this nice new set of six bottles. There truly is something here for almost every specialized collector. Note that rum, vodka, tequila and gin are all represented. The other two are the ouzo and a wine aperitif, Zivania. They are produced by Platani in Cyprus.

MELO'S MINIS

by MIKE OLSON



Actually what I told David was I would like to get an issue every WEEK! Anyway, in this article we'll look at three nice bottles from the 1930's, plus some nice export bottles.

Recently a collector in Scotland auctioned off most of his bourbons on the internet. About a dozen or so were variations of known bottles and/or famous brands of American whiskeys. All of these were in the same clear glass bottle circa 1960. Some of these bottles were lacking information which would be required for domestic sales. I am not sure where they were sold, but I do know they are out of a big collection from Germany. They do not have any foreign markings and I am still researching them. The collector still has a round Bank Club Casino bottle,

unlike all the ones I have ever seen which were in a flat bottle. Anyway, now to the bottles.

We lead off with Green Mountain Spirit Whiskey from American Grain Distillers, Inc. (later Sampson) of Detroit. It has a great looking multi-colored label and comes in a highly embossed bottle. Next is Old Doc Pepper A Blended Whiskey from the Dr. James Pepper Corp. of Frankfort, Kentucky. Both of these are very rare and I had never seen bottle number three.

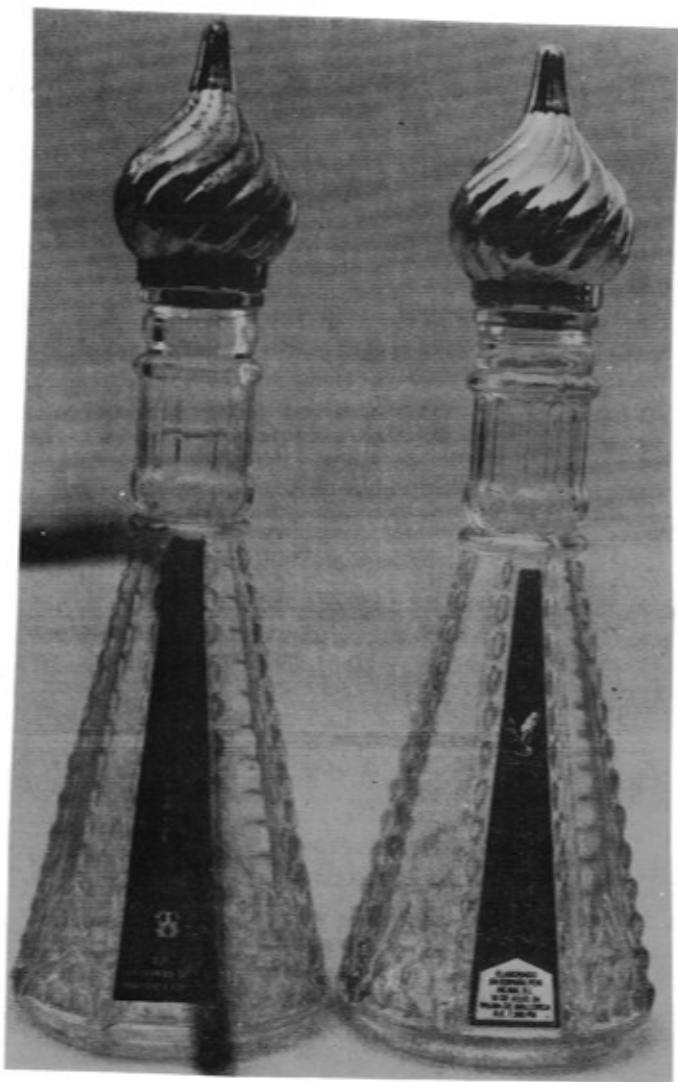
It is Federal Reserve Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey from the Federal Distillers Inc. of Fort Knox, Kentucky.

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VODKA

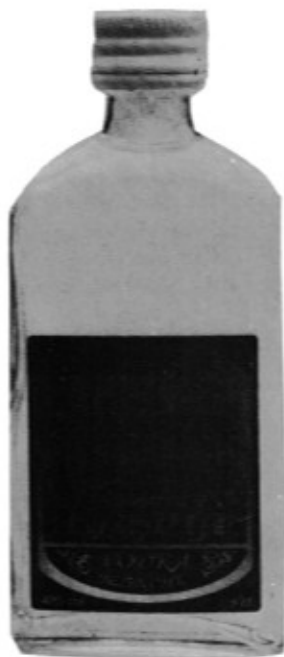
by JOHN SULLIVAN



A good many odds and ends for you this time. Let's begin with our one "figural" from Spain. This is the newest version of a bottle which has been around many years. I've heard it referred to as the spire or tower, but no matter what you call it, it's a very nice piece. Only the tiny wedge-shaped label has changed down through the years.

The Kaspia I like because of the ship on the label and that it is a flat or flask bottle. I imagine that Kaspia might come from Caspian...as in Sea? Sorry that it's not a better picture.

Three rather common place bottles are the Ultra, Wundroyka, and the Batschari. The first of the three has the most "pizzazz" if indeed we can so



designate a straight glass bottle.

From Italy come the two fancy bottles with flavored vodkas. This is extremely well done glass work and I'm glad of that because the contents don't exactly spur me on. Melon vodka...no thanks. Great in the collection, not on the palate.

From the U.S. come four more flavored vodkas (but we're only showing you two). These are the Charbay from the maker in northern California. The man responsible for these has won many prizes and accolades for his liqueurs so I imagine his Meyer lemon and key lime flavors would be (in the current vernacular) awesome.

A couple of favorites to finish up. Davidoff is responsible for some great cognacs and now they have a Russian vodka (bottled in Germany though) to be proud of. Clean, distinct label.

It is the last bottle that has earned one of the special places in my collection. This Old Thomas from



Estonia takes its place along side Belvedere, Chopin, Dvorak and the other excellent see-through bottles. The Old Thomas name though refers to a building, not a person. The history of this building is presented on the back of the bottle.

Next time more bottles and possibly the complete (as much as I can find out) story of the seven Vincent vodkas. Yes, there are seven and there will be no more glass ones. More next time.

—J.S.—





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FROM JAPAN

by TAIZO SHIRATSUCHI



This time I would like to present to you four special Malt miniature sets from Suntory Co. Ltd.

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These Scotch Malts are imported via Suntory Co. They also import the other Malt Whiskies, for example Auchtochan, Glendronach, The Balvenie, Scapa. So Suntory Co. is the biggest company which imports Scotch Malt Whisky into Japan.

The miniatures are each available except for the Glenfiddich 12yo.

Suntory Hakushu had a new label on the 750ml bottle in June 2000 and at last the miniature has a new label in this set.

There are facial portraits of each Distillery Manager or Malt Master on the box. The bottle's pictures on the box are all 700 or 750ml.

Until next time..... -T.S.-



TREASURES OF THE PAST

by
BUTCH JONES



This time we have three interesting gins for you. We begin with Tenaz Dry Gin as the first mini. This was produced in Spain and the label states that it is Holland-type gin. Next is the Old Pensioner London Dry Gin. The label is yellow and black with a picture of an English pensioner. This was produced in London, England and

imported into Milan, Italy. The bottle is filled with 4.7cl of grade 43% gin.

The last gin is Bosford Extra Dry London Gin. The bottle is a clear almost square bottle. The label is bright red with white letters. There is a picture of a black squirrel at the top. It was produced in Italy by Martini & Rossi.

—B.J.—

BLOWN GLASS



While stocking up for the Christmas holidays at one of the local liquor stores, I suddenly found myself looking at an absolutely gorgeous blown glass Christmas tree bottle. The price was high but it would make a marvelous presentation as the centerpiece of a group of holiday-theme bottles.

Other collectors saw it and found that

they too "couldn't live without it". However, after the holidays the tree bottle was put away, and, as you know, out-of-sight, out-of-mind.

Then in January I came across a Kutszkova vodka. In very tiny print on the back of the bottle was a website www.avimports. Upon visiting the website, I found that not only did AV



Imports in Maryland import the Kutskova vodka but also the Giori Christmas Tree. I also then realized that the Christmas tree was but one of many superb Venetian blown glass bottles from Giori.

Naturally you'll want to go to the website; however, four of those bottles are shown here for you. These are the

dolphins, the octopus, the flamingo, and the swan. The collection is named Le Origini and each bottle contains 100ml of Italian grappa. You might ask, "Where's the Tree bottle?". Well, we're saving it for another issue. Patience will be rewarded.

WHAT'S NEW



What shall we call it this time? I think mixed bag, potpourri, etc. are getting a bit trite, but they do explain what is here. The bottles come from both near and far with some available in the U.S. and others only out of the country.

We'll begin with a pair from Greece. Currently we're in correspondence with a Greek company to show you a great many bottles but I don't believe these two are part of that group. Both are Ouzo or Oyzos as the one spells it. Both are extremely colorful labels but the Stafilina Oyzos is the winner. A silk screened label of a line of Greek male dancers on a uniquely shaped bottle. The other label is just a scene from one of the Greek Isles.

The only other bottle which isn't sold here (but should be) is the 1980 Vintage Bourbon. Clever label with a wax covered closure, this is a must for all whiskey collectors. Of course, it was sold in Scotland. I guess it's fair when we get scotches that aren't sold over there that once in a while they get a bourbon which isn't sold here.

The three Irish Whiskeys that follow are or were sold here. The Knappogue Castle 1993 is just the new version of the 1992 which is still in most stores. Undoubtedly this 1993 will make more appearances as soon as the earlier one is sold out.

The two Merry's, blended and single malt, Irish Whiskeys so far have only been spotted in upper New York State.

These popped up at the show in St. Louis and were snapped up very, very quickly. Has anyone seen these in any other location?

I suppose every column must have its plastic bottles, so take a gander at Broker's and Marimba. The latter is just one of a series of liqueurs. It was found in San Francisco. There's certainly nothing more exciting which can be said about it. The Broker's Gin





I've saved two special ones for last. These are the Pyrat "Pistol" Rum and the Hendrick's Gin. Both are exact replicas of the larger bottles. The Pyrat is an ultra-premium rum from Anguilla with a Buddha on the label. As an aside, I surely wish the company would explain the name, the use of "pistol" and the Buddha. The gin is from Scotland and a product of Grant's. It's in a nifty little ink bottle type glass and comes in the tube seen behind it.

Next time more new ones including a super vodka-cognac liqueur named Tao. We can explore the yin and yang of it!
 --DMS--

though is a little cutie because of the derby which fits over the screw cap. You can currently find this one in northern California and the state stores of Washington.

There are awards for all sorts of things, so I'm now proposing an award for the worst label of all time. Into this category falls the bottle marked Sugar Cane ALCOHOL. There may be others to rival it, but for me this is a winner in the dead last category. It comes from Mexico.





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The first of the "export" bottles is Hannah & Hogg's Tom Hannah Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey Bottled by Old Hannah & Co. of Chicago. I have never seen this brand in miniature and the same company gives us the next bottle, which is Hannah & Hogg Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey. It has an orange and red label and I do have other variations of this brand including a pre-pro.

I have seen the Brown-Kaiser Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey in a flat version. It was one of the Alabama bottles which seem to have been sold only in that state. The Monogram is from the famous Sherwood Distilling Co. of Westminster MD. This is the only Straight Bourbon

Whiskey I have ever seen from this company. I have seen this bottle before along with the next bottle which is The Wilken Family "893") Bourbon.

The last two bottles came from a U.S. collector and are both Kentucky Blended Whiskeys from the Double Springs Distillers, Inc. of Bardstown, Kentucky. The Peak of Kentucky has a very pretty multi-colored label, while Gem of Kentucky is basically black and white. These could have been export bottles or possibly prototypes. Either way, I have never seen them before.

Finally, it seems that tequila is the "hot" category in collecting these days. I am sure this is being caused by the really nice glass tequila bottles being issued. Wake up, whiskey distillers!!

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

Ski Country

Do these bottles look familiar? Well, they should...and they shouldn't. These three *Ski Country* bottles are similar to ones which were issued almost two decades ago in Hawaii. However, these are actually better.

One thing that is definitely different is the hula girl without the headdress...and without a bra. A generation ago the government surely would not have allowed this bottle to be filled with spirits. Who knows how many people would be practically scared to death upon viewing a topless hula dancer!

The pineapple is also different from the older version. It's a little larger and more defined. As with the two hula dancers, it is remarkably well done.

All three are available directly from Ski Country and the prices are amazingly low.

Next time we'll feature the miniature Ski Country dolphins and the marvelous Statue of Liberty.





GUINNESS



Back in issue 169 the Guinness Indian Chief toucan was shown. He brought in several letters which all asked where it could be bought. Well, it was a complete sellout from the U.K. company which had it produced by Royal Doulton. But since there was interest in this "royal" bird, here is his predecessor.

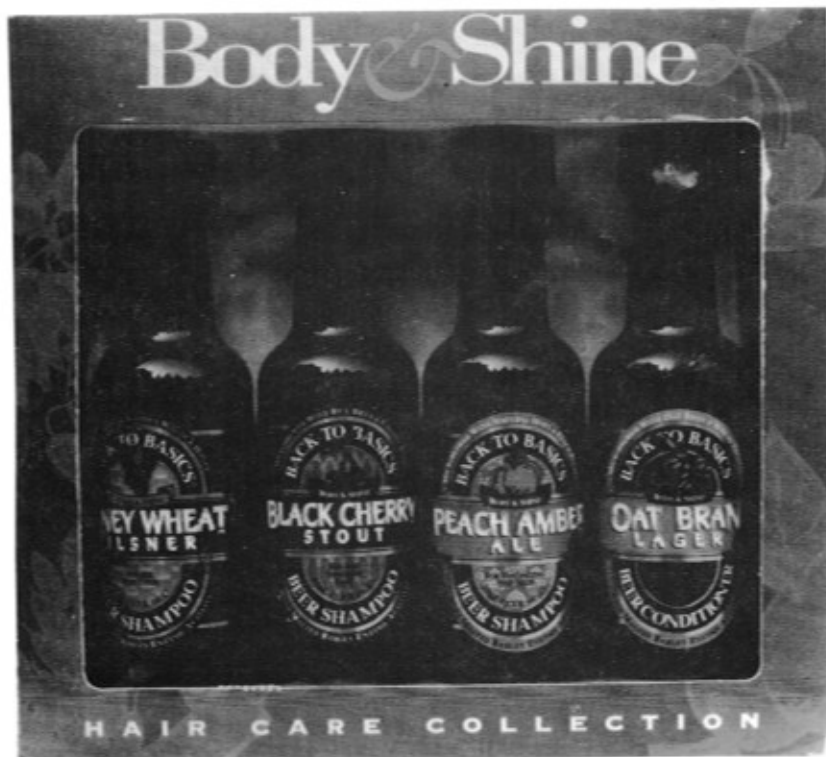
It too was produced for the

Millennium Company of Nottingham by Royal Doulton and was the eighth in a series of ceramics celebrating great English logo characters.

The toucan is returning soon...first as a set of limited edition pins and then later as another ceramic. We'll keep you posted. In the meantime, we'll continue on with other Guinness pieces in future issues.

BEER

by Scott P. Spaid



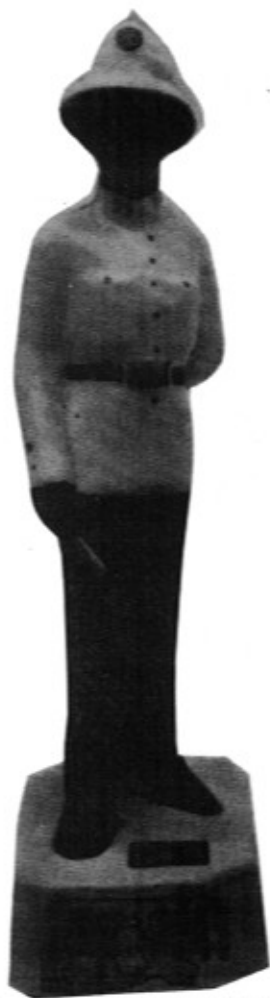
Since I have shown you a variety of bottles as well as salt and pepper shakers, I thought this time you might get a laugh from four beer wannabees. You've possibly heard people talk about giving their hair a beer shampoo? Well, this set of four are beer shampoos. Please note that these are quite fancy: Honey Wheat Pilsner, Black Cherry Stout, Peach Amber Ale, and Oat Bran Lager.

These were a gift from Lee Weiss who I've known ever since I was very little. She found them in a discount store and knew that my collection was just the place for them. Lee does the bulletin for the Lilliputian Bottle Club and has been involved with bottles for some time now.

I'll be back next time with some other oddities which I hope you'll enjoy.

--S.P.S.--

MINI WORLD



Two generations ago the very first Nassau Bobby or Policeman made his appearance. This was the one on the rectangular pedestal made by Bols in Holland. (It was part of the set which also included Uncle Sam, John Bull, etc.)

Soon after that the Nassau Royale company there in the Bahamas produced their own piece. This is the one with his arms behind his back. It was successful enough that the



company was able to produce three more miniature variations down through the years and also some larger bottles.

Now larger usually means a 750ml by today's standards. Well, this was created but so was a truly large bottle. I don't know exactly how much it held, but it surely made a very good doorstop and stood about 30 inches high.

Aren't you glad you just save miniatures?



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I'm still working on some of those pictures of the older bottles, so you'll just have to settle for some interesting ones which have been found in various places. Of course, I didn't hunt them down in all these countries; I just visited the MMBC show in St. Louis this past April and found most of them there.

A set I didn't find there is the group of new Bruichladdich bottles. These single malts are now exact replicas of the larger bottles and I believe at to the present are only available in the U.K. The set is made up of the 10 year old, the 15 year old, and the 20 year old...and the prices reflect the ages!

Another one I found in Scotland is the new version of the Chivas Brothers Revolve. The original is the one which

has the 1801 on the neck label and R E V O L V E written around the center. The new version has Revolve on the neck label and horizontal lines which converge when the bottle is spun. This I believe is also only found in the U.K.

At the show I found the rest of these bottles. One which I know is sold in the U.S. is the Lismore single malt which is without age. There are older versions of Lismore which specify ages. What surprised me most about this bottle is that sold for only a couple of American dollars. In Scotland it would be two to three times as much!

The Member blended scotch is from Germany. It's from the Robert Meisner Company and is a nice flask. Good to see a bottle which isn't just the same old straight glass.

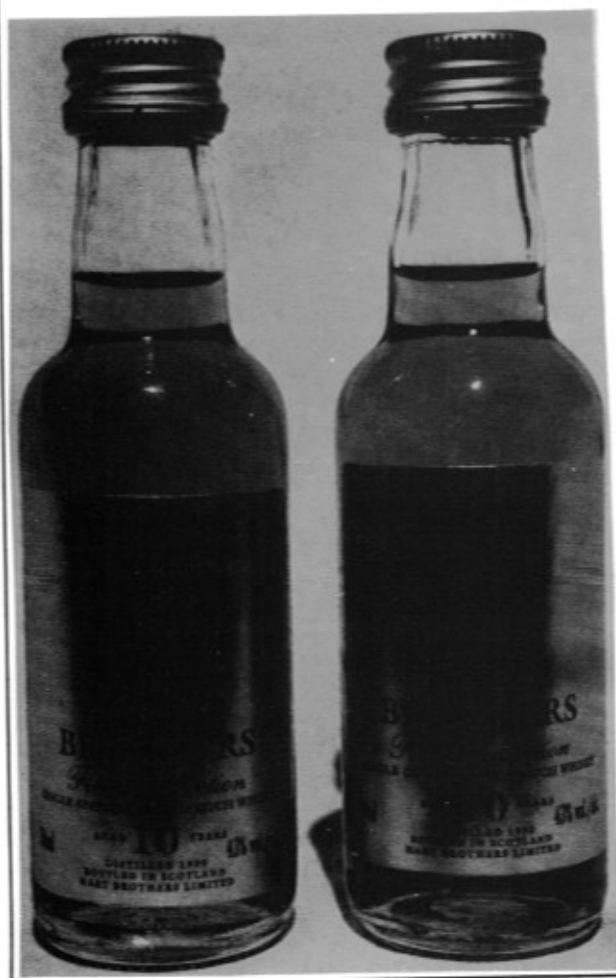


From Spain come both Old Level and Green Garden. Of the two, the latter is far more interesting to me...bottle shape and label. The former bottle is also only a 3 year old!

The last two (which don't seem to have come out too well in the photo) are a 10 year old blend and 10 year old malt from Hart Brothers. This pair was sold in Canada in a tube, possibly for last year's Christmas season. I would note that they are most valuable because they were extremely limited (I'm told) and only in Canada!

I absolutely promise to have some older bottles for you next time!

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