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Our Cover:

This time we feature for you four new bottles from the Dutch side of St. Maarten Island in the Caribbean. Many of you collect sets and this is indeed a large one. There are eight plastic bottles in all from BAKERS and the ones not shown are Passion Fruit, Piratel, Sea Conch Surprise, and Spice Rum. All are 50ml but the percentage of alcohol differs from bottle to bottle. Now, c'mon, aren't you just dieing to try that Sea Conch Surprise?

FROM THE EDITOR:

Spring has sprung or so the old saying goes. And with springtime each year, a bottle collector's fancy turns to...the MMBC St. Louis Bottle Show.

Since I must write these several weeks in advance of your receiving them, the show isn't until another week or so (actually eight days, but who's counting). If you've been to one of these spring galas, then you know what fun they are and how many bottles you can carry home. Yes, that's another reason to work out and build those muscles. I've seen people literally weighed down with their purchases. Usually the remark is something like, "I'm just getting a couple of things before I take all these to car...but I'll be back."

So, if you haven't been to one of the shows, that's the type of thing you can expect. This year there will be collectors attending Europe, South America, Canada, Mexico and the majority of the States. If you couldn't get there this then make your plans vear. definitely for next year because that will be the 25th show and I've been told big plans are afoot. Make your plans now and if I don't see you there this year, I certainly hope to next year.

On to different issues. Last time I mentioned the special offer on back issues. Well, the gremlins were at work again and an old page was printed. If that happens again this time, at least you'll know that the old issues are now a dollar each if you buy six or more.

Something I have been trying to do each time here is list a group of websites so that you may learn about other collections and/or collectors. Almost any liquor company is now on the web and if you type in its name with the www. in front and the .com (if it's in the U.S.) at the end you can bring up its site. However, other sites are not so easy to find.

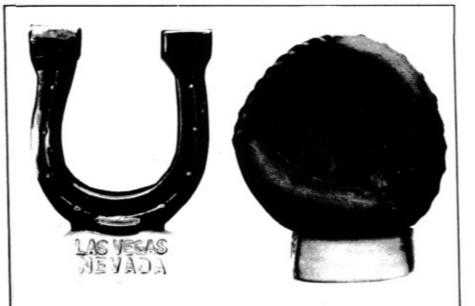
There are four here for you this time. They are the following: http://minibottlegallery.com http://czechminis.com http://www.sieps.com http://www.sirbowmore.info These represent quite a cross section and a great many bottles.

The first is the site for the new Mini Bottle Gallery in Oslo, Norway. You'll read more about the Gallery in upcoming issues but for now let's just say that its owner, Christian Ringnes, has more bottles on display than anyone else ever has.

The second site is from Jarsslav Kuba in the Czech Republic. He is the person responsible for all those interesting jugs/flagons which contain Czech and imported whiskies. You'll see quite a number of ceramics at this site.

The next two are really personal collections. It's just a coincidence that both of these sites are from Dutch collectors; however, the first from Siep Bueneker is here in Southern California while Hans Sommer is in Holland. In the former you'll see a great many delft and blown glass bottles while in the latter you'll find only Bowmore Scotch. That's what you call brand dedication.

Until this summer...keep thinking small. -DMS--



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WHAT'S NEW







There's a great deal new this time and we've split them between the U.S. and Europe. We'll look at those found in Europe first as they're more difficult for most U.S. collectors to obtain.

Four of the bottles were found in and around London at various little shops except for our first bottle, the Francescano Vin Santa. This elegant frosted glass bottle comes in a tube and was found in the John Lewis Dept. Store. Although being sold for Christmas of 2002, it was actually created in Italy for Holy Year 2000.

The Lyme Bay Winery created the Whisky and Ginger Liqueur and also the Gooseberry Wine. This one was made only for the gift shop at Arundel Castle. Lyme Bay sells a large variety of bottles.

Then there is the new Baileys. This is a very odd size so will never be sold in the U.S. It contains 70ml and is a plastic bottle.

From Italy we have Goccia di Mare which comes in a fancy







decanter-style bottle. However, it's the label with our naked mermaid that draws the attention. Our final European bottle is the small German Absinth. This is the first one I've seen from Germany.

All the remaining bottles are sold here in the U.S. and all are plastic except for Citronge from France. Again I must rant about only plastic being used here in the States. When a "home grown" glass bottle comes along, you'd better hop to it.







The St. Elmo Rum was found in California at the Beverages and More stores which are throughout the state. The Talea almond liqueur was found in Minneapolis. The pair of Korbels may be found in any number of states as Korbel.

has great distribution. Finally the Salvador's Margarita (plus other Salvador products) and the Pepe Lopez were found in Tennessee.

No matter where you life, if miniatures are sold, you'll find something unique! --DMS-

Boozeville



Of all the goings-on in Boozeville, we try to down play that which often occurs in the back room of the saloon. After a particularly spirited Can-can, sometimes a member of the audience will get a bit carried away.

This multi-colored flask from

Shafer & Vater "celebrates" a little naughtiness. Unfortunately the German writing on the base has been partially worn away so we can't tell you exactly what it says. However, it is nice though to see a man happy in his work.

TEQUILA









This time we have an absolute mélange for you....tequilas, mescals, tequila liqueurs, and one sotol. These also come from a variety of places.

Let's take the one and only sotol first. This is the Mesteno in a square bottle with a nice green label. This is a fairly new brand as the larger bottles were being advertised in Mexico.

From one sotol we go to two mescals. These are the Mezcal Del Maestro and Tres "Crowns". Neither has the little gusano which we usually look for in any mescal.

Then we have five tequilas. These are the Cero Reposado, Tequila Especial, Sierra, Sorel (Sombrero) and Gringo Loco. The Cero is a very nice square bottle which you can see through. The Tequila Especial is almost a "window pane" bottle in that you can also see through this one.

The Sierra Tequila with the sombrero comes in at least two varieties. This one is gold and the sombrero matches. It is made to be sold throughout Europe while the



two remaining tequilas were made by Sorel for the Spanish market. Let's just say that Gringo Loco wouldn't be a politically correct label if it were sold here.

The last two are tequila liqueurs, Tequipal. There are six different flavors: café, cocoa, durazno, canale, mango and strawberry. The two shown here are mango and café. Some of these will undoubtedly be sold here in the U.S. shortly.

Hope you've enjoyed this variety.



GEORGE WASHINGTON:

DISTILLER

Jack Sullivan





For years Prohibitionists claimed George Washington was one of their "dry" brotherhood. Now it turns out, George not only drank the hard stuff, but he was a major distiller, turning out 11,000 gallons of corn and rye whiskey at Mount Vernon in 1799. Currently Mount Vernon's curators are recreating the Founding Father's still and



expect to operate it as a tourist attraction. The work of reconstructing the facility has been going on for several years. While no decision has been made about the kind of beverages to be produced, the curators are talking to Federal regulators about making

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LURGASHALL of West Sussex





Last year while traveling through a small English town, I stopped at the one and only off license/meat market to see if any minis could be found. I was in luck.

The bottles shown here are a set of six from the Lurgashall Winery of Petworth in West Sussex, England. Each is 17% or 34 proof and contains quite interesting wines. The Winery also produces liqueurs and mead.

To quote from the company's info, "Unlike some other products, ours are made from real fruits, flowers, vegetables and honey and contain no flavourings, no essences and no artificials. Our aim is to blend tradition with technology and offer a true taste of England."

Aren't you wondering what Old Jenny and Bramble taste like? from

NEW ZEALAND







For those of you who are completely avid collectors, you've already seen these bottles in the publication from the New Zealand mini collectors club. They issue a very interesting newsletter called "miNiZ".

In any case these are new from New Zealand and there is something here for every specialist. We have vodka, bourbon and whisky (since it can't be called scotch) in this group and there are also some gins and rums.

My favorite label is from the Westport Motor Hotel and features what I'd call a crazed Viking. Beside this hotel, there are two other hotels, a club and a pair which would appear to be for the general public. These are the Bellows Whisky and the Voztok Vodka.

As they are introduced, you'll see of the New Zealand products in the next few issues.







MELO'S MINIS

by MIKE OLSON



OK, let's get to a nice group of pre-pros. I never really pursued pre-pros because they are usually in less than excellent condition. I have decided to lower standards in this category, but I will not keep real dogs. Also, there are a fair amount of these bottles showing up on the internet. My favorite category is still whiskeys (especially bourbons) from the 1930's. There is a fair amount around, but it has become increasingly harder to find bottles I do not have.

Anyway, a few issues ago I featured a Huguley Old Amor. This bottle was certainly a winner and now it has become a trifecta. Bottle number one is Huguley's 1894 Old Amor Rye which was sold by the W H Huguley Co. of Boston. The next two are Old Amor Blend in a cylinder and pumpkinseed bottle. All three are embossed on the back with Huguley's name and address.

Bottle number four is Daisy Rye whose label is printed in shades of green and blue. This is a great looking bottle, which will probably not show up very well. The Grandpa's Rye Whiskey has a terrific multi-colored label on a nicely embossed bottle.

Next is Saxon Old Style Whiskey with another nice looking label. The Jim Douglas Whiskey is rather a plain bottle, unlike the Old





MELO





Indian River Whiskey which is a highly embossed, very fancy bottle. The Westland Club Pure Rye Whiskey is a very small bottle and I doubt if it held more than an ounce.

We close with a pair of flasks. The Arion Rye has a somewhat plain, but attractive label. The Thos Moore Possum Hollow Pure Rye Whiskey has a fairly fancy label featuring Ol' Thos Moore himself.

Finally, a person just listed a group of 12 Old Ripy pre-pro minis on the internet. I can not help but think that this was a real bonehead move. He could have made a good deal more money had he listed them individually, plus he would have made eleven more of us very happy.

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

BOLS



You're looking at two very, very rare figurals. Both were issued by Bols of Holland and both are of St. Nicholas. It has been determined but never authenticated that both also were released in the 1960's. Contents are various Bols liqueurs.

The bottle on the left is known in a handful of collections, while the one on the right which was distributed by KLM Airlines is almost completely unknown.

Our thanks to Adrian Carr for sharing these from his collection.

FRORR



This time I would like to present to you some scotch whisky miniatures which appeared during the second half of 2001 to the first half of 2002.

There are two THE MACALLAN, 18yo (1980-1998)







and 12 yo. There was no The Macallan 18yo miniature available in Japan since the 1973 (1991) appeared. It has Japanese writing which means whisky on the label as you can see, but now it is not longer available. At present no The Macallan 18yo is available in Japan.

The twelve year old version is

43% and the same as the version sold in the U.S.A.

The next one, GLENMORAN-GIE TEN YEARS OLD is different from the U.K. or U.S. version

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JAPAN

The GRANT'S changed its label slightly. It is "The Family Reserve" and contains 5cl at 43% alcohol. The bottle number is 99013660 and EU version (40%) is 99130602.

The last also is a very familiar bottle, HIGHLAND QUEEN, but with Japanese on the new label which is light yellow with a frame and letters in reddish-brown. It contains 50ml at 43% alcohol.

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



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something stronger than lemonade.

This introduces mini-jugs related to George Washington. Here we see two sides of a jug portraying the first President in cobalt blue on a 3-inch high white semi-porcelain. It was part of a series of historical figures produced by the John Humphreys Pottery of Staffordshire, England, for Mini-Bottles (U.K.) Ltd. It held 50 ml of Teacher's Scotch.

The second mini-jug celebrates Washington's home place, Mount Vernon. At three inches it bears the label, "7 Year Old Mount Vernon Rye" within a laurel wreath. This

was an early famous whiskey brand with origins in Baltimore. Bought 1873 by Henry Hannis, a Philadelphia liquor merchant. Mount Vernon Rve was a hit at the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exposition. The Hannis Distilling Company continued to make whiskey in Baltimore until bought by the Cook & Bernheimer firm of New York City. Like many, this one perished with Prohibition.

When the Mount Vernon distillery finally is completed and in operation, we can hope to have some new interesting minis, keeping alive George Washington's tradition and bearing his name.

-J.S.-

GLASS





Aha, a new pair of molded glass figures from China? If you thought that you'd have been only partially correct. These two, the Mandarin and the Buddha, are not new and they aren't from China...or even Hong Kong.

Believe it or not, this pair (with liqueur contents) was produced in Italy in the 1970's when scores of bottles were coming out weekly it seems. Because they were glass and produced in much higher quantities than the ceramic figurals, they weren't considered anything special then. But time has a way of making some things more valuable both monetarily and in desirability. Don't you agree?







Six super miniature ceramics are featured in this article. These were all produced by John DeKuyper & Son, Jersey City, NJ, in the 1930's. DeKuyper figurals are rarely seen even though I believe that there were at lest one hundred different ones produced. I was fortunate to successfully obtain mine from Ebay auctions.

The first is a pink ram with the long curved horns. There is gold on top of its head and on its hooves. Next we find a white bear, also with gold trim.

The third mini is a yellow, single-

hump camel. There is also gold on its hooves. This one is taller than the rest at 5 ½ inches. Number four is a white Cheshire cat.

The fifth bottle is a dark green doe with old on its ears, feet and back. The last is a spaniel dog with brown ears.

All of these figurals are filled with Crème de Menthe. The quality of the DeKuypers is great as each figural is very detailed in design.

Hope you enjoyed a brief look at some of these DeKuypers. 'Til next time. -B.J.-



from

PERU



From time to time I get up to the bully pulpit and try to remind some collectors that if you put a little effort into your hobby, you'll get a lot more out of it. From the standpoint of trading bottles, it must be undoubtedly realized that you can add marvelous pieces to your collection if you contact collectors in other countries.

Because of the internet, I was introduced to Fernando Saettone of Lima, Peru. We traded a good many bottles and will continue to do so. The "spoils" of my initial trade are shown here which more than confirms the theory about swapping bottles.

Just to show you that all types are available, we have a set of three glass rums, two Pisco figurals, and two earthenware pieces. The El Dorado rums are decidedly not the El Dorados seen in this country. The bottle is interesting and the label (although basically the same



Ski ** Country



Sometimes it's nice to look into the past to see what has been done previously. With Ski Country you could see a great many birds and animals; however, the Columbus set is one which few collectors are lucky to have on their shelves.

Naturally this set came out to celebrate the 700th anniversary of Columbus arriving in the Americas. We have a globe of the world, one of the sailing ships and

Christopher Columbus himself.

If you're wondering why this threesome is difficult to find, it's because a large amount of them were originally sold in Spain. The Catalan city of Barcelona has the famous Colon or Columbus statue so it was only natural that this set also be available there.

Watch for this set at bottle shows and on the internet as it's definitely one to own!



VODKA

by JOHN SULLIVAN



I have some genuine fascinating bottles for you this time. My article on Estonia is coming up, but until that one is ready, I wanted to show you some new ones from all over the globe.

There are ten here but only half are sold in the States. Beyond is a plastic bottle and I believe only sold in California. It may be great vodka but the bottle surely is simple. Three of the others sold here are the Turi from Estonia and the two Luksusowa pieces from Poland. Wild Berry is the flavor of the second Luksusowa.

The last one sold here is found at the Washington and Oregon state stores. This is the Gromoff Russian Vodka which comes in the wooden doll. The Christmas Tree is also available with a Gromoff bottle inside.

Now some are familiar with this packaging because it's been sold in certain Canadian Province stores but with a Rodnik bottle inside. And you can see that bottle standing next to the big wooden egg. In Canada you could buy the boy and girl (which double as salt and pepper shakers), the Christmas



Tree, the Easter Egg, and last year some Christmas decorations which I haven't seen yet.

The remaining bottles are some of my current favorites. The set of three from Russia celebrate the end of World War II and were issued in 2000. I think the labels are spectacularly good and these occupy an important place on my shelves. My only negative is that they are 100ml bottles which does make them a bit larger than some, but I'm more than willing to overlook this little shortcoming.

The last two pieces are from a





company in England called Edible. As far as I know this company has so far issued four different bottles. Each one has contained something we wouldn't normally consider "edible". The two not shown have gold and silver in them while what you're looking at here is a scorpion and lots and lots of ants. The ants been has already bottle discontinued' however, the scorpion has proven a big success. You can find the company on the internet with a bit of work. Just remember that it's not ".com.uk" but ".co.uk" for England.

I'll be back with a story on Estonia next time. -J.S.--



MINIATURE MEMORIES

In many collections, you'll often find a bottle from E. Delatour et Cie., Sosiete Anonime. This company for many, many years was run by the late Victor Nelson. He was born Victor Ramirez but when married took his wife's name so that it would be easier in some locales to do business.

Originally from Spain he first was involved with the Ramirez firm of Puerto Rico which bore his name. Then he moved on and established Delatour in Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

There he created and sold liqueurs from his shop, the King's Cellar. This was a magnificent haven for bottle collectors from all over the world as he stocked the finest cognacs, armagnacs, scotches and liqueurs. If you wanted a Napoleon on Horseback bottle, he created one in Spain and sold 5,000 units of it containing cognac. Or if you wanted to find a Marquis de Montesquiou in ceramic, not glass, he had that too. And, he also had miniatures.

The following is a list (with prices...in pennies) of just some of his miniatures which were available about thirty years ago.

Chococo	.65
Platananas of St. Croix	.50
Bananas of St. Croix	.50
Caribbean Palms	.35
Coconut Palms	.35
Crème de Noyaux	.35

Plus Café (avec cognac)	.35
Café Moka	.35
Curação	.35
Triple Set	.35
Flamboyan Yellow	.50
Flamboyan Red	.50
Quon Keem Cham	.35
(this was tea and brand	y)
Bon Bon Royal	.35
Calaloo	.30
Tangerika	.30
Yaya's	.30
(mixture: pears & choc	olate)
Zuiss Cream Mint Bon	.50
Zuiss Cream Tangerine	.50
Zuiss Cream Orange	.50
Zuiss Cream Rum	.50
Zuiss Cream Strawberry	.50
Crème de Rose	.35
Crème de Violets	.35

There were a good many fancy bottles in ceramic, glass, and even blown glass. If any of these are seen more often, it is the little candy box of Bon Bon Royal...this one set you back a whole dollar.

For the truly adventurous, you could also buy Yankeeland which was a liqueur made from maple syrup, walnuts and honey.

Don't know if the King's Cellar is still there but it was just a few years ago. Unfortunately Victor passed away in the 1980's while in his '80's. He never told anyone exactly when he was born. The most unfortunate thing though is that most of the recipes for the above left this world along with Victor!

HULSTKAMP



You may have seen these jolly green "giants" previously, but chances are you haven't.

The Dutch company is Hultskamp and these are some of the ceramic bottles issued by them a generation or so ago. They all were in a solid green no matter if it was a figural such as the rooster or the (unshown) windmill or a cylindrical jug or footed vase. Contents were a variety of liqueurs (the vase as you can see contains Peach) or gin. These must be pretty good contents as you're not around since 1775 if you don't produce quality products. We surely can see that the containers themselves are quality products!



GUINNESS



GUINNESS is good for yule

That GuinnessToucan is back. He appeared just before Christmas last year and then all 2,000 pieces were snapped up. Since anything Guinness is highly collectable and these pieces are also made by Royal Doulton, the number of collectors far out reaches the number of

porcelains.

According to the company which markets them, there will be just two more Toucan pieces and that will be it. So you beer collectors take note. This is one marvelous gowith.

MINI WORLD





An interesting pair...wouldn't you say? This Alize has been seen in a couple of stores here in the U.S. but was originally made only as a giveaway sample...and overseas at that.

Now from France comes the Atlantic. Does it look familiar? It should as the bottle is exactly the same. What about the contents you ask. Well, they not only look alike but to this palate they even taste the same as two extra bottles were opened.

So, do you save both of the bottles? You bet!

DRIOLI



You know the phrase about what goes around comes around. Well, how about what went around keeps coming back. Not too original, but it makes the point. Today more and more people are looking for figural bottles. When they were easily available many of these collectors were purists. "I only collect glass" was heard over and over again.

Now that figurals are extremely few and far between, they're in demand. Along side the Elvis bottles and the Dug Picking Nevada Brothel bottles, the figurals from Drioli are now being actively sought on both sides of the Atlantic.

Eight different ones are presented for you here. There is no rhyme nor reason to this group, but if you'd like to know more about Drioli, drop us a line and we'll show you more from the 1950's through the mid-1970's.









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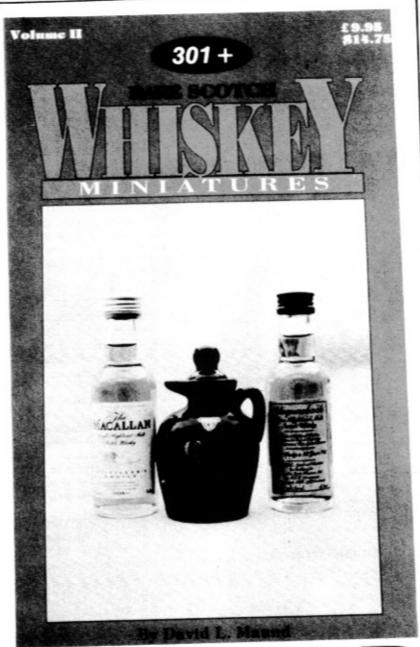
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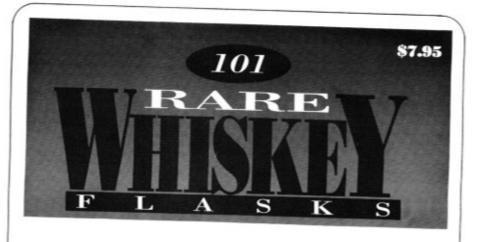
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