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IN OUR ROOMS - SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER, 1983
at 10.30 a.m.

MINIATURES, DISPLAY AND ASSOCIATED ITEMS INCLUDING :

WIDE SELECTION OF MINIATURES - SOME RARE AND HARD TO OBTAIN -

JIM BEAM Bottles - Complete Train, Telephones, Cars, Hongi Hika etc.,

GARNIER - Telephone etc.

DRIOLI - Pipe, Drunk-at-Lampost etc.,

BAR ITEMS

DECANTER SETS - Eiffel Tower, Ford Cars etc.,

OVER 380 LOTS

.. **CATALOGUES AVAILABLE** ..

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see ya all there!
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« RIEMERSCHMID JUGS »

WELLINGTON
 CANTERBURY
 BAY OF PLENTY
 AUCKLAND
 NORTH AUCKLAND
 SOUTH CANTERBURY
 MANAWATU
 WAIRARAPA
 NEW ZEALAND
 OTAGO
 WAIKATO

HAWKES BAY
 POVERTY BAY
 THAMES VALLEY



On the reverse of the
 Jug is the label

ANTON REIMERSCHMID
 WEINBRENNEREI & LIKORFABRIK
 M U N C H E N 22
 61 U.P. SYKES
 Imported by
 T. & W. YOUNG LTD
 WELLINGTON NORTH.
 NEW ZEALAND.

From the information I have been able to gather on these Jugs, they were imported from Germany in the early 1950's by Charlie Oliver (now deceased), for T. & W. Young Ltd, Wholesalers, for the Rugby Clubs throughout New Zealand (as named above). The shield on the front depicts the Ranfurly Shield - this shield - years ago was played for among the smaller club, which was a far cry from the grand scale it is today. The label underneath the shield was put on the jugs in New Zealand, with the Club name on it. Unfortunately some jugs have been located without any labels, no doubt mistreated by those persons not sharing our love of miniatures. It is not known how many of these were imported and I doubt that any of our members can lay claims to having the complete set. T. & W. Young did apply at a later date to import more of these jugs into the country but the application was refused, doubtless a refusal for an import of this kind is the reason why there are no N.Z. ceramics available, which makes this jug rather unique.

(Article by Marg Hollis)

BASIL A FITZPATRICK

Our, not very well reproduced, cover bottle shows KING ALFRED Finest Scotch Whisky bottled by Basil A Fitzpatrick of Rangiora. (For our overseas members Rangiora is a small town north of Christchurch, a bit less than half way down the South Island and just a little way inland from the east coast - end of geography lesson.)

Basil A Fitzpatrick put out a whole range of miniatures in the mid to late 1970's - but not all said that they were bottled by Fitzpatrick's, or even bottled in New Zealand.

The cover bottle is one of those with their name on. The label has a gold background with King Alfred and the portrait of Alf in red and the rest of the printing in black. The only other scotch to carry their name is GLEN ROYAL. This is also a gold label but with all black printing.

Other Fitzpatrick miniatures which they own up to are OLD COPPER STILL BOURBON (2 variations); JULES CLAIRON NAPOLEON FRENCH BRANDY (2 variations); BLACK OAK RUM; and WHITE MINK RUM (2 variations).

As well as bottling a New Zealand labeled version of GLEN ROYAL they bottled one without the overprint (see facing page). Also shown on facing page and bottled by them (without the label saying so) are KING MALCOLM; HIGHLAND CAPTAIN; HIGHLAND TOWER; and HIGHLAND 66. Bottled at the same time but not shown were a number of other scotches including QUEEN CHARLOTTE; BLACK COLONEL; OLD JIM; HIGHLAND CLAN; SCOTTISH CASTLE; and QUEEN MARGARET. None of these have been bottled in very large quantities.

I believe that some, or all of these scotch names have been available in bottles from Japan in the last few years, but from nowhere else in the world for many many years, hence my remark about Basil A Fitzpatrick being our friend in the last issue of miNiZ. If you can get hold of them (getting to be a very big IF that one) they are very desirable overseas swaps.

DAVID SMITH



AVAILABILITY IN CANADA

Brian De Athe our one and only Canadian Member (Good on ye Brian) has been in touch with all the Canadian Liquor Control Boards finding out what miniatures are available in each Province. He has a list available, so if you are going to Canada or want to know what miniatures someone might be able to obtain for you there, write to Brian at

27 Chant Street, St. Thomas, Ontario, N5R 4Y6, Canada.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 BOTTLESTORES

15th June and my sister and I were on our way to L.A. This was the beginning of our round the world trip which would take 10 weeks. As well as the U.S.A. we would visit Canada, England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, Holland and Japan. The main reasons for this trip were the Lilliputian Bottle Club's miniature show in L.A. and a family celebration in Holland.

Our luggage consisted of 2 suitcases, very full but surprisingly light. As well as the usual things we packed 8 metres of plastic bubble material, 12 cardboard boxes (flattened), sellotape, string and a large plastic bag filled with polystyrene chips. All this in anticipation of sending bottles home. As we learned later, a very wise move. We also had one cabin bag each which weighed more than the suitcases. We had our precious cargo of over 100 New Zealand miniatures in them. Just as well we only had to take these as far as L.A. nursing them under our legs and sitting in a rather cramped position.

We knew that we were well over the allowable liquor limit so when checked by customs at Honolulu we held our breaths, kept fingers crossed and came through with flying colours. We bought our first 5 miniatures there before continuing our flight to L.A.

As we had been cleared by customs at Honolulu we thought that after touchdown at L.A. Airport we would be on our way to our hotel in no time at all. No such luck however, it took 3 hours from touchdown to boarding our transport to downtown L.A. The airport was a shambles and probably still is. They are building new and altering the old to be able to cope with the influx of travellers for the 1984 Olympic Games.

After a welcome nights sleep we planned to spend the first day in search of miniatures. However, we kept getting side tracked all the time and by the end of the afternoon we had purchased lots of things, even some miniatures, but not liquor ones.

David Spaid (editor of M.B.C.) picked us up from our hotel early in the evening and drove us to his home. The minute we walked through the door we didn't know where to start looking. There were miniatures in every room; every imaginable shape in glass, ceramic and porcelain. We never sat down, but kept moving from one cabinet to the next. All too soon did we have to tear ourselves away as David very kindly offered to take us out to dinner. After a very enjoyable couple of hours and a nice meal at a close-by restaurant we went back to David's place for a nightcap and another look at his collection. We got a few miniatures from him including a N.Z. one! This was a Totara Cafe Liqueur, totally different from the one we all know and apparently bottled for export only. A very welcome addition to our N.Z. collection indeed.

Saturday and Sunday the Lilliputian Bottle Show was on at the Marriot Hotel, 3 minutes from the Airport. We caught the 7.30 airport bus and the first available courtesy minibus from the airport to the Marriot. We arrived well in time and waited eagerly for the doors to open at 9.00am. While waiting we purchased a lovely blue vase miniature bottle, put out by the Lilliputian Club in 1982. Once the doors opened and we walked in we couldn't believe our eyes. Tables and tables full of bottles. Just imagine, coming from "down under" and being let loose in a room with hundred and hundreds and hundreds of miniatures for sale. We looked around for hours it seemed before we purchased the first miniature. Once started we bought bottles left, right and centre. Our money was disappearing fast and we then came to our senses and took stock of the situation. Of course we kept buying more bottles but in a more orderly manner.

The show closed at 4.00 pm and we must have been the last to leave. Security guards came in to keep an eye on things till opening time next morning. We returned to our hotel with the goodies and believe it or not sat up till 3.00 am packing parcels. Exhausted as we were by then, after a few hours sleep we were back on the bus for another day at the show and more bottle buying.

We won one of the many raffles held during the 2 days. Guess what we won, 2 plants typical. John and Marri Whitehead of "Central Stamp and Coin Company, who were in attendance with a stand of beautiful ceramic miniatures, offered to swap the plants for 2 miniatures of the Lionstone Animal Safari Series. Naturally we gratefully accepted.

We had an unforgettable time at the show, met so many nice people and it is great to be able to put faces to some that were only names before.

From L.A. we went on the "Fun Bus" to Las Vegas. A nonstop six hour drive mostly through desert country. A film was shown, we played Bingo, drinks and lunch were served and, in spite of the monotonous scenery, time passed quickly. When we got out in Las Vegas we just about melted walking the half block from the bus stop to our hotel. It was very warm indeed, around 40°C. During our few days there we spent very little time outside. We enjoyed the casinos, and had a go at gambling, but mainly the one arm bandits.

We visited Jerry Cohen's shop and were at least 3 hours going through his stock of miniatures. Amongst others we purchased a lovely bright coloured set of 8 Jim Beam miniatures bottled especially for Delta Airways. Again we spent hours packing parcels. Our stock of packing material just holding up.

We met up with Barry Kaplan and had a look at his collection. He drove us to the Post Office with the parcels. One was too heavy so back to the hotel, repack into 2 parcels and back to the Post Office again. Lucky we had Barry driving us back and forth. He also supplied us with some more packing material.

We had an all day tour to the Grand Canyon by plane and bus. A spectacular trip and we thoroughly enjoyed the beauty of this most remarkable work of nature.

A week in Toronto staying with old friends was a nice change. They also collect liquor miniatures but as not many are available in Canada progress is very slow. We talked bottles, but were unable to find any new to us. However, we did pick up a miniature jug filled with maple syrup in a shop at Niagara Falls.

Next stop England and more bottle hunting.

To be continued.....

Erica Mulder.

The winner of the "NAMING NAMES" Competition from the issue before last was Dianne Opie of Patea, N.Z.

Dianne wins a miniature (what other size is there?) PUSSERS RUM.

She astounded us all by making OVER 500 names out of our name. Is there not much to do in Patea Dianne?

COCA - COLA



This article has been passed on by Ross page, who, we are happy to say has rejoined the Club.

Pharmacist, Dr John Pemberton produced the formula for this drink in the Marietta Street backyard of his Atlanta home in 1866. He used a three-legged pot for the unique blend of essences and flavours that was to become the internationally famous Coca Cola.



"mini"
actual size

During 1866 Coke sales averaged 13 a day - not an auspicious start for the beverage whose production now reaches a billion gallons a year.

Due to ill health Dr Pemberton sold off portions of his interest and in 1888 he sold his remaining rights to an astute businessman called Asa Griggs Candler who became the sole proprietor for an outlay of only \$2300. Twenty three years later, the Candler family sold their interests for a staggering \$25 million.

Today more than 10 million Cokes are enjoyed every hour in more than 145 countries including China. It is advertised in more than 80 languages.

For the wedding of Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer a special commemorative bottle was designed and produced.

Here are some interesting facts about Coca Cola;

IF all the coke ever produced was placed in the famous 6½oz bottles, there would be 1.9 trillion bottles.

IF laid end to end, they would wrap round the earth 9301 times or reach the moon and back 1045 times.

IF these bottles were stacked in a major sports stadium, the pile would be more than 880 km high - 100 times taller than Mt Everest.

IF all these bottles were placed in a fleet of trucks, the convoy would take more than three hours to pass a given point if driven bumper to bumper at 90kmh.

(Extract from article in "Australian Post" 24/3/83)

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HOFFMAN ORIGINALS

In the Aug/Sept magazine we advised of the altered dues structure for membership of Hoffman Club, at that stage there was uncertainty with members who held "Lifetime Membership" cards.

A further letter was written to Mr Edw. Wertheimer, President, who has replied as follows:

"Those members who now hold lifetime membership in our Club will be now paying annual dues - however, we intend to compensate these people by offering them a second club bottle at almost half price, if they purchase the first bottle at the quoted price. We feel this is only fair since we did offer a \$5.00 lifetime membership, but everyone knows that you just can't run a club unless we have money coming in each year for annual dues. This is one of the reasons that the club has been inactive for the last year. We just did not have the money to do the job that we wanted to do."

The same magazine also gave a list of Hoffman bottles and quoted them as postage paid - this was said on the list sent but I found this did not apply to us in N.Z. when I ordered some and was asked for the postage.

MANAWATU AUCTION

Catalogues will be sent out to all N.Z. members for this sale of liquor bottles. Unfortunately they won't be available in time to send to our Overseas members.

See page in this issue for full details on the auction.

VENUE FOR MEETING

Due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting at Masterton which was set for the September meeting had to be cancelled, therefore, :

NOVEMBER 20th meeting will be at Les & Pat Wilton's - for lunch at "Hikawai", Masterton.

Ring Ross 661-367 Wton. to co-ordinate travel arrangements.

CORRESPONDENCE

Concern has been expressed over the lack of replies to letters written.

- This could ONLY be caused by "oversight" -
so could we all have a moments silence to ask ourselves "Have I replied to all my mail?"

: NOW GRAB A PEN AND CLEAR YOUR CONSCIENCE :



Drawing December 15, 1983

Bottle Raffle

MINIATURE J. R. EWING

Gray suit and hat—7½ inches tall—No music box

Only ten sample decanters of the Miniature J. R. were made for McCormick and this is one of them.

McCormick decided not to produce this bottle for distribution. One sold in an auction in Cincinnati, Ohio, for a little over \$400.00.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Make check to MONTAGUE SALES

P.O. Box 4059

Overland, Park, Kansas 66204-0059

RAFFLE MINIATURE J. R. EWING

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MEMBERSHIP FEE

As from the 1st. October 1983 the membership fees will be

\$10.00 per person or \$15.00 per household per annum for both country and Wellington members. Overseas will be US.\$9.00 per annum, Australian \$9.00 per annum, and U.K.£7.00 per annum.

CHIISAI BIN

We have made arrangements for payment of orders to Chiisai Bin to be made in New Zealand in N.Z.\$

If successful this will probably result in other offers (such as subscriptions to the Miniature Bottle Collector) being made available locally.

Below is their current price list (subject to change without notice) in US.\$ postage is extra.

For details of how the arrangement works write to David Smith c/o P.O. Box 384, Wellington or telephone Wellington 399 536 (843 948 work).

CAT. #	HOLLAND DELFT (BLUE)	SIZE	US\$ 29-95
	SET OF 18 ENGLISH MINI BEER CANS (FULL)		
A-1	'KAISER CANAL' DELFT HOUSES (6)	SOLD OUT	50.00
A-4	'HOUSE' BOTTLE, LARGE (2)	4.5 IN.	12.00
A-5	'HOUSE' BOTTLE, MEDIUM (2)	3.75 IN.	10.00
A-6	DECANTER, SMALL	6.5 IN.	5.50
A-7	PITCHER, SMALL	4.25 IN.	3.25
A-8	'HEINEKEN'-BEER MUG, DELFT (NO BOTTLE)	5.25 IN.	9.00
	THE WINDMILL SET		
A-10	DELFT PITCHER, 2 HANDLE	4.5 IN.	7.00
A-11	DELFT VASE	4.25 IN.	7.00
A-12	AMPHORA, SINGLE HANDLE	5.0 IN.	8.00
	JAPAN IMPORTS		
B-1	DORVILLE 'CANNON'		12.00
B-2	MONTESQUIOU 'CANNON'		12.00
B-3	MONTESQUIOU 'KNIGHT'		12.00
	PORCELAIN BOTTLES FROM JAPAN		
B-4	1982 - SET - 3 'SNUFF' BOTTLE TYPE > 6 3 'IMARI'		35.00
B-5	1983 - SET - 3 'SNUFF' BOTTLE TYPE > 6 3 'IMARI'		35.00
	OLD COMMONWEALTH-CERAMIC 'MINI'S'-(EMPTY)		
C-1	FIREFIGHTER #1		17.95
C-2	FIREFIGHTER #2		20.95
C-3	FIREFIGHTER #3		20.95
C-4	FIREFIGHTER #4		22.95
C-5	SET OF (4)		75.95
C-6	WESTERN BOOT		18.95
C-7	U.S.C. 'TOMMY TROJAN'		16.95
C-8	LUCKY LEPRECHAUN		18.95

