

# Just For Openers

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## ALERT ALERT ALERT ALERT ALERT

---THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE OF 1985---

Youv'e never heard folks howl until youv'e heard some of our readers who forgot to renew & then didn't receive their new copies on time. As a hard-working Editor/Publisher, I feel like letting off steam myself. "If they'd renew early, they wouldn't miss their copies" I mutter. Enclosed is an eye catching RENEWAL card and a pre-addressed envelope. Please!! send it to me as soon as possible. YOUR continued support will keep JFO coming. The Jan. '86 issue will have the Directory of members as well as all the additions (ULS) reported since the Jan.'85 one & there are many. RAY BRAEUNER reported a B-21-UL Key to Schaumloeffel's Beer. Translated from German as Foam Spoon. He asks, who produced the beer?

Welcome to our new members since the July issue:

- CROSS Robert D. 10851 N. 108th Dr. Sun City, AZ 85351.....602 977-5397
- FEISEL Lyle D. Powderhouse Rd. HC61-Box 4A Binghamton, NY 13903.....607 723-4273
- PATEK Richard RR#1 10600 E Ave.NW Cedar Rapids,IA 52401....319 396-2309
- STEVENS Larry 7003 St. Joe Rd. Ft. Wayne,IN 46815.....219 486-3319

Change of address:

- HIBBELER Ollie R.R.73 Box 313 Lake Ozark, MO 65049.....314 365-3875
- PETERSON R.C. 3350 Carmel Dr. Casper, WY 82604.....
- ROY Alan H. 824 Keystone Way Louisville, KY 40223.....

Your Editor has been asked many times as to who our 183 co-collectors are rather than just a name on a mailing list. Here's our chance to let us all know by completing the informal questionnaire in this issue.

The 1986 convention in Fort Myers, Florida (April 24, 25 & 26) will go along smoothly if you help by letting me know if you PLAN to attend. The last line on the questionnaire is for that purpose. Send it to me with your renewal & save on postage.

The limited edition of "The Handbook of Beer Advertising Openers and Corkscrews" is still available. No reprinting of this collectors item is contemplated in the foreseeable future. See the ad in this issue and place your order for a copy or two so that you won't be disappointed in not having this valuable reference guide.

DON & PEARL KELLY (Lincoln, Nebr.) drove to the East Coast & back in search for openers. Their best find was a K-4 Tapster in Tennessee.

DEADLINE FOR THE JAN. '86 ISSUE IS SUNDAY DEC. 1st, 1985. NO EXCEPTIONS!

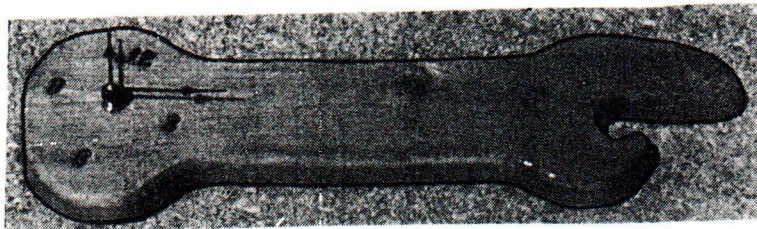


VIC KEOWN wrote: My specialty is TROMMERS openers. I started collecting them about 6 years ago. My first trade was for a C-18-11. Then at a beer can show, I made a trade for a reverse painted glass TROMMERS sign. I read up on the brewery finding that they went out of business in 1951. I decided on collecting all of the 24 openers listed. In talking with, writing to other collectors, going to flea markets & garage sales, bidding in auctions, I now have 16 varieties & will trade generously or pay a premium for the following 8 if indeed they do exist: C-18-12, E-3-24, E-4-92, E-8-48, E-14-668, I-6-80, I-7-61 & M-3-27. (ED'S note: When I received his letter, I sent him my E-14-668 with a note that I would rather he have it in his specialized collection than it just be another opener in my general collection).

From JIM MENSCH: My wife KAREN & I started collecting beer cans about 4 years ago. That got old fast & we parted with all but the ones from Buffalo, NY. Karen collects beer labels from all over and we now collect openers. We made it tough by collecting only New York State and now have over 300. We are grateful to DON BULL/ED KAYE for the books, as without them, we would all be lost about this interesting collectible. Also of very importance is JFO, for without it, we would not have made many new friends & many, many trades. The newsletters are great but we cannot understand why the membership does not use it more for their wants, trades & sells. My prize opener is an E-10-UL Down's Pure Ale Lockport, N.Y. as I know of only 5 of them around. I am always looking for N.Y.S. openers I need & also any items from Lockport, NY breweries. If any of you are in the Lockport area, stop in and have a cold one with us.



The St. Louis club held the July meeting at the home of LOU & ROSEMARY KOVARIK. It was a going-away party for OLLIE & SHIRLEY HIBBELER. (ED'S note: See change of address on page 1) After enjoying the Kovarik swimming pool, we dined on their patio overlooking the Meramac Valley. Lou barbecued the pork steak, MARY ANN KEOWN brought potato salad, DOROTHY SANTEN the 3-bean salad & JAY GOFF & Rosemary, cake for dessert. Another big surprise was a sheet cake provided by BOB CHAPMAN, decorated with a blue river flowing thru a green field & a fisherman on the bank. (OLLIE, a dedicated opener collector, also collects old fishing lures & is an avid fisherman). Not to be outdone, VIC KEOWN presented them with a B-23 opener style wood plaque clock.

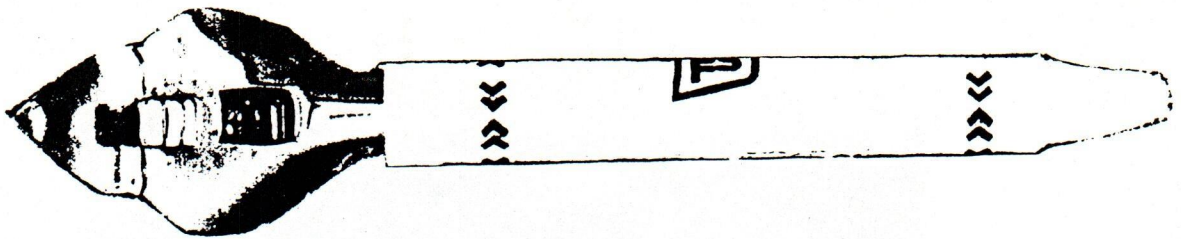


(VIC will take orders for wall plaques in the shape of any flat style opener, with or without a clock, with any kind of decoration or wood-burned lettering on it. Write to, or call VIC for details).

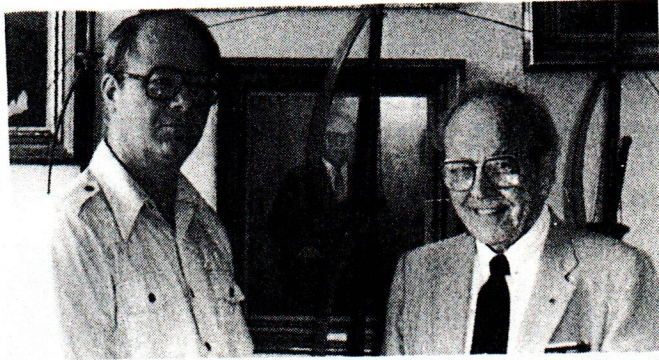
Ollie wrote to me stating that they appreciated what was done for them and makes one realize all the fine people you meet thru collecting and thanks them publicly thru our Newsletter, as they did personally.

The shoulder patch is still in limbo. They tell me that they forgot to place the order for the correct ones. I am waiting patiently for further information.





THE M-30 OPENER  
by ART SANTEN

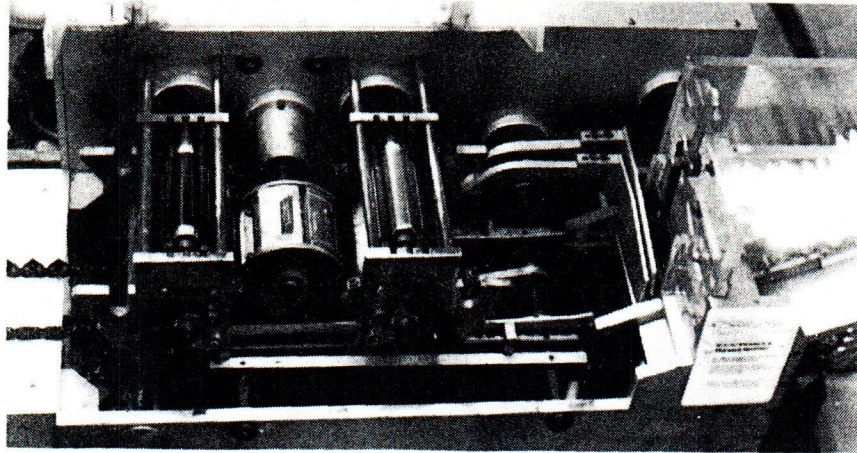


ART SANTEN (left) and LEONARD LIPIC

Seven years ago, when I sponsored the first opener convention, I met with Mr. Leonard Lipic and asked him to make a convention opener for me. He was very cooperative and gave me the openers. For the next two conventions, we ordered & paid for them thru an advertising specialty company. This year is the 50th anniversary of the punch type beer can opener (see JFO Oct. 1984 page 8). To note this occasion, I had some commemorative openers made. (They are available from me @ \$2.00 each). My display at this year's convention showed pictures of how the Lipic Co. produces the M-30 opener so your Editor prevailed on me to write this article. Further discussions with Mr. Lipic provided me with some facts about his company: It was founded in 1863 by George L. Berg the grandfather of Mr. Lipic as a pen & pencil company which makes it the oldest one of its kind in the United States. They are the ones that make pens for the Presidents of our U.S. as give-aways at the White House. 1933 was when they started to make openers. Those styles-plastic handle with cap lifter, with or without ice pick or screwdriver on other end, E-5, F-7, M-5 & M-51, were discontinued about 5 years ago. They acquired the patent for the M-29 in 1950. Later, they changed the flat red tip to the pointed red tip M-30. Last year, they eliminated the red tip insert and the handle is now molded as one piece. (Next page shows selected pics of their production).

When your Editor received a mint A-32-2 Ask for Wooden Shoe Lager Beer/Minster Sesquicentennial 1832-1982 (the Handbook lists it as Drink Wooden etc.--incorrectly reported--correct it to Ask for Wooden etc. see A-32-1) in a trade, my inquisitive nature got to me. I wrote to the Mayor of Minster, Ohio (the Wooden Shoe Brewing Co. was there 1939-1954) for background of its creation. Shortly thereafter, I received a letter from Steven A. Grimm of G-W Tool & Die Co. Box 227 Fort Loramie, OH 45845 & I quote from it: "G-W Tool is the producer of Wooden Shoe openers. As a member of Minster's Sesquicentennial Committee, I suggested the opener as a souvenir. G-W Tool contributed the tooling, Minster's Historical Society the material, and we went into production. Approximately 7,000 were given away. It is an exact replica of the original".

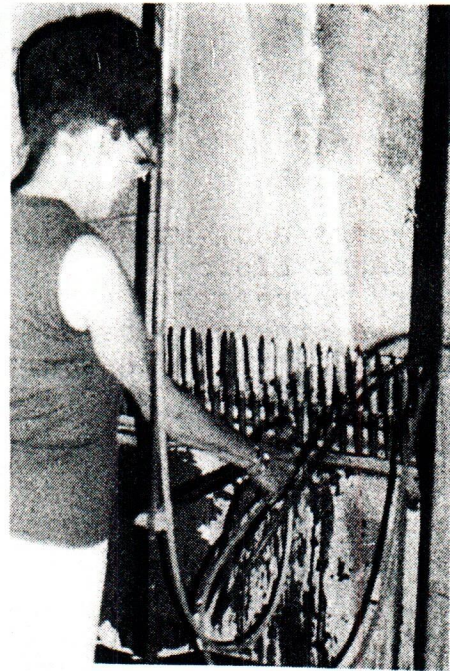




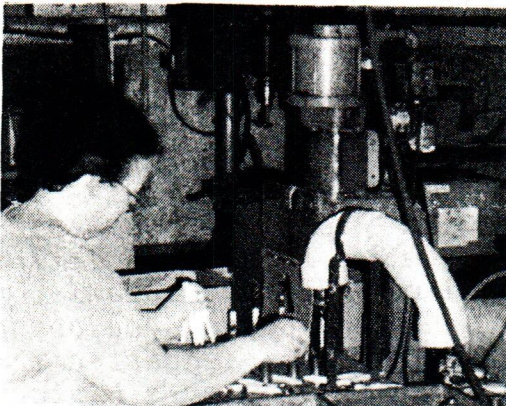
*Two color Flex-Printer (prints 1,000 handles per hour).*



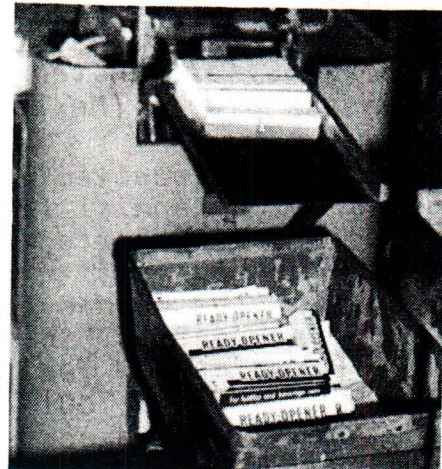
*Printed handles coming out of the 450° dryer.*



*Lacquering handles.*



*Inserting opener in handle.*



*Packaged "Ready Opener".*



STAN & CHRIS GALLOWAY, Editor & Secretary-Treasurer respectively of the American Breweriana Journal, visited the KAYES. On their way down, they toured the Modelo Brewery Co. in Auburndale, FL. They were gracious in bringing us a six pack of Hautey beer from there. Another visitor was STAN SUMMERS of Rochester, MI who has the honor of being the first to renew for 1986. His collection is now enriched with 23 openers he purchased from me.

-----IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE-----

Results of "Zang's Mini Auction" in the July issue: A-5-5 Leisy \$9.44, C-2-1 Phoenix \$35.51, E-1-10 Kuebler \$4.20, G-1-33 Kings \$10.00, H-5-3 Columbia No Bid.

-----WANTED-----

Grand Prize, Blue Bonnet, Southern Select or any old Texas breweries-all types. Will also trade I-6-20 Grand Prize or E-14-268 Spoetzl for them. MIKE HENNECH 2602 Chevy Chase Irving, TX 75062

These Rainier: A-30-11, A-33-3, B-46-1 & B-50-1. JACK FORD 5351 Boyd Av. Oakland, CA 94618

Will buy at reasonable prices: H-8-2 Buckeye & these Miller ones, D-3-3, D-5-9, H-7-13 & P-8-76. Write or call RALPH PHILLIPS 81 New Britain Ave. Hartford, CT 06106 Phone (203) 547-0623.

These A-9 baseball player #s 1-Buffalo, 19-Eastside, 8-Eureka, 20-Galion, 15-Excelsior, 7-Bohemian, 10-Kamm, 5-Poth, 16-Renner, 11-Ringler, 14-Wayne & 18-Springfield. ED KAYE 968 Greenwood Ct. Sanibel Island, FL 33957

Buy or trade for better up-State New York openers. Have many rare openers of which are UL. MARK BARREN 6806 Bear Ridge Rd. Lockport, NY 14094.

Will buy or trade for any New York state brewery openers that I need. JIM MENSCH 94-1/2 Massachusetts Ave. Lockport, NY 14094.

Will buy or trade for Storz Brewery, Omaha BOB VAN VACTOR R#1 B#3 Stanberry, MO 64489.

Coca-Cola figurals: Paying \$100 for A-3, \$75 each for A-4, A-5, A-9, A-12 or A-30. \$50 for B-7. \$35 each for A-15, A-17, A-20, A-21 or any other spinner. \$25 each for B-13, F-5, F-6, F-18, G-25, N-9 or N-29. \$100 for M-19 (cast). Also buying any older Coca-Cola openers needed in my collection. Write for offer. THOM THOMPSON Huntertown Rd. Versailles, KY 40383.

-----SELLING-----

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"Zang's Mini Auction": A-12-1 Burgermeister (exc.), C-13-61 Jones (good), E-14-359 Fisher (vg.), G-9-28 Tube City (vg.), M-23-2 Stag (exc.). High bid on each will get them. Auction closes 11/12/85. ANTHONY T. ZANGHI 605 Leithsville Rd. Hellertown, PA 18055.

"THE HANDBOOK OF BEER ADVERTISING OPENERS AND CORKSCREWS" available at \$12.95 postpaid. ED KAYE 968 Greenwood Ct. Sanibel Island, FL 33957.



From MARK BARREN: I primarily collect beer openers but also interesting non-beer ones. My specialty is Buffalo, NY & added the 111th to it- a B-2-16 Phoenix. My general New York collection is 330 plus.

ADVERTISING OPENERS FROM ORIGINAL TEXAS BREWERIES AFTER PROHIBITION  
by MIKE HENNECH 2602 Chevy Chase Irving, TX 75062

Note 1. Any additions or corrections to this article are encouraged.

Note 2. I am interested in trading or buying any & all openers listed.

Brewery: Schepps Brewing Corp. 1934-1939

Time Brewing, Inc. 1939-1940

Dallas-Fort Worth Brewing Co. 1940-1951 (aka Schepps Brewery 1945)

Location: Dallas, Texas

Brand: Bluebonnet E-6-14 E-10-64 E-14-56 E-14-486.

Brewery: Dallas Brewery, Inc. 1934-1939

Location: Dallas, Texas

Brand ? Opener?

Brewery: Harry Mitchell Brewing Co. 1935-1955

Location: El Paso, Texas

Brands: Harry Mitchell's Special Lager Beer Mitchell's Premium Beer

Openers: B-23-95 B-23-96 E-6-37 E-10-140 E-14-410 E-14-625 I-2-7  
I-3-11 I-3-32 J-5-25 J-5-90 J-8-11 J-18-16.

Brewery: Superior Brewing Co. 1939-1940

Location: Fort Worth, Texas

Brands: Golden Lager Superior Pilsner Beer

Openers: E-6-89 E-9-83 E-10-176 E-12-50 E-14-282.

Brewery: Galveston-Houston Breweries, Inc. 1934-1955

Location: Galveston, Texas

Brands: Magnolia Southern Select

Note: Magnolia & Southern Select were also brewed by Houston Ice and Brewing Company in Houston, Texas BEFORE prohibition.

Openers: Magnolia: C-13-69 E-14-521 E-14-620

Southern Select: A-4-16 A-16-4 B-2-17 B-21-111 E-6-48

E-13-33 E-14-267 I-14-28 I-20-20 J-3-12  
J-4-28 J-5-69 J-5-84 O-5-10

Brewery: Southern Brewing Co. 1933-1939

Location: Houston, Texas

Brands: ?

Openers: ?

Brewery: Valley Brewing Co. 1961-1962

Location: Mercedes, Texas

Brands: ?

Openers: I-17-43 I-17-146

Brewery: San Antonio Brewing Association 1933-1952

Pearl Brewing Co. 1952-1978

Pearl Brewing Co. subs. of General Brewing Co. Calif. 1978-now.

Location: San Antonio, Texas

Brands: Pearl

Openers: A-23-2 B-13-14 B-13-35 B-13-37 B-21-74 B-21-134 E-8-43

E-9-45 E-10-98 E-10-99 E-14-212 E-14-213 E-14-249 E-14-250

E-14-251 E-14-251 E-14-419 G-14-3 I-13-110 I-14-22 I-14-38

I-14-39 I-19-10 I-20-12 I-20-19 J-3-9 J-5-29 K-1-3 K-6-1

N-39-2 O-5-8 P-115-1.



Brewery: Sabinas Brewing Co. 1933-1939  
Champion Brewing Co. 1939-1940  
Lone Star Brewing Co. 1949-1976  
Lone Star Brewing Co. subs. of Olympia Brewing Co. Olympia, WA  
1976-1983  
Lone Star Brewing Co. subs. of G. Heileman Brewing Co.  
LaCrosse, WI 1983-Present

Location: San Antonio, Texas

Brands: Sabinas Lone Star

Openers: Sabinas A-5-30 E-14-666  
Lone Star A-19-2 B-2-14 B-21-118 E-10-168 E-11-9 E-14-176  
E-19-2 I-11-93 I-11-94 I-11-95 I-11-96 I-11-196  
I-11-197 I-11-198 I-11-199 I-11-200 I-11-264  
I-11-265 I-11-266 I-11-267 I-12-124 I-12-158  
I-12-180 I-12-181 I-13-166 I-14-17 I-14-56  
I-15-17 I-15-64 I-16-12 I-16-13 I-16-14 I-16-27  
I-16-28 I-16-29 I-16-30 I-17-79 I-17-216 I-20-18  
J-3-25 J-5-59 M-27-1 M-30-7 M-30-14 N-40-7  
Q-5-5.

Note: Lone Star beer was also brewed BEFORE Prohibition by the Lone Star  
Brewing Co. 1884-1918.

Brewery: Spoetzl

Location: Shiner, Texas

Brand: Shiner

Openers: E-12-39 E-14-268 E-14-443 E-14-641

Brewery: Gulf Brewing Co. 1933-1963

Location: Houston, Texas

Brand: Grand Prize

Openers: A-29-45 B-14-24 B-14-25 E-9-91 E-12-44 E-14-119 E-14-120  
E-14-121 E-14-608 G-1-12 G-1-13 G-1-14 H-3-11 I-3-6  
I-4-35 I-6-20 I-6-21 I-6-71 I-11-245 I-12-32 I-17-52  
I-17-53 I-22-10 J-6-36 O-5-5 O-5-20.

ED's Note: The July issue had a mention that MIKE was doing research on  
Texas breweries for his forthcoming book. We commend him on  
the preceding article. If YOU can help, he will appreciate  
all contributions of information you send him.

#### CLEANING OPENERS

by ED KAYE

NOTE: This is the way I do it. You may have other ways. If you do, write  
and share them with us.

Step 1. Soak them in hot detergent water to remove beer residue. Use  
Use tooth brush on stubborn residue then rinse in clear hot water  
and dry thoroughly.

Step 2. To remove rust stains, using rubber gloves, dip in Naval Jelly  
and let soak for 5 to 10 minutes in plastic bowl. Rinse in hot  
water and dry thoroughly.

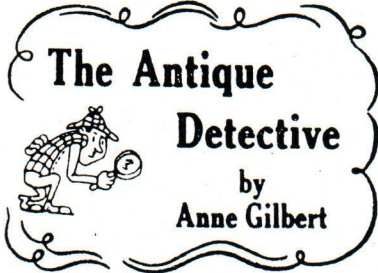
Step 3. Wire brush them-I use a very fine wire wheel which has a shank  
for a 1/4" electric drill.

For copper plated or brass ones, follow step 1 and if necessary, step 2.  
Then use a copper cleaner on them, rinse and dry thoroughly. Coat them  
with clear nail polish (brush is furnished in cap).

A REMINDER: IF YOU WANT A REPLY TO YOUR LETTER, ENCLOSE A 22 CENT STAMP.



# Collectibles for Every Taste



You don't have to collect wines to enjoy the wide diversity in prices and items of wine collectibles. There are rare Georgian silver wine labels for \$100 or even more expensive antique silver coasters.

One of the fastest growing collectible categories includes corkscrews and cap lifters. Prices range anywhere from penny pincher items to \$40 for a small bronzed pocket corkscrew up to \$600 for a rare 19th-century silver corkscrew.

The earliest corkscrews were introduced in the 17th century, but it wasn't until the 18th-century Industrial Revolution in England that they were made by the hundreds. In the 19th century (1802), Sir Edward Thomason patented the "King's Screw." It is highly sought by collectors today and may be priced from \$200 to \$600.

Nineteenth-century inventors on both sides of the Atlantic vied with each other to come up with unique tools to remove corks from bottles. The simplest type of corkscrew — a plain steel spiral with a wooden handle — is still in use. Combination corkscrews incorporating bottle openers, wire cutters and penknives became popular novelties.

There were so-called status corkscrews with handles in silver, ivory, mother-of-pearl or horn. Othes had a handle with miniature figures of sportsmen, golf balls, horses' heads or miniature bottles made of silver or solid glass.

Inventors were creative in naming their corkscrews as well. One of my favorites is "Old Sniffer" which was a silver-plated combination corkscrew, shot glass, ice spoon and cap lifter with a miniature figure of Senator Volstead forming the handle. Senator Volstead was the prohibitionist responsible for the no-



"Old Sniffer" corkscrew. (Photo courtesy of Phillips, New York)

liquor law named after him in the 1920s. "Old Sniffer" corkscrews range in price from \$80 to \$200.

Wine tasters — those two-handled cups you see dangling from the wine stewards' necks in elegant restaurants — originated in wine growing countries. While most of the antique varieties are in museums, there are handsome reproductions priced at \$10 and up.

**BEWARE:** The most interesting wine labels, tasters and corkscrews have been reproduced.

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