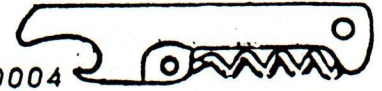


Just For Openers



968 GREENWOOD CT. SANIBEL ISLAND. FL 33957 (813) 472-0004

SPRING has sprung. The Robins should be chirping away in your yard as some 200 of them feasted on the Brazilian Pepper tree berries in my back yard on their annual migration. Your collections should be in tip-top order after a long Winter in which you had time to get them in shape. We look forward to a new season of flea markets, garage sales etc. Good hunting to all & may it be rewarding. Let me know of your successes.

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS SINCE THE JAN. 1986 DIRECTORY:

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- STILES Eric 1926 East G Torrington, WY 82240.....307 532-2297
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- GEYER Ray 5334 Huntington Ct. Sarasota, FL 33580.....

We now have a membership of 209.

I express my sincere thanks to all who wrote that I should keep up "the good work" in producing JFO. At times it does get hectic and I, being human, do make errors which sharp eyes like those of you who call them to my attention. Refer to the Jan.'86 issue of "Additions". Please make the following corrections to it:

B-6-14 should be HASTINGS BREWING CO. HASTINGS, NEBR./PRAIRIE PRIDE BEER PERSONAL LIBERTY BREW

B-12-6 GOETZ etc. was reported as an incorrect type. Delete it and make B-12-7 LEMBECK etc. as #B-12-6.

B-18-388 should be DRINK DICK & BROS. QUINCY BEER QUINCY, ILL.

C-7-31 PABST etc. should be C-7-3.

H-11-9 MARATHON should be H-11-11 & H-11-10 MILLER should be H-11-12.

I-3-34 BUDWEISER etc. should be I-3-35.

The I-13s should start with #114 and end with #119.

The I-14s should start with #68 and end with #70.

The M-3s should start with #35 and end with #37.

The N-11s should be #s 8 & 9.

The Q-6s should be #s 3 & 4.

The Q-10s should start with #5 and end with #8.

The text and layouts of New Discoveries on pages 4 thru 9 were done by DON BULL. Original photos by HENRY SMITH & DON BULL.

I was hoping I would be able to direct you to where to send your New Discoveries for photographing at this time. Perhaps in the July issue??

A partial summary of the results from the questionnaire:

Ages: 10-20=3; 21-30=6; 31-40=26; 41-50=50; 51-60=32; 61-70=23; 71-80=4; 81-90=1. Youngest: AMY RICE @ 13; eldest is MARTIN PAULSON @ 83. Each was sent a JFO patch with my compliments.

Collecting periods range from 4 months to 40 years.

Only 6 sent in their guesses of the "total" amount of openers reported in ALL collections: 25,000 (SANTEN); 25,383 (LUNDELL); 38,600 (BROMM); 126,320 (WALDO); 137,877 (DEACHMAN); 192,192 (NOWICKI). The actual count is 130,479. So, HARRIET WALDO was the closest with a difference of 4,159. The B-2-1A Blatz is now hers.

The balance of the questionnaire results should be in the July issue.

ART & EILEEN JOHNSON of Mendon, Mass. visited. Art has a trade list and would welcome yours. He is especially interested in M-1, M-2 & M-3.

CARL REES noticed the new addition of B-21-374 Gilbert. He visited this brewery in 1984. He states that it is still intact and most of the equipment is in place with the exception of the bottling equipment.

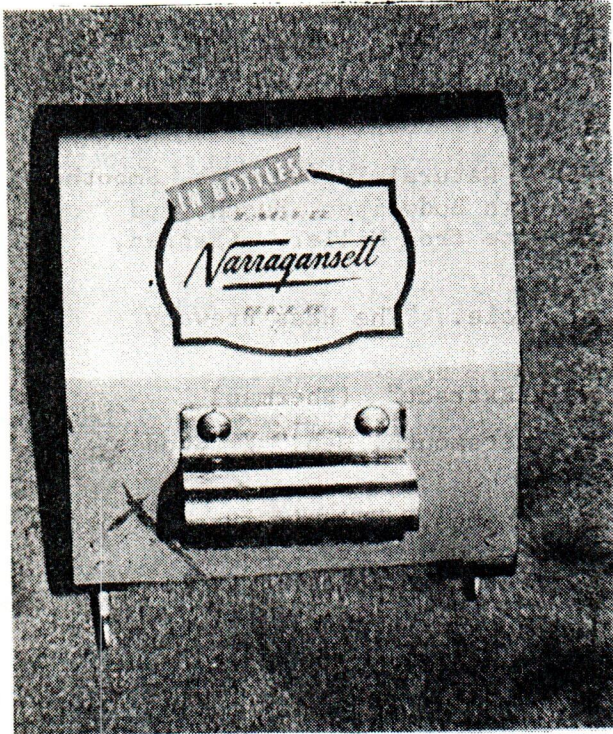
It is with regret that I report that two of our members, H.W. SHERRIEB & DON KELLY passed away in January. Mrs. Pearl Kelly asks that if any of us had a mail trade with Don that was not completed, to write to her and she will try to settle it.

FRANK KRAFT subscribed to Just For Openers to learn more about them as he became interested in the breweriana surrounding beer cans. He started as a beer can collector and now collects any and all advertising relating to Grain Belt and Kato breweries. As to openers, he favors Minnesota ones. Our publications have been a great help.

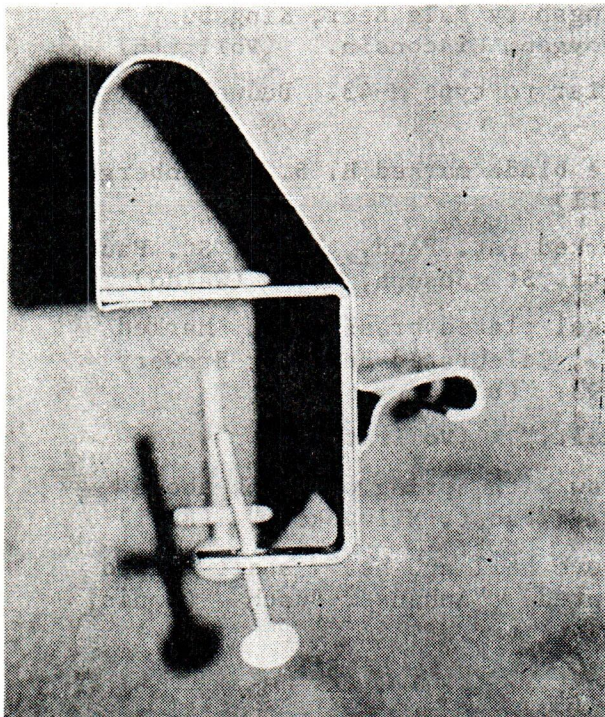
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NEW DISCOVERIES

This interesting new discovery is unlike any other type of opener. It has a metal frame which mounts onto a bar by means of two thumb screws. Attached to this frame by means of rivets is a 0-4 type wall mounted opener. The frame is painted olive tone gold, over which the advertisements have been silk screened in similar fashion to a painted label bottle. The advertisements appear in white, red, and dark green. The frame, without the 0-4 wall mount and thumb screws, measures 5" wide, 5 3/16" high, and 2 9/16" deep.

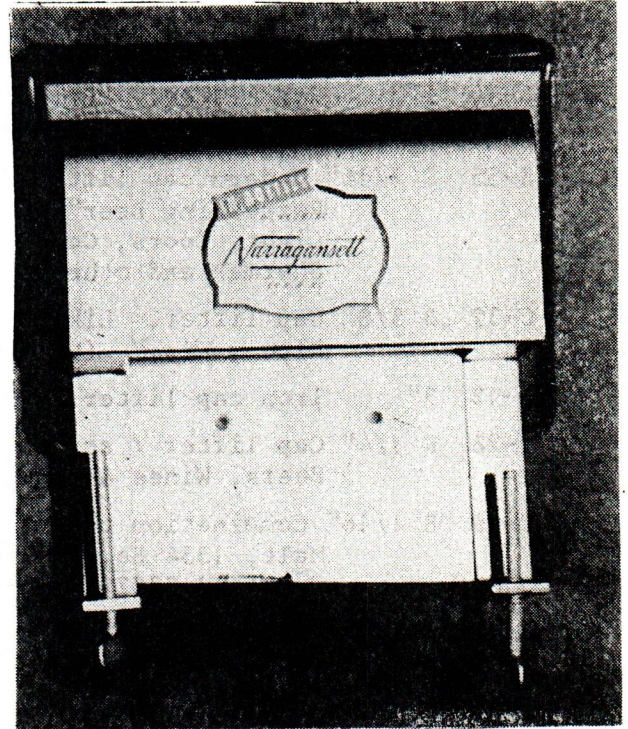


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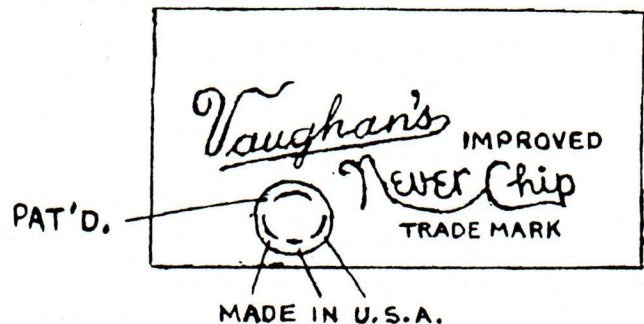
SIDE VIEW

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COURTESY
OF BILL
McKIENZIE



O-11

Note that in this rear view the opener is being supported by a book.



Above is a drawing of the 0-4 type opener as viewed from the top. The Vaughan's IMPROVED Never Chip was used as early as 1922 (see catalog reprint - back page JFO #9). The improved version was 2 1/2" wide, one inch wider than the original version, patented 6-18-1912. Considering these facts it is possible that this opener could (?) date as far back as the early post-pro period, circa 1933.

DISCOVERIES (not all shown actual size)

- A-47 3" Full figure eagle standing on shield. Bottle cap lifter and key chain combination. "Key to Luxus, the beer you like, Fred Krug Brewing Co., Omaha, U. S. A." / "Fred Krug Brewing Co., Omaha, U.S.A., Grand Aerie Convention, Omaha, U.S.A., 1909." Opener manufactured by Green Duck Co., Chicago. (Vollrath).
- A-48 2 11/16" Turtle with cap lifter and 3 screwdrivers complete with envelope. Marked "Lite." Made by Lewtan. (Kaye). Compare to type A-39.
- B-54 3" Cap lifter. "Drink Wennersten's M-H Bohemian Blend" / Wholesome, Nourishing, Non-Intoxicating." (Vollrath)
- B-55 2 7/16" Modern cap lifter marked "Busch, Born of Natural Ingredients, Smooth, Refreshing Beer" (Keown). Also found with Budweiser, Busch, Bud Light, Coors, Coors Light, Stroh's and Lite from Miller. (Santen, Sherman and others).
- C-39 .3 3/8" Cap lifter. Like C-37 except no square hole.. "The Haas Brewery Ripon, Wis." (Vollrath)
- D-13 3" Iron cap lifter. "Koppitz-Melchers Malt Extract" (Sherman)
- E-28 6 1/4" Cap lifter / screwdriver. "Ed Donat, Plattsmouth, Neb." / "Gund's Beers, Wines & Liquors."
- F-29 8 1/16" Combination over-the-top cap lifter and spoon. "Liquid 'Cremo' Malt, 1334 So. Rockwell, two doors north of Ogden Ave., Phone - Crawford 3232." Marked Pat. Apld For and Bottle Opener. (Vollrath)
- M-78 1 7/8" diameter combination cap lifter, button hook, scissors, key chain, and cigar cutter. Marked Pat. April 14, 1914 and trade mark "Hesuah." "Pabst Brewing Co., Milwaukee, Wis., Blue Ribbon Beer." (Bull)
- M-79 3 7/8" Combination cap lifter / can piercer. "Lone Star Beer." Purchased at the brewery gift shop in 1984. (Bull)
- M-80 3" x 3/4" x 7/8" all wood cap lifter. "Kingsbury Pale Beer, Kingsbury Breweries Company, Manitowoc & Sheboygan, Wisconsin. (Vollrath)
- M-81 3 1/4" Luggage tag style cap lifter. Similar to type M-43. Budweiser label in Lucite. (Kaye)
- N-61 3 5/8" Knife - blade and cap lifter. Knife blade marked H. B. Hardenberg & Co., Germany. "Kaier Beer." (Bull)
- N-62 3 1/4" Cap lifter and bottle resealer. Marked Pat. Pend., B & B, St. Paul. "Hund and Eger, Coca-Cola and Schlitz, St. Joseph, Mo." (Waldo)
- P-79 2 5/8" Folding corkscrew. German made nickel plated brass legs. Marked "Loerzel Brothers, Saugerties, N. Y., Celebrated Beers." Brewery operated under Loerzel from 1888-1893. (Bull)
- P-80 5 1/2" Corkscrew/cap lifter. "Froedtert Malt." (Vollrath)
- P-81 5 3/4" Corkscrew. An Edwin Walker corkscrew with spring on shank above bell instead of cotter pin retainer. "Pabst, Milwaukee." (Bull)
- P-82 5 7/8" Corkscrew with flat wire breaker above bell and heavy shaft marked Williamson Co., Newark, N. J., Patented. "Anheuser-Busch" (Ennis, Waldo, Bull, and others)

- P-83 8" Barmounted corkscrew. "Kessler Brewing Co., Helena, Mont." Marked Yankee No. 7. Based on R. B. Gilchrist patent of April 8, 1913 (No. 1,058,361). Like the Champion (see Type P-64 except cork is extracted by raising instead of lowering the handle and mounting plate in different position. (Bull)
- P-84 10" Barmounted corkscrew. "Schlitz Brewing Co., Milwaukee, Wis." appears on the base plate. Edwin Walker's Feb. 14, 1888 patent number 377,790. (Bull)
- Q-11 2 3/4" diameter (top), 3 1/8" diameter (bottom). "Augsburger Dark Light Bock." Cap lifter and twist off cap remover. Magnets to hold cap. Marked Inventex RO 1983, Made in Canada. (Kaye)

Unclassified:

A folding corkscrew (shown open and closed) marked "Kupper Lager" from Germany. Measures 3 3/8" closed and 5 7/8" opened. (Bull)

A can opener marked "Pabst Malt Syrup." 5 3/4" long x 1 9/16" wide. Marked on handle: Simplex Can Opener made by Simplex Appliance Co., Chicago, USA, Pat'd, 11-24-25, 7-13-26, 11-16-26. (Graff)



**HOT OFF
THE PRESS**

FEBRUARY 1986

Welcome...

... to *Hot off the Press*, the newsletter of Big Red Q Printing Centers in the Fort Myers area. We hope you find it enjoyable and informative.

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Some jobs are just screwy.

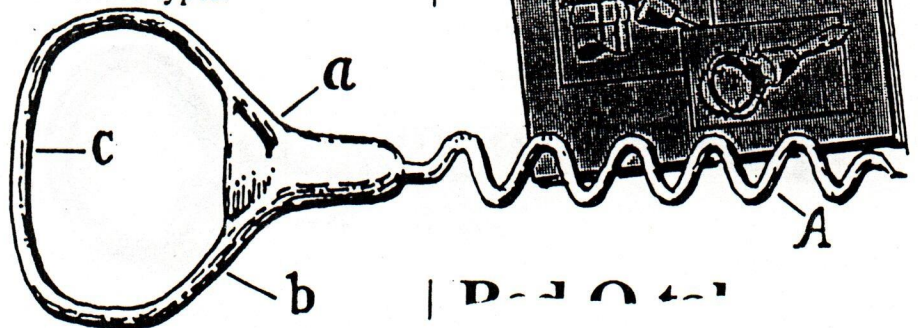
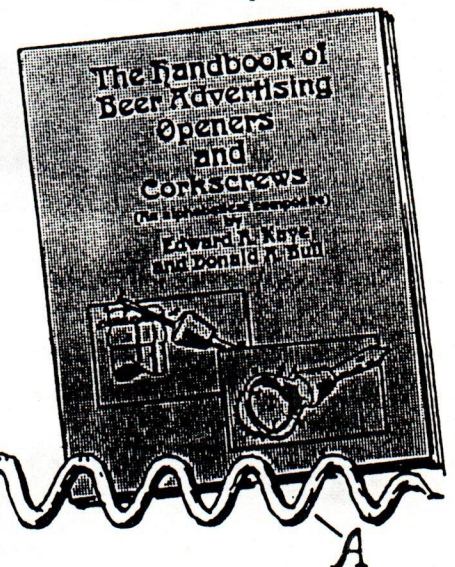
But this is the screwiest one yet! One hundred and seventy-two pages of corkscrews and beer can openers.

The book is the project of Edward R. Kaye and Donald A. Bull, two of apparently thousands of collectors of beer advertising openers and corkscrews.

It is an alphabetical composite of over 9,000 openers and corkscrews. The first section of the book shows each type of opener that has been invented; the second lists the advertising messages that have been used on the various types.

Nancy Gordon of the Sanibel Big Red Q handled the printing and binding of the book. 500 books were printed and distributed to collectors throughout the world.

How's that for openers.

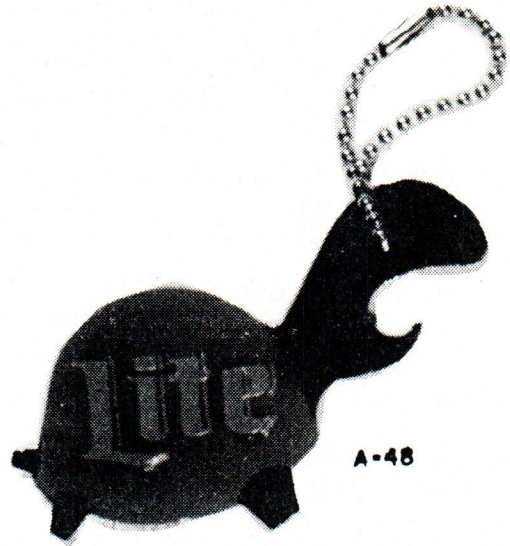


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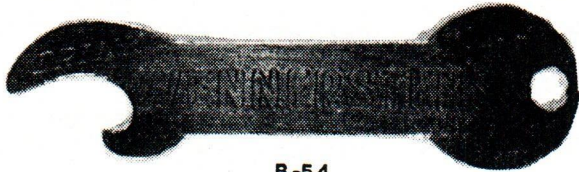
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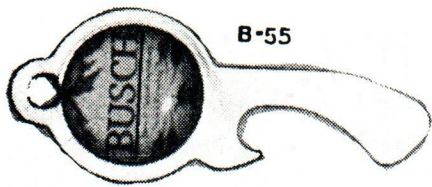
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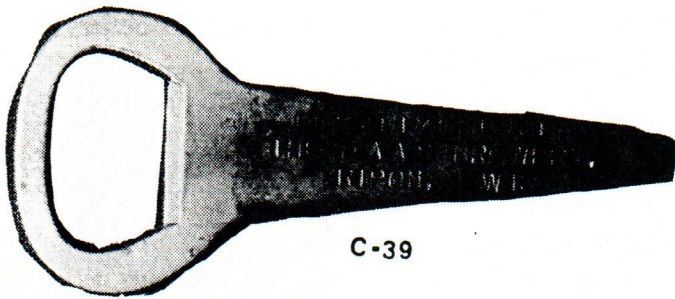
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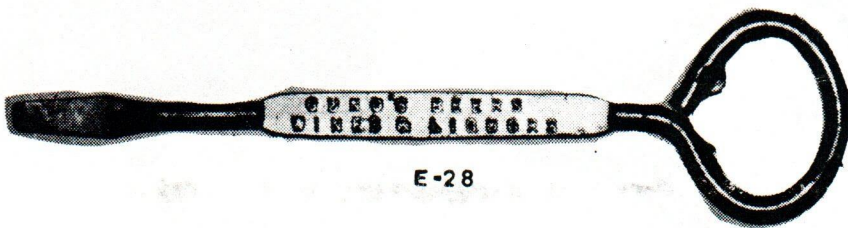
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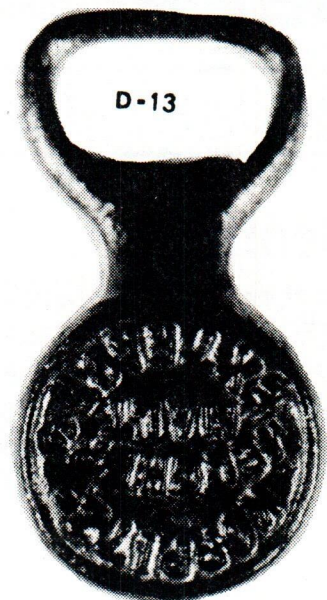
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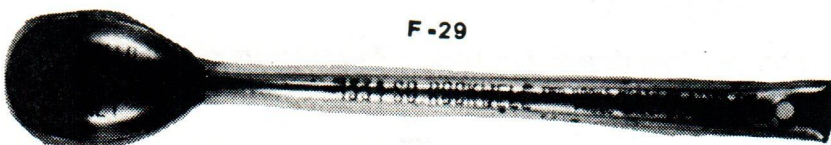
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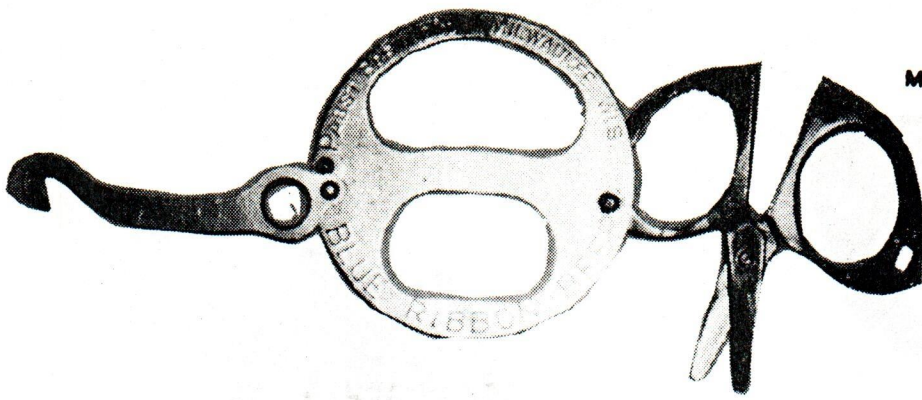
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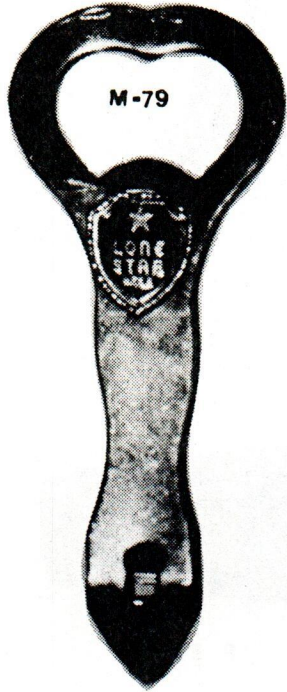
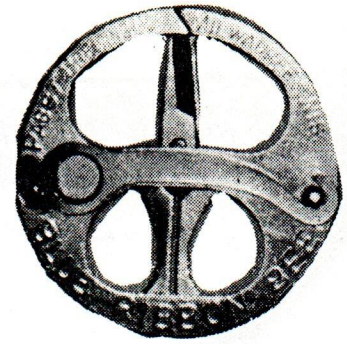
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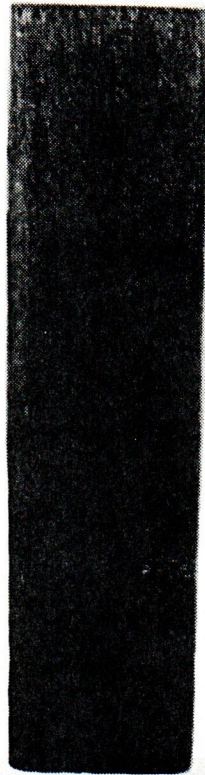
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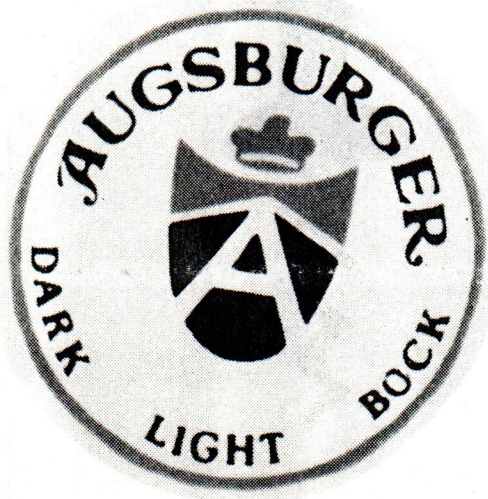
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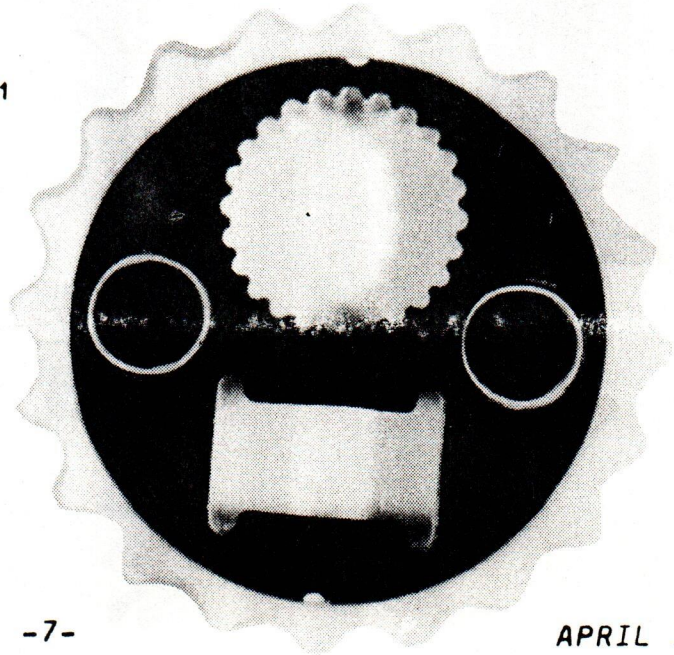
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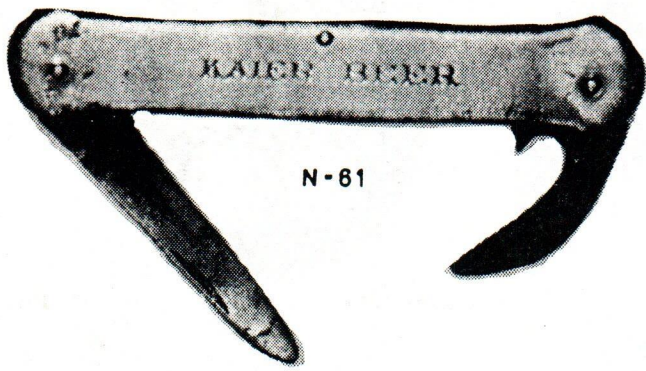


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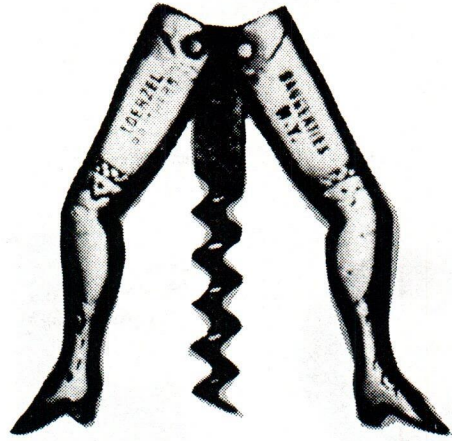


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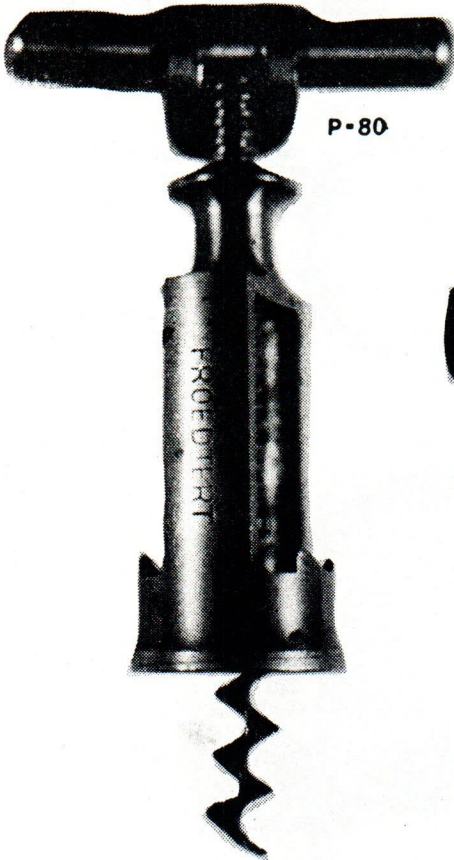
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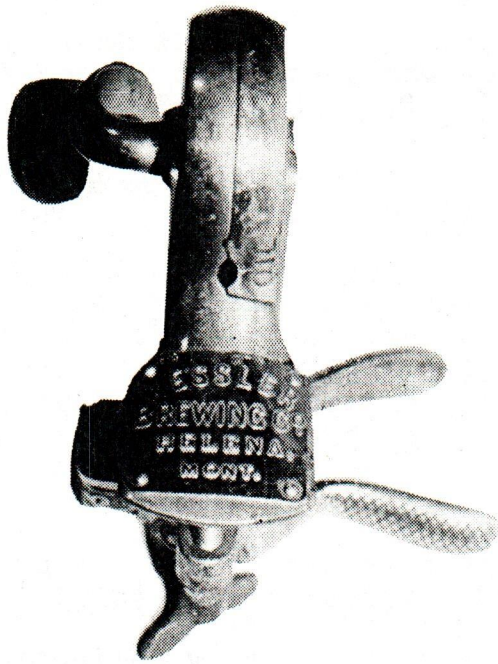
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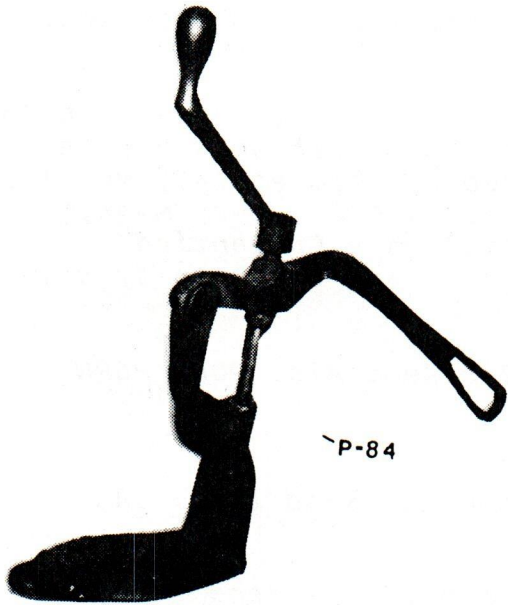
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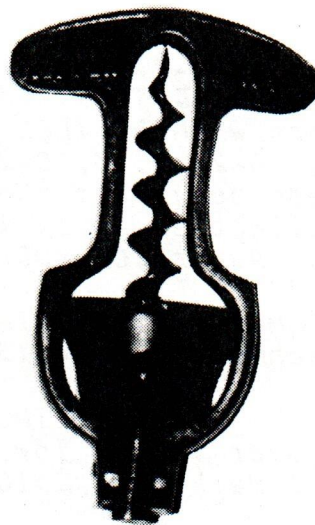
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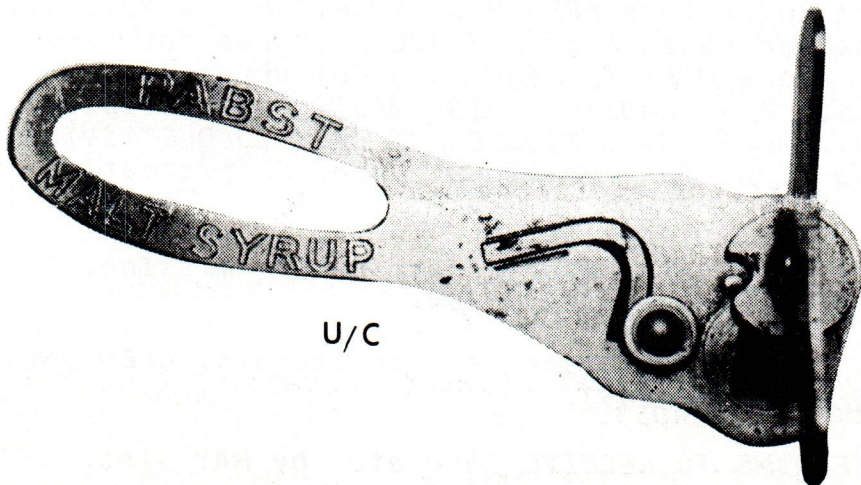
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ROBERT CLARK is a large flea market operator (Junction 24 & 36 west of Hannibal, MO May 1st to Oct. 1st). Now we know who gets first choice for all those elusive openers. Share them with us, will you Robert?

KAREN BATES (with Paul Bates) assembled a pamphlet on Soda Bottle and Can Openers. Refer to the flyer insert with this issue.

WILLIAM J. ENNIS would like help in solving "The Mystery of the Half Snifter". It is a full size Snifter in left profile. It is like the original with the words "Old Snifter" being larger, taking up the entire base. It is not an opener/corkscrew cut in half. That would leave a slot in the back for a c/s. With a hole thru the hat and another at about the knee, it appears to be to fastened to something-perhaps an advertising sign? Can you help in solving this for him?

-----WANTED-----

COCA-COLA openers, especially figurals. See past issues of JFO for price amounts offered. THOM THOMPSON Huntertown Rd. Versailles, KY 40383.

"F" type BEER advertising openers. Will buy or trade from my collection. LARRY BIEHL 448 Crandon Calumet City, IL 60409.

Will buy your C-5-3 Kling. RAYMOND KLING 2321 First Lane Oconomowoc, WI 53066.

Bottle shaped openers such as A-27, 28 & 29, L-2, 4, 5, 6 & 7, M-46, N-54 & 55, H-8s. Also openers with BOTTLES stamped on them such as A-25, 26 & 38, C-12, 13 & G-1. Openers with BOTTLES pictured on them as E-5, M-1 & 2 Types I don't have as yet: A-22 & 43, C-2 Tech, C-24 U.S., L-7, M-46, N-54 & 55, P-65. Will trade heavy for these. Still have Convention openers to trade. Also collect sodas or whiskeys in any of these types. GARY DEACHMAN 877 Mobile Aurora, CO 80011.

Needed: M-1-1 Canandagua, M-2-1 Amber Ale & M-2-2 Kent Ale. JOHN HORN 2828 Chestnut Ln. New Richmond, OH 45157.

-----SELLING-----

Openers for sale-list of over 500 as low as 50¢ each. Send large SASE. JANTOS 7025 Kevin Bethel Park, PA 15102.

Have small opener collection for sale. Pay UPS and I will send for your inspection and offer. H.A. HAYDOCK 1660 2nd Ave. S. Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494.

"INTERACTIVE BOOKS" for Soda Collectors PRESENTS: SODA CANS (4 Vols.)... \$29.95. 500 + information packed pages & over 7,000 pictures for easy identification. These books are a MUST for Soda Can Collectors!! Please include \$1.50 for postane & handling. VISA/MASTERCARD accepted: (615)859-5236. THE SODA MART, DEPT. J-1, RIDGECREST DR., GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072. Also, see enclosed flyer for additional books & information.

-----TRADE-----

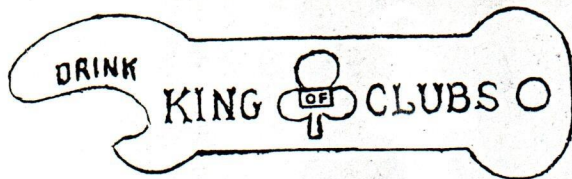
My A-34-3 (powderhorn) for type A Rainier or corkscrew I'm missing. BILL ENNIS 12220 14th Dr. SE Everett, WA 98204.

Will trade or buy CIGAR BOX openers or cigar related openers. GLEN ENLOE 10530 E. 9th St. Independence, MO 64053.

DEADLINE FOR JULY ISSUE IS FOR ME TO RECEIVE INFO etc. by MAY 31st.

Opener Trivia

by Bill McKenzie



Did you ever wonder whether this King of Clubs opener was mislabeled? After all, it doesn't say beer and isn't listed as a brand in Who's Who in Brew. Doesn't it sound like the name of a club soda or possibly a whiskey? You know we've mislabeled I-7-42 Won-Up, which is a soda.

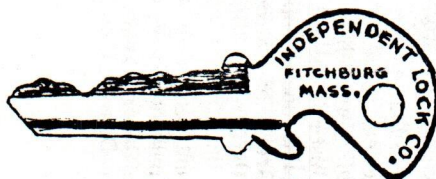
If these thoughts have passed through your mind you weren't alone. I had my suspicions too until I recently came across a little brochure from the G. Heileman Brewing Co., La Crosse, Wis. Inside the brochure were pictured a bottle of Old Style Lager, "The Brew with a Snap to it!", and a bottle of King of Clubs, "The Royal Brew!".

The bottle of King of Clubs pictured a King of Clubs playing card on the label, and on the neck label, exactly as on the opener, appeared the words King of Clubs.

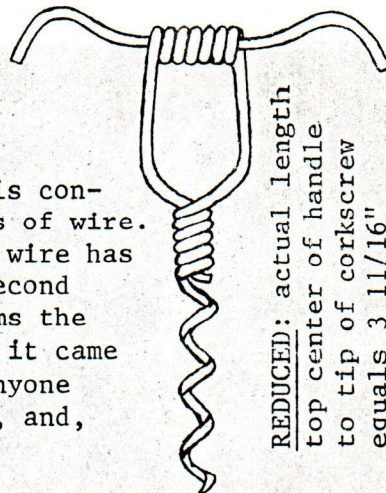
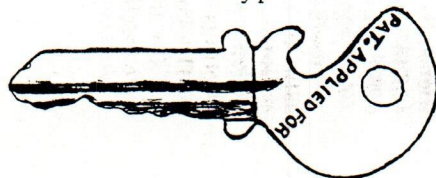
The brochure advertised: "Effective January 1st, 1932 the very same formula and process was reinstated in manufacturing "OLD STYLE LAGER" and "KING OF CLUBS" as in the days of yore".



Gary Deachman of Denver, Colorado would like to know which brewery this opener is from.

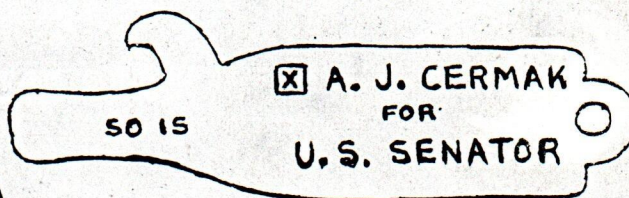


an unusual B Type!



REDUCED: actual length
top center of handle
to tip of corkscrew
equals 3 11/16"

This unusual corkscrew is constructed from two pieces of wire. One continuous piece of wire has been twisted around a second piece of wire which forms the handle. I was told that it came from England(?). Does anyone know if it was patented, and, if so, the patent date?



You might expect a politician to kiss a baby or give away campaign buttons, but have you ever heard of a politician giving away a bottle opener as an advertisement for your vote?

This interesting beer related opener probably dates just before the repeal of prohibition. It advertises that the candidate is "FOR BEER AND WINE", and if elected would be in favor of repealing the 18th amendment.

Was A.J. Cermak from Illinois? Isn't there a Cermak Avenue or Street in Chicago? Can any of our Illinois members confirm this, and tell us if he was in fact elected senator and the year.

Bill Ennis from Everett, Washington would like to know whether an A-1-3 COPELAND'S ALE-LAGER exists. He believes this opener is from COPLAND'S, a Canadian brewery, whose name is spelled without the letter E. If you have this opener in your collection would you let us know the exact spelling as it appears on the opener?

ANSWERS TO LAST ISSUES QUESTIONS

- An E-14-57 with EVANSVILLE spelled correctly does exist. Other openers with spelling errors that have been listed are: A-4-23 Havre / A-20-1 Hopfbrau / E-14-494 Fallstaff / E-14-530 Oskosh.
- "MULE KICK" was a product you put in the toilet. I once saw a magazine ad for it, but can't remember if it was like DRANO or just a sanitizer/freshener. Bill Ennis was the only one who wrote in with the correct answer.
- All other questions remain unanswered.

What are those things used for? Beer bottles, for openers

By JUDI WRIGHT

Some people collect stamps, others baseball cards. But one Hays man collects something that isn't as common.

For the past six years, Eldon Gregg, 1714 Henry, has been collecting bottle and can openers.

"It really didn't start out as a hobby," Gregg said. "About six years ago when I was cleaning out my father's old tool boxes and fishing boxes, I came across a bunch of bottle openers.

"After cleaning out some of my tool boxes and fishing boxes, I ended up with about 50 different kinds of openers," he said. "It really got me intrigued."

Since then, Gregg's collection has grown. He now has about 600 or 700 openers, including openers representing 225 beer names, he said.

"I picked up a few at flea markets and other places, but I had a lot given to me from my friends," he said. "They just couldn't believe that anyone was collecting beer can openers."

As one of more than 200 members of Just For Openers, the national organization of opener collectors, Gregg has attended several of the group's annual meetings.

"The conventions are in April and for the past two years they have been in Denver. Colo.," he

said. "The conventions (are) where I do most of my trading. I pick up a lot of different openers there."

Last year Gregg received first place for his display. The collections, he said, were judged based on the manner in which they were displayed and the variety of openers included in the display. Appropriately, Gregg received a plaque with the official can opener for the convention on it.

The two people instrumental in starting the national organization, Gregg said, were Don Bull and Ed Kaye. The two have written several books cataloging over 9,000 different types of openers. Bull and Kaye also send out newsletters to all members of the national organization.

Gregg said his goal was to get as many beer names and types of openers as he could, without any duplications.

Through his collecting Gregg has gained a lot of knowledge about the history of openers.

"The cork screw was the first type of bottle opener," he said. "Some were patented in the 1870's."

The easiest way to date openers is to refer to them as before or after Prohibition, Gregg said. The more uncommon the brewery, the more expensive the opener, he added.

Besides the opener, Gregg has

gained an interest in the history of the beer can.

"The first beer can came out with step-by-step instructions on the can showing how to open it," he said.

When he's not showing his collection at conventions or to civic groups, he displays his openers at his home on the wall next to his bar, Gregg said.

"People are always complaining that if they want to open anything, they have to take it down from the wall," he said.

Openers in Gregg's collection come in a wide variety of sizes and shapes, including some in the shape of old cars, boots, wrenches, swords, bottles, loaves of bread and turtles.

Gregg also collects dual-purpose openers. His display includes a belt-buckle bottle opener, a shoe-horn bottle opener and a combination cigar box and bottle opener.

Gregg's collection will be on display at the Ellis County Historical Society Museum, 100 W. 7th, beginning today and running through the entire month of September. The display will also feature several beer cans from the collection of Harold Palmer, 2403 Oak.

The display is open to the public and the museum hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

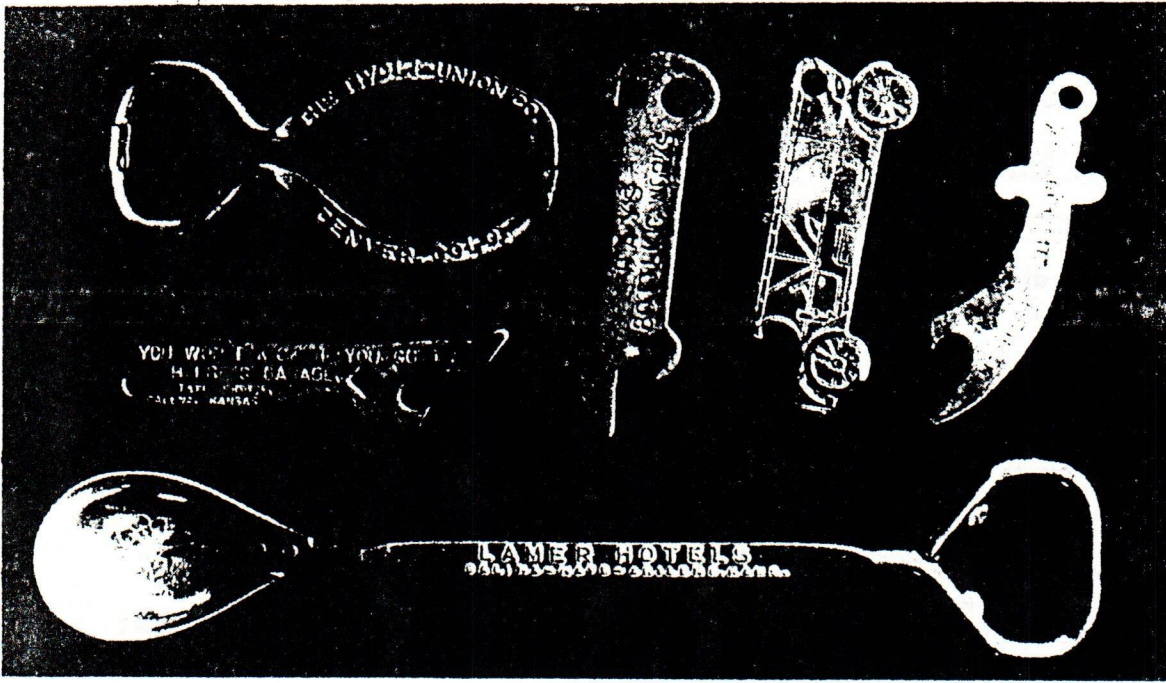


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On display at the Ellis County Historical Society Museum, 100 W. 7th, through the month of September are novelty, multi-purpose and commercial can and bottle openers from the collection of Eldon Gregg, 1714 Henry.

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