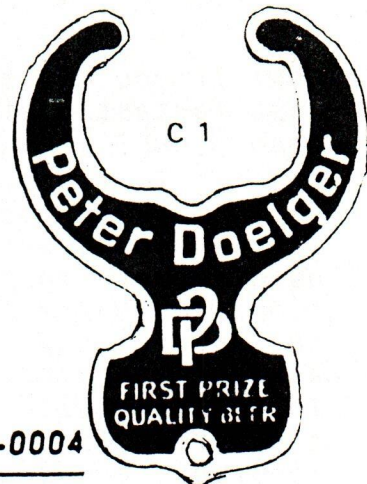


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# Just For Openers



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The convention is history and reports and random photos are on the next four pages so I won't go into a dissertation about it...however, these noteworthy items should be passed on to you: Fil Graff sent me the tour itinerary. If any of you are interested in receiving a copy of it, send a 22 cent stamp to me for it. Also, the official JFO pin was unveiled and eagerly purchased by the attendees. You can have one or more of them by sending \$3.00 for each to me. The 4 color pin is a must item to proudly display by your openers/corkscrews collection, on your cap or, wherever.

The following attended and all had a pleasant time visiting each other:

MARC & PAT BENJAMIN  
LARRY & FRAN BIEHL (THE HOSTS)  
BOB CHAPMAN  
TOM CORIELL  
DICK & PHYLLIS CREUZIGER  
HERB & CAMILLE DANZIGER  
GARY DEACHMAN  
STAN & JANIE GAYDOS (& SONS)  
FIL GRAFF "THE BREWERS MONK"  
ELDON & CAROL GREGG  
JOHN & JAY GOFF  
OLLIE & SHIRLEY HIBBELER  
BEN & CORNELIA HOFFMAN  
JIM & SHIRLEY HOWARD  
NORM JAY  
BOB KAY  
ED & EILEEN KAYE  
VIC & MARY ANN KEOWN  
BOB & MICKEY KOCH  
LOU KOVARIK  
BILL MCKIENZIE

TOM MORRISON  
BOB & PEG NUGENT  
DENNIS ORTH  
JUE PARADI  
ART SANTEN  
ROY & KAZUE SCANLAN  
JERRY & KATHY SCHELE  
CONRAD & KAY SCHMITT  
DAVE SIVAK  
BOB & MARGE STAHL  
JOHN STANLEY  
HENRY & MARGE STAWARZ  
TED & MIL STRINY  
BOB & PEG VAN VACTOR  
BRAD VIFQUAIN (& guest DUANE KEEK)  
VERNE VOLLRATH  
HARRIET WALDO  
SCOTT WILLIAMS  
JOE & JACKIE YOUNG  
TOM ZRUNO

16 States and Canada were represented:

COLORADO  
FLORIDA  
IOWA  
ILLINOIS

INDIANA  
KANSAS  
MISSOURI  
MICHIGAN

MINNESOTA  
NEBRASKA  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NEW YORK

NORTH CAROLINA  
OHIO  
PENNSYLVANIA  
WISCONSIN

Thanks very much to those that sent additional information on patent search. This jogged my mind in that DON BULL did a comprehensive research on beer advertising opener & corkscrew patents. His results appeared in the July 1982 JFO and are reprinted in this issue.

I AM PLANNING ON PUBLISHING THE SECOND EDITION OF "THE HANDBOOK OF BEER ADVERTISING OPENERS AND CORKSCREWS". OF NECESSITY, I MUST GIVE UP BEING EDITOR/PUBLISHER OF OUR NEWSLETTER. WHICH OF YOU IS WILLING TO TAKE OVER THIS HIGHLY DESIRABLE POSITION?



--JFO CONVENTION 1987 STYLE--

Wow! If you missed the convention in Illinois, you've got to be sorry. A most fantastic affair--a real biggie put on by Illinois members LARRY & FRAN BIEHL. It was fast paced all the way with wild room to room trading Thursday & Friday, sandwiched in between was the tour of the south side and southern suburbs of Chicago extinct breweries. The auction for wanted brewery items was hectic. The hospitality room activity hardly ever stopped...only to re-stock the beer & pop. A truly great time! The ballroom in which the buy-trade-sell session (which was open to the public) had all tables sold out on Saturday. Three best displays were awarded trophies: 1st ART SANTEN, 2nd GARY DEACHMAN & 3rd BOB VAN VACTOR. To top this all, on Saturday evening, the BIEHL'S hosted a super party and a fish fry by my neighbor who worked all day preparing it for the memorable event that it was (a special thanks to him). It MUST be mentioned that BOB & MARGE STAHLY greatly assisted in helping to put the convention together (BOB produced the trophies for the award winning displays). Roses to FIL GRAFF "The Brewers Monk" for arranging the tour, MIL STRINY, NORM JAY and the many others who helped, to ED & EILEEN KAYE who provided the driving force and motivation for FRAN & I to make it a success. Most of all, to the ones who attended, for without them, it could not be so eventful.

Yes, there was a souvenir opener produced for the convention. Each registrant received two of them and there are no more available. Those that have them-you have a rare one!



The 1988 convention will be in the St. Louis area and will be hosted by VIC & MARY ANN KEOWN. Details will appear in the October issue of JFO.  
Good Hunting!



Corrections to the membership listings:

ENNIS William J. 12220 14th Dr. SE Everett, WA 98208.....206 337-5068  
KIRKPATRICK Chas. Nat. Jewish Hosp. 1400 Jackson St. Denver, CO 80206.....  
.....303 398-1277  
SPENCER Dick 3461 Edgewood Dr. Stow, OH 44224.....216 688-7323

Change of address:

STANLEY Jr. John 3706-207 Chimney Ridge Pl. Durham, NC 27713.....

New and returning members are listed elsewhere in this issue.

Q. When was the can opener invented?

A. The tin can was invented in 1823, and there was a need for a can opener. At first the cans were cut open along the side. By the 1850s, tomatoes, peaches, other fruits, lobsters, oysters and other fish were being canned in the United States. The first American can opener was patented in 1858 by Ezra Warner of Waterbury, Conn.



REPORT ON THE 1987 Just For Openers Annual Meeting  
Chicago, April 23,24 and 25.  
By: Joseph C. Paradi.

Unfortunately, Henry Bodnar and Don Bull, editors of the CCCC and ICCA newsletters respectively and members of JFO, were unable to attend this year's JFO Annual Meeting. As I am a member of all three organizations, I offer this report to all of you. This year's JFO Annual Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn located in a Chicago suburb, Alsip. The hosts of this year's meeting were Larry Biehl and Fil Graff, and some show they put on too! I had some business to transact in Chicago on Thursday and Friday so that I got to the Holiday Inn about 3:00 p.m. on the 23-rd and the room to room trading was in full swing already. My good friend Ed Kaye, last year's Meeting host, greeted all arrivals with beer and cheer and gifts for us corkscrew addicts, he is a real pleasure to be around. It was a real treat to see the familiar faces of Verne Vollrath, Bill Mckienzie, Gary Deachman, Ollie Hibbeler, our own CCCC and ICCA members Herb and Camille Danziger, Joe and Jackie Young, everybody's favourite Bob and Peg Nugent, Yours Truly and many others.

Trading was hot and heavy and Herb caught a real fine piece by completing a trade started in Fort Myers last year. I got some nice pieces for my collection also, including a steel handled PERPETUAL, a very long soda tap with a wooden handle, a modern Columbus with an unusual multicolored handle, a Hootch Hound, a Kork Master, a YANKEE No.1 Bar screw and a number of others. I made an interesting trade on a three way deal with purchasing a French Zig-Zag from Ollie H. and trading it with Art Santen for another French zig-zag type KIS-PLY. The interesting aspect of this trade was that the KIS-PLY was already mounted on the fantastic exhibit made by Art as you can see on the photo\* I enclosed with this report. In fact, he won first prize for this work. I persuaded Art to disassemble his exhibit, by offering the 'piece de resistance' a Canadian knife-cap lifter marked with the Carling brewery's name.

The ICCA/CCCC contingent had dinner together at the hotel dining room, an event that did not leave Peg Nugent 'dry'. The bus boy christened us with a tray of water and Peg got the worst of it. More trading followed till we went to bed. Friday was a gorgeous sunny day and I took care of business in the morning. The afternoon was the unforgettable Chicago area Brewery tour so ably arranged and narrated by the Brewery Monk Fil Graff. We saw history, enjoyed the Chicago road system's pot holes and ended up at an excellent Italian restaurant for dinner. As usual, the Youngs, Danzigers, Nugents and myself had sat together and at the end of the delicious meal we returned to the Hotel in Joe Young's van. The Auction was on as soon as we got back and we really packed the hospitality suite. Gary Deachman conducted a very enjoyable Auction.

Unfortunately, I had to catch an early flight back to Toronto on Saturday morning as I had a business meeting at noon. This meant that I missed the public exhibit and show which I am sure was another roaring success. I enjoyed myself again and I am sure I will be attending next year's conference in St. Louis. Good hunting and all the best to all JFO, CCCC and ICCA members.

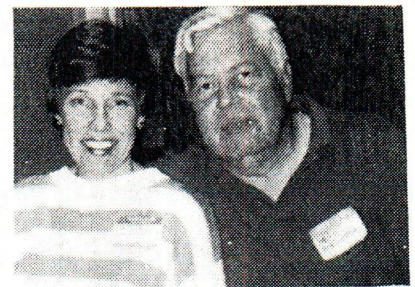
Joseph C. Paradi, member ICCA, CCCC, JFO.

\*ED's NOTE: The photo arrived too late to be "gang" screened with the other photos in this issue.





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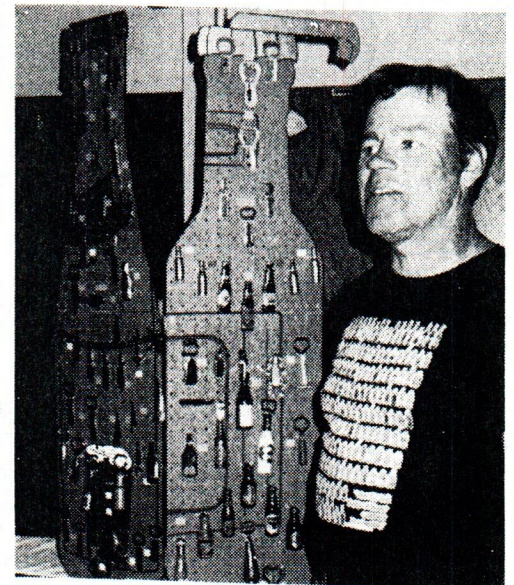
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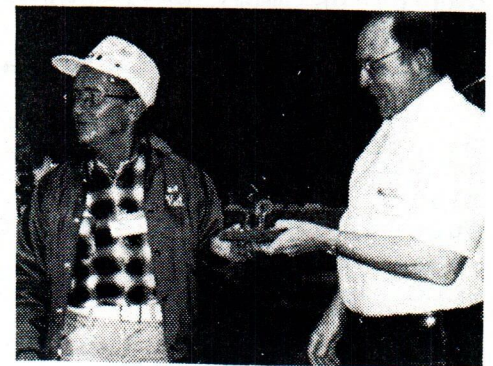
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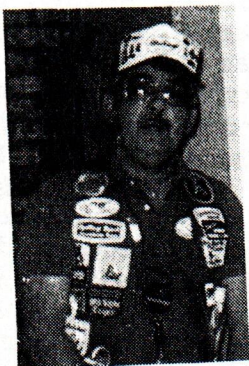
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VIC KEOWN



JOE & JACKIE YOUNG, BOB & PEG NUGENT



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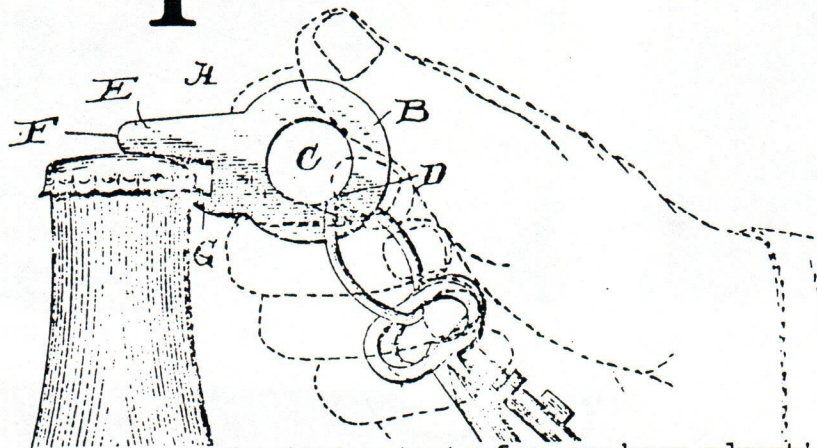
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EILEEN KAYE, KAZUE SCANLAN,  
MIL STRINY



# Just for openers



Have you traced the design or mechanical patents for any beer advertising openers not shown below and on the next page? If you have any patent numbers in addition to these or any patent dates on beer advertising openers not listed, please let me know.....Don Bull

## CHRONOLOGY OF KNOWN BEER ADVERTISING OPENER DESIGN PATENTS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
1901	2/19	B-18	34,096	Augustus W. Stephens, Cambridge, Mass.
1911	9/26	M-2	41,807	Harry L. Beach, Coshocton, Ohio
1911	11/7	A-18	41,894	John L. Sommer, Newark, New Jersey
1911	11/7	A-13	41,895	John L. Sommer, Newark, New Jersey
1912	3/12	A-28	42,305	John L. Sommer, Newark, New Jersey
1912	3/12	A-7	42,306	John L. Sommer, Newark, New Jersey
1912	3/26	C-30	42,368	Frank Mossberg, Attleboro, Mass.
1912	11/26	F-6	43,278	Thomas Harding, Newark, New Jersey
1913	6/17	A-4	44,226	Harry L. Vaughan, Chicago, Illinois
1913	11/25	A-30	44,945	Harry L. Vaughan, Chicago, Illinois
1914	4/14	A-34	45,678	John L. Sommer, Newark, New Jersey
1914	8/18	A-9	46,298	John L. Sommer, Newark, New Jersey
1914	8/25	F-18	46,311	Thomas Harding, Newark, New Jersey
1914	11/24	F-13	46,702	J. Sommer & T. Harding, Newark, New Jersey
1914	12/8	A-1	46,762	Harry L. Vaughan, Chicago, Illinois
1915	2/23	F-12	47,016	John L. Sommer, Newark, New Jersey
1916	2/15	C-1	48,550	Nelson Jacobus, West Orange, New Jersey
1931	9/22	F-2	85,178	Thomas Harding, Newark, New Jersey
1934	2/27	C-22	91,635	Ferdinand Neumer, New York, New York
1940	4/16	N-45	119,965	Antonio Paolantonio, Providence, Rhode Island
1940	12/24	M-19*	124,223	Marshall Neal, S. Pasadena, California
1945	12/25	I-4	143,327	Michael J. LaForte, Park Ridge, Illinois
1949	4/12	N-2	153,349	Oscar Galter, Chicago, Illinois
1949	8/9	K-1	154,792	Harry L. Morris, Ocean View, Virginia
1949	9/20	J-9	155,314	Joseph Pessina, St. Louis, Missouri
1950	6/13	K-9	158,944	Joseph B. Donnelly, Burlingame, California
1950	10/17	O-9	160,453	Davis J. Ajouelo, Atlanta, Georgia
1950	10/31	F-3	160,695	Le Emmette V. De Fee, St. Paul, Minnesota
1950	12/26	A-39	161,321	Le Emmette V. De Fee, St. Paul, Minnesota
1951	9/4	I-22	164,448	Harland R. Ransom, Detroit, Michigan
1952	10/28	I-20	168,053	Michael J. LaForte, Park Ridge, Illinois
1956	1/3	N-26	176,518	James L. Hvale, Chicago, Illinois
1974	4/16	Q-3	231,313	G. John Heelan, Olympia, Washington
1977	12/6	N-40	246,552	Daniel Baughman, Darien, Wisconsin

\*With corkscrew in handle



# CHRONOLOGY OF KNOWN BEER ADVERTISING OPENER AND CORKSCREW MECHANICAL PATENTS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
1876	2/1	P-1	172,868	W.R. Clough, Alton, New Hampshire
1891	2/24	P-3	447,185	Carl Hollweg, Barmen, Germany
1891	5/19	P-30	452,625	Edwin Walker, Erie, Pennsylvania
1891	7/14	P-2	455,826	David W. Davis, Detroit, Michigan
1893	7/25	P-8,9	501,975	Edwin Walker, Erie, Pennsylvania
1894	2/6	D-6	514,200	William Painter, Baltimore, Maryland
1897	3/23	P-17	579,200	Edwin Walker, Erie, Pennsylvania
1897	6/1	L-2,6	583,561	William A. Williamson, Newark, New Jersey
1897	8/10	P-24	587,900	William A. Williamson, Newark, New Jersey
1900	2/20	L-2 (sim)	644,043	Ralph W. Jorres, St. Louis, Missouri
1900	4/17	P-10	647,775	Edwin Walker, Erie, Pennsylvania
1900	9/4	M-25	657,421	Ralph W. Jorres, St. Louis, Missouri
1905	6/27	P-41	793,318	Harry W. Noyes, New Haven, Connecticut
1905	11/28	B-7	805,486	Julius T. Rosenheimer, New York, New York
1906	7/3	P-41	824,807	Harry W. Noyes, New Haven, Connecticut
1906	12/25	P-23		C.G. Taylor
1909	7/13	G-5	928,156	Adolph Rydquist, Rochester, New York
1909	10/12	N-7,8	936,678	John L. Sommer, Newark, New Jersey
1910	3/1	P-12	950,509	William R. Clough, Alton, New Hampshire
1912	6/18	O-4	1,029,645	Harry L. Vaughan, Chicago, Illinois
1915	1/12	B-28	1,124,288	Elvah V. Bulman, Grand Rapids, Michigan
1915	8/17	E-8	1,150,083	Edwin Walker, Erie, Pennsylvania
1916	12/5	B-13	1,207,100	Harry L. Vaughan, Chicago, Illinois
1919	12/9	N-10	1,324,256	William B. Langan, Hawley, Pennsylvania
1924	4/15	H-1,2,31	1,490,149	Harry L. Vaughan, Chicago, Illinois
1928	12/11	H-4	1,695,098	William C. Hiering, Newark, New Jersey
1929	2/12	H-4	1,701,950	William C. Hiering, Newark, New Jersey
1929	5/7	O-8	1,711,678	Thomas Harding, Newark, New Jersey
1931	8/25	N-12	1,820,131	Howard L. Fischer, St. Paul, Minnesota
1933	11/7	G-9	1,934,594	Harry G. Edlund, Burlington, Vermont
1935	4/2	I-7*	1,996,550	Dewitt F. Sampson, Elmhurst, Illinois and John M. Hothersall, Brooklyn, New York
1935	5/21	I-25	2,002,173	Bernard E. Dougherty, Seattle, Washington
1935	10/22	B-24	2,018,083	James Andrew Murdock, Chicago, Illinois
1935	10/29	I-10	2,019,099	Francis H. Schwartz, Linden, New Jersey
1936	9/8	I-15**	2,053,637	Herbert Schrader, Wheeling, West Virginia
1939	11/7	N-14	2,179,158	Paul J. Marks, Rochester, New York
1940	1/30	J-7	2,188,352	John M. Hothersall, Brooklyn, New York
1943	11/2	O-5	2,333,088	Raymond M. Brown, Newport News, Virginia
1950	8/1	I-22	2,517,443	Harland Ransom, Detroit, Michigan
1956	12/11	J-8	2,773,272	George R. Harrah, Essex, Connecticut
1957	1/29	N-3	2,779,098	Edward J. Pocoski, Naugatuck, Connecticut and William G. Hennessy, Ansonia, Connecticut
1961	6/6	N-32	2,986,812	William Arter Jr., Shrewsbury, Massachusetts and Robert J. Clouthier, Holden, Massachusetts
1961	7/18	S-1	2,992,574	Werner Martinmaas, Wayzata, Minnesota

\* No. 1,996,550 appears on many I and J types. I-7 was the original as patented.

\*\*No. 2,053,637 has been noted together 1,996,550 on several I-15 types. The patent drawings do not resemble type I-15.

Copies of patents may be obtained by writing to:

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

The charge for Design patents (always with prefix "D") is 20¢ and for mechanical patents 50¢. You cannot order by date or name. All you need is to ask for the patent number and be patient - orders take a long time to process.



--NEW MEMBERS & RENEWALS--

\*BOLTON Fred 3015 Cadencia Carlsbad, CA 92008.....619 942-5765  
\*ELLINGSEN Dennis 267 W. Grand St. Eugene, OR 97402.....  
\*GROSS Donald L. 3 E. Main St.-Apt 4 Westminter, MD 21157.....301 857-5251  
\*HOWARD Jim T-3 Burch's MHPK Bourbonnais, IL 60914.....815 937-5627  
\*HUNTER J.C. Box 291 Stn. B Anderson, IN 46015.....  
\*KLIMAS Ron 858 So. 326 St. Federal Way, WA 98003.....  
LUTZ Thomas 1164 Maple Dr. Broomfield, CO 80020.....303 466-6523  
McKINNON John J. 2200 N. Benton Helena, MT 59601.....406 442-0126  
MELLEN Ray 11001 Seven Hills Dr. Tujunga, CA 91042.....818 352-6409  
\*MICK Eddie 2307 Las Cruces Dallas, TX 75227.....214 388-0253  
\*WHEATCRAFT Joan 1181 Giovanni St. Deltona, FL 32725.....305 574-8460  
\* DENOTES NEW. WE WELCOME THEM & ALL RENEWALS.

Inserted with this issue are:

- (1) History of the Minneapolis Brewing Company.
- (2) Flyer on the book "FROM BEER TO ETERNITY". The order form is coded J to denote the source for the purchase of it.
- (3) BRAD VIFQUAIN'S Midwest Brewery Auction notice. (Tell him you saw it in JFO).

CLASSIFIED ADS ARE FREE FOR THE FIRST 20 WORDS. 10c FOR EACH ADDITIONAL.

---WANTED---

Traders: Have 400 plus openers looking for a new home! BILL ENNIS  
12220 14th Dr. SE. Everett, WA 98208.

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Wild & crazy opener collector wanting a B-21-122 Ortlieb (Mauch Chunk, PA)  
Please help! ANTHONY ZANGHI RD1 Box 404 Fl4 Coopersburg, PA 18036.

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INDIANA & ARKANSAS pre-pro openers. J.C. HUNTER Box 291 Stn. B  
Anderson, IN 46015.

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Buy/trade E-14 types. I also have other types to offer. FRED BOLTON  
3015 Cadencia St. Carlsbad, CA 92008.

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COCA-COLA openers, older styles & unusual types, especially figurals.  
Best prices paid. THOM THOMPSON Huntertown Rd. Versailles, KY 40383.

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Bottle shaped openers such as A-27, 28 & 29, L-2, 4, 5, 6 & 7, M-46,  
N-54 & 55, H-8. Also with bottles PICTURED on them as E-5, M-1 & 2.  
Types I don't have: A-22, A-43, C-2 Tech, C-24 U.S., L-7, M-46 & P-65.  
Will trade heavy for them. Also sodas or whiskies in any of the types.  
GARY DEACHMAN 877 Mobile Aurora, CO 80011.

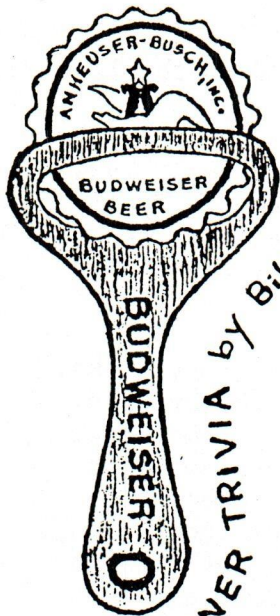
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A-9 Baseball pitcher openers. Picked up 2 at the convention. What do you  
have that I can add to my collection? ED KAYE 968 Greenwood Ct. S  
Sanibel Island, FL 33957.

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Traders or sell: over 200 "beer" openers 50c and up. Send large S.A.S.E.  
ROGER A. BURKE 554 So. 4th W. Brigham City, UT 84302.

-----SELLING-----

CORONA EXTRA DRY mirrors...licensed...measures 16"x19" in wooden frame.  
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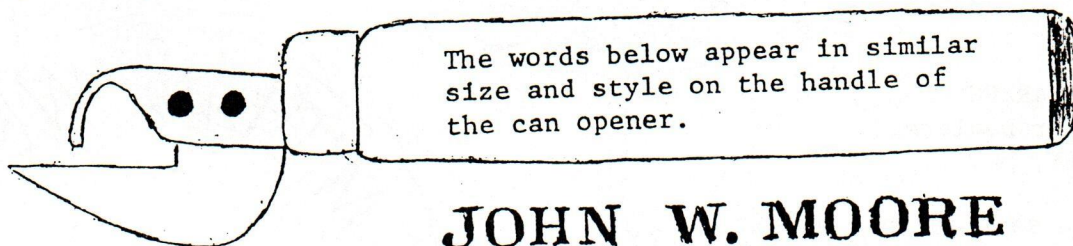


OPENER TRIVIA by Bill McKenzie

Corkscrew collectors often refer to a corkscrew similar in style to type P-44 as a Beau Brummell (after George "Beau" Brummell 1778-1840, English dandy). I imagine the reason for this moniker is that corkscrews of this type are generally of particularly fine quality, sometimes made of sterling silver with intricately designed or engraved handles. Truly dandy pieces!

An interesting application of a Beau Brummell corkscrew in a multi-purpose piece is illustrated on the right. On one end of the corkscrew is a spoon, while on the opposite end is a hook type cap lifter. Notice that the shaft of the corkscrew is marked G. & S. On the opposite side the shaft is marked GERMANY, and on the back of the handle of the spoon is stamped PAT. APPLIED FOR NAPIER. This fine quality piece is plated with sterling silver.

Maybe some of our corkscrew collectors would be able to lend some information as to whether there was ever a patent issued on this piece. I believe G. & S. stands for Graef & Schmidt, a German corkscrew manufacturer. The word GERMANY would indicate that it was manufactured pre World War II, but we probably only could be certain of its exact age if a patent was issued.

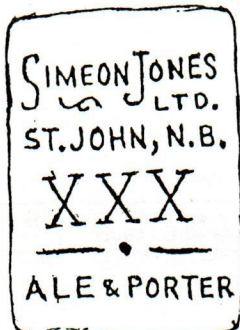


The words below appear in similar size and style on the handle of the can opener.

**JOHN W. MOORE**

Opening his Campaign for  
**ASSESSOR**

Joe Young sent in this interesting can opener. He reports: "John W. Moore was running for Assessor in Lodi, California in 1940 and used the can opener as a gimmick to announce that he was 'Opening his Campaign for Assessor'."

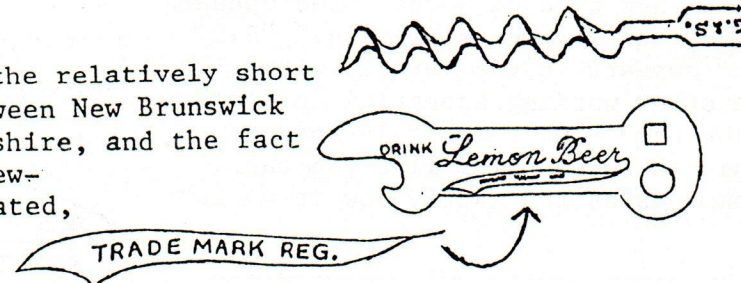


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1 1/4" long

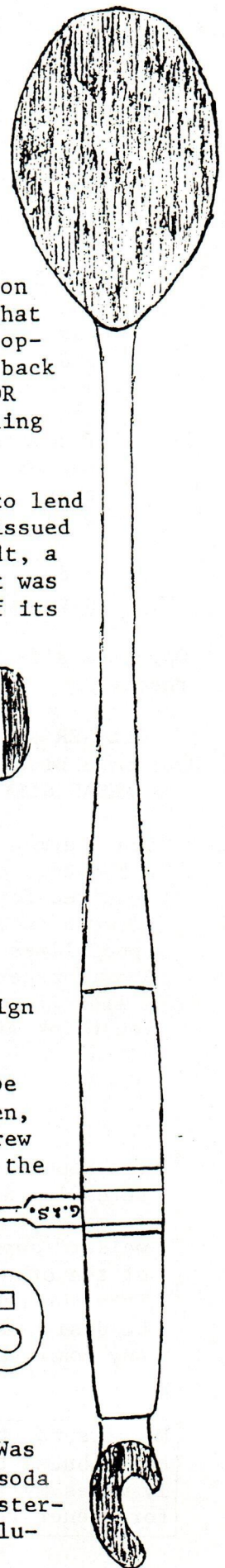
Illustrated on the left is the brass plate from a type L-4 bottle-shaped corkscrew. This particular specimen, from a New Brunswick, Canada brewery, has the corkscrew in the top rather than the base, as is more commonly the case.

Considering the relatively short distance between New Brunswick and New Hampshire, and the fact that many brewers were related, could Simeon Jones Ltd. had anything

to do with the True W. Jones Brewing Co. of Manchester, N.H. or the Frank Jones Brewing Co. of Portsmouth, N.H.?



What was Lemon Beer, and who made it? Was it a special type of beer, or was it a soda like root beer or birch beer? The registered trade mark would indicate it was exclusively manufactured by one company.





## ANSWERS TO OPENER TRIVIA

- \* In response to the "Middle West" and "Hombrew" Beer opener illustrated in the last issue Ray Braeuner wrote:

Was looking through the latest JFO and saw Gary's B-21 opener. I don't know for certain but I suspect it might be from the Middle West Brewery of Joplin, Missouri. When I was working around the Springfield, Missouri area I asked several people if there were any openers from that brewery. They said there were, but I was never able to acquire one.

Don Bull did not list the Middle West Brewery in his first two brewery books, but does have it in his last American Breweries. It shows that the brewery was in operation from 1904-1907, and then changed its name to the Home Brewing and Ice Co. It seems possible that they may have shortened Home Brewing to come up with the name "Hombrew" Beer. I went through some of my embossed bottles and found a Middle West bottle from which I made the enclosed rubbing. I couldn't find a Home Brewery embossed bottle in my collection, but with so many bottles it is possible I could have overlooked it. It's also possible that they might have gone to paper labels by then, and no embossed bottles with that name exist.

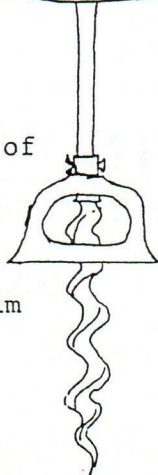
I don't know whether this will help him or not, but a lot of collectors may have not heard about this brewery.

Opposite side of handle  
reads:



GLASNER & BARZEN  
Wholesale Liquor Dealers,  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

- \* Don Sherman sent in this drawing of a P-8 type corkscrew he recently acquired for his collection. Don grew up in Quincy, Illinois and specializes in collecting Dick Bros. openers. You might drop him a line if you have anything that you think might interest him.



- \* Vic Keown sent in this drawing of an interesting new type he found. The opener is made of an off-white plastic. "Budweiser" appears in red letters with all of the other wording appearing in black. From the name "TOP POPPER" it appears to be designed for opening lift tab cans. Any comments as to exactly how it works?

My personal thanks to those of you who contributed to this issue. It certainly makes my job of gathering material for Opener Trivia a lot easier.

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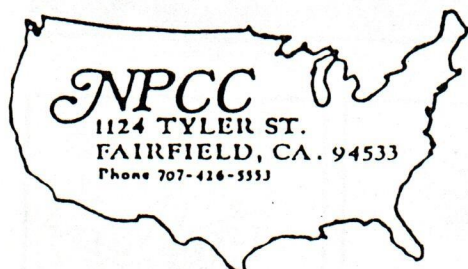
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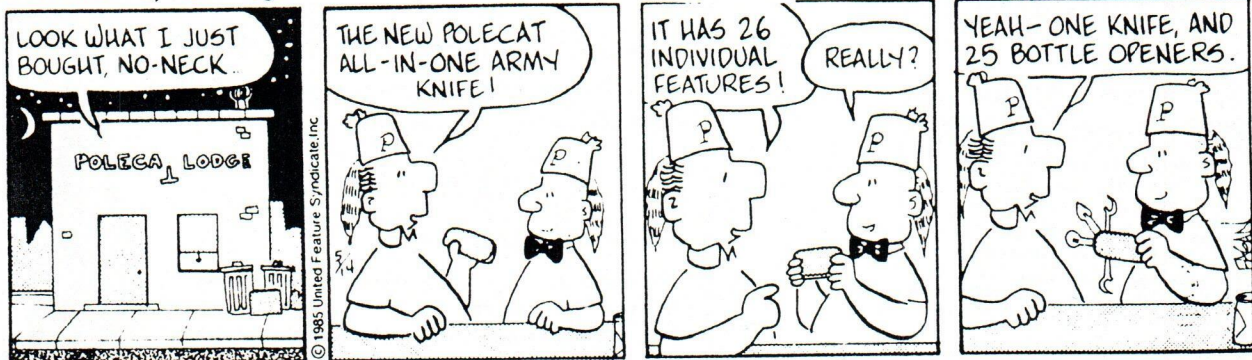
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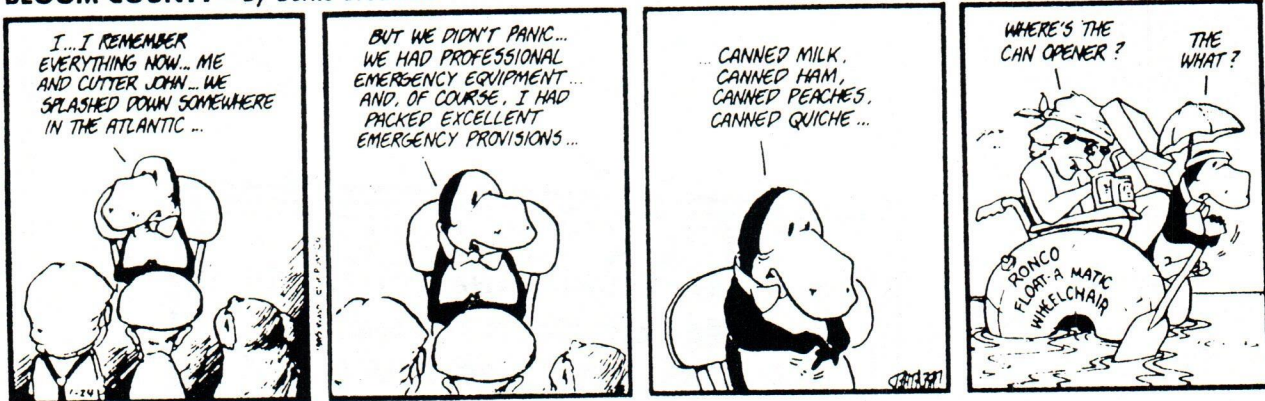
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