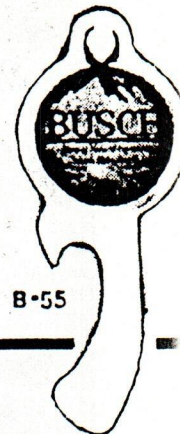


Just For Openers

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DUES YEAR ENDS

WITH THIS ISSUE. IT IS RENEWAL TIME FOR 1988 - THE 10TH YEAR OF PUBLICATION! YOUR RENEWAL CARD, CONVENTION QUESTIONNAIRE AND A PRE-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE ARE INSERTED IN THIS ISSUE. PLEASE RETURN THEM TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

Welcome new members:

BLOEMER Nancy L. Drawbridge Inn I-75. @ Buttermilk Pike Ft. Mitchell, KY
41017.....606 341-2800
PATTIE Bill 37050 S.E. 89th Snoqualmie, WA 98065.....206 888-2495
WAITE Harold 720 Spring Road S. Westerville, OH 43081.....
WILLIAMS Don 1022 Diablo Road Danville, CA 94526.....415 831-1783
Address change:
CHRAPLIWY Peter S. Box 22 UTEP El Paso, TX 79968-0022.....
Phone number change:
SCHILLE Michael 4201 E. Linebaugh Tampa, FL 33617.....813 985-1131

DONALD TUPPER sent in this Gem:

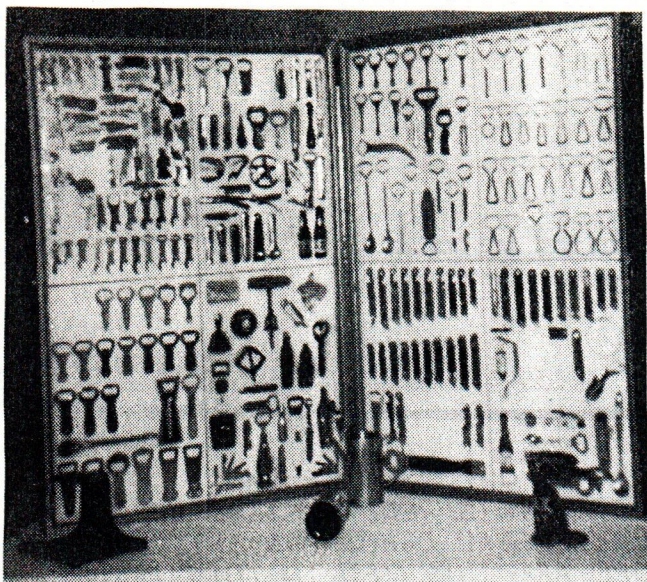
From education comes knowledge.
From knowledge comes interest.
From interest comes participation.
From participation comes commitment.
From commitment comes dedication.
From dedication comes enthusiasm.
From enthusiasm comes growth.
From growth comes progress.
From progress comes education.

This certainly applies to our membership. It is thru your contributions of articles on openers, new discoveries, additions to previously reported openers etc., that keeps Just For Openers such a cohesive group. The first newsletter appeared on Jan. 1st, 1979 and had a circulation of 84. Today it hovers around 200. Help us grow - spread the word - we will all benefit by getting those needed openers & corkscrews "out of the woodwork" Only YOUR help will do it! JFO was an inspiration of DON BULL'S who foresaw a need for it. Sincere thanks DON, from all of us!!

BILL McKENZIE'S Opener Trivia continues to be a quarterly looked for feature. He has not disappointed us and it appears in this issue. He would appreciate any answers to his "stumpers".

JOE YOUNG (The Tin Can Opener Man) writes: "On page 2 of the July issue, it states that the tin can was invented in 1823. That is not correct. Enclosed is a 2 page article I wrote 3 years ago". ED's note: It is reproduced in this issue to add to your knowledge.

ART SANTEN & VIC KEOWN are seriously considering being Editors/Publishers of our newsletter as a team in about a year. I will continue on thru '88.



GLENN WALLING'S award winning traveling display.



Portion of LARRY BIEHL'S collection.

JOAN ROE, HERB & CAMILLE DANZIGER at their four member chapter recent meeting. (LEHR ROE took the photo).



JIM MENSCH'S home bar.
Note the openers around it.



Just for openers

Announces

The 10th Annual Convention -
Buy - Sell - Trade Meet
to be held

in the St. Louis, Missouri area
on April 21, 22 & 23, 1988.

Your host will be

Vic Keown

who promises this event
to be the best ever.

PLEASE---AND THIS IS IMPORTANT---LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.
YOUR CONVENTION QUESTIONNAIRE IS ENCLOSED IN THIS ISSUE. RETURN IT
TO ME WITH YOUR 1988 RENEWAL CARD. THANKS VERY MUCH!!

Ed Kays



OPENER TRIVIA by Bill McKenzie

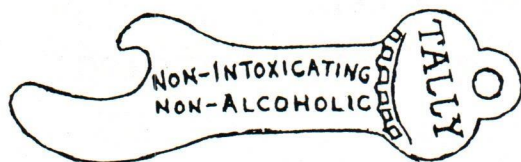
If there was ever a period in American breweriana history where a lack of information exists it would be the prohibition era. It almost seems analogous to the old Rip Van Winkle fairy tale. One day the breweries closed their doors, went to sleep, and then woke up 13 years later. Nothing seems to have happened in between.

This of course wasn't the case. During prohibition many breweries continued to produce near beer and other products such as malted milk, ice cream, butter and even spaghetti. On the opposite page is an advertisement illustrating signs which advertise various prohibition era brewery products.

Besides the breweries which stayed in business during prohibition there seems to have been other companies which started into the business of producing near beer at this time. Little seems to be known about these companies, but certainly they deserve a place in breweriana history. Two issues ago we featured a letter from the Golden Ribbon Beverage Assn. (Council Bluffs, Iowa). Illustrated this issue is a label from the Golden Lion Distributing Co., and two bottle openers advertising "Tally".

It is particularly interesting to note that "Golden Lion" was advertised as "wholesome - good for nursing mothers". You would never find a brewery advertising this today - a prime example of how time has changed our ideas concerning the use of alcohol.

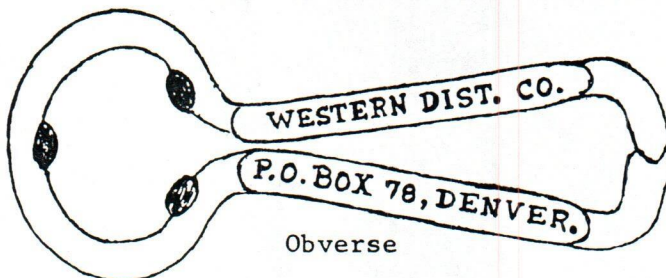
Does anyone know who made "Tally"? I assume it to be a prohibition era beverage.



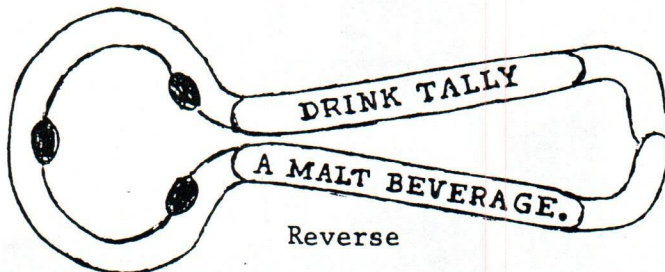
Same wording appears on both sides of the opener.



Actual size of label = 4 5/8" X 3 1/8"



Obverse



Reverse



A-12-1

It is interesting to note that both of these A-12 type Burgermeister and Shasta Water openers

have the exact same reverse. Did Burgermeister



Reverse

Beer have anything to do with Shasta Water?

A FEW SIGN SPECIALTIES

MADE BY

COMMON SENSE NOVELTY CO.

972-982 Montana Street
CHICAGO

Largest Exclusive Manufacturers of
Cardboard Signs in America.

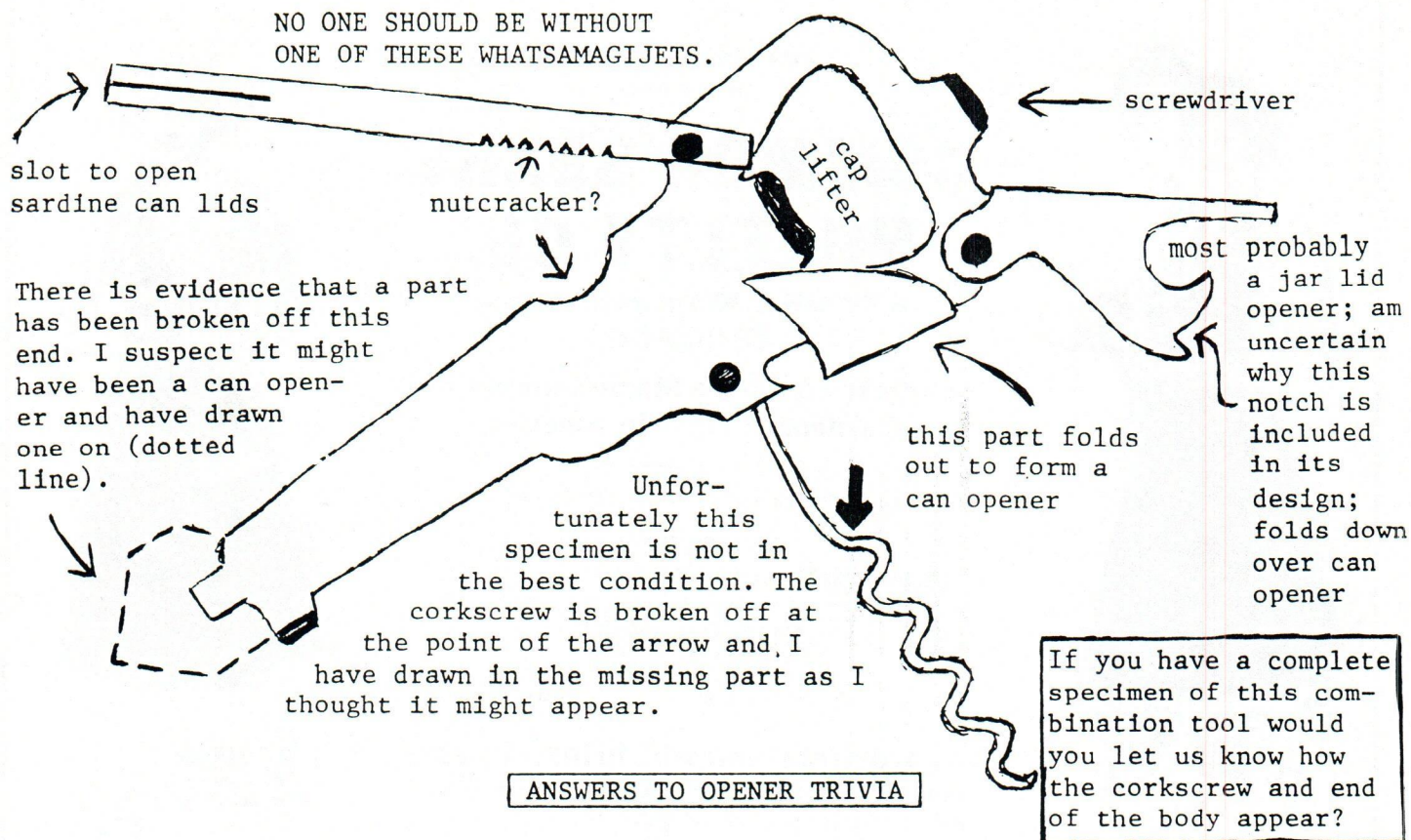
EXCLUSIVE DESIGNS—NO STOCK DESIGNS

WE ARE MANUFACTURERS—
NOT JOBBERS.

Successful For Over 20 Years.

A card from you will bring our special
beverage advertising salesman
or samples, if you prefer.





Bob Nugent sent in the following information on the Napier Company and Graef & Schmidt Germany. Bob wrote: "I know of no patent on the roundlet, spoon, cap lifter combo. Many Napier pieces are marked Pat. Pending but I've never seen a patent number. We presume the roundlet is pre-1918 but Napier started as such in 1922. They could have bought old stock from G&S. Early 20's would be my guess for the date. I have one." Thanks Bob!

NAPIER COMPANY

Meriden, Connecticut

CHRONOLOGY

Carpenter & Bliss	1875-82
Carpenter & Bliss, Inc.	1882-83
E.A. Bliss	1883-90
E.A. Bliss, Inc.	1891-1920
The Napier Company	1922-

The original company started in 1875 by E.A. Bliss and J.E. Carpenter, taking over the Whitney & Rice concern where Bliss had been employed as a traveling salesman. At the start it was called Carpenter & Bliss and in 1882 was incorporated. It became the E.A. Bliss Co. by 1883. In 1890 they were offered inducements to move their factory to Meriden, where they incorporated a year later. They were making a variety of jewelry, novelties and staple goods. By 1893 they had added sterling silver novelties.

E.A. Bliss died in 1911 and his son William became active head of the company. In 1915, James H. Napier became associated with the company, and in a reorganization he became general manager. During 1918 they devoted much of their plant to the manufacture of war material. After World War I a large part of their activity was devoted to modern jewelry and many additions to their line of sterling novelties and dressware. In 1920 Napier

was elected president and the name of the company changed to Napier-Bliss Co. Two years later, the name Napier Company was adopted.



DU BARRY
NAPIER-BLISS
(novelties)

Evolution

PALM BEACH

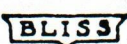
SUREFIRE



NACO
NAPIER



TRIANON



G&S WELKUT

c 1923-1952

GRAEF & SCHMIDT GERMANY

c 1883-1952 William R. Graef and Carl Schmidt were the founders of this firm. Located at 29 Warren Street, New York, N.Y., it was an importing firm, and for many years exclusive importers of J.A. Henckels Twin Brand cutlery. By 1906 Schmidt had left the firm and the principals at that time were William R. Graef, H. Kind and L. Iversen. Doing business at 107 Chambers Street, New York. By 1908 L. Iversen had left the firm, leaving W. Graef and H. Kind as the sole owners. In the later years, the firm was located at 456 4th Street (1939) and 114 East 25th Street (1943). A. Voss was vice president of the firm from c 1939-1943. The trademark "Welkut" was first used in 1923, and this is the most common marking found on the knives of this company. In 1952 the name of the firm was changed to the Welkut Co., with Charles Revson as president.

EMPEROR
Welkut

(marks used by
Graef & Schmidt)

(marks used by the
Napier Company)

CAN OPENERS * JOE YOUNG

SOME NOTES ON EARLY CAN OPENERS

by
Joe Young

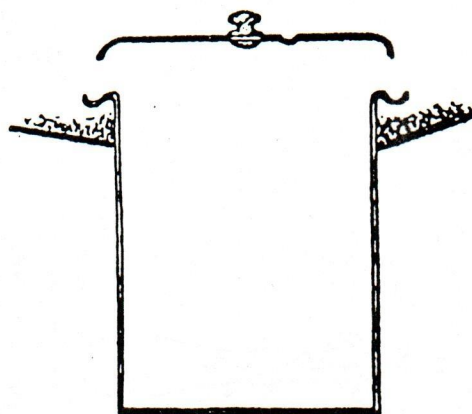
Someone once asked "Without them, where would we be?" The can without the can opener would be a lock without a key.

It has been recorded that the Dutch were canning roast beef packed in gravy and soldered in tin containers as early as 1772. These were shipped to the Dutch Colony of Surinam. It is reported elsewhere that it wasn't until 1810 that the tin can was invented. But the tantalizing prospect of devising a perfect can opener has kept thousands of inventors awake at night since the tin can became known. Over 1200 patents on can openers have been taken out in the US alone. After reviewing some of the patent papers on can openers from the 19th C on, one can only be amazed at the vast array of shapes and combinations. Many of them were born out of frustration with sharp edges, cut fingers and metal fragments that contaminated the cans' contents.

The paper label on the earliest English tin gave instructions to open the can with a chisel and hammer. The first refinement of this method was the use of a nail and a hammer to open cans with liquid contents.

The first French can opener was of a less violent type. Frenchman Grimond de la Reyniere, an acquaintance of Nicholas Appert (who was awarded a 12,000-franc prize by Napoleon in 1809, for a method of putting food up in glass containers), used a hot soldering iron to melt the solder and remove the cap. He also attempted to then re-use the can. At campsites and on battlefields, the handy can-opener was simply the hot coals from the campfire--used to loosen the solder to

remove the cap. In 1833, another Frenchman, Angilbert, was granted an English patent using hot coals to melt the solder. In his patent, seen below, he proposed to modify the can itself, with a sort of extra rim or "shelf" on which hot coals could be placed.



The first American to patent a can opener was Ezra J. Warner of Waterbury, CT. He was originally from Pittsfield, MA. The patent date is January 5, 1858; however, Warner alludes to prior openers--possibly of English or European origin. E.J. Warner's patent model exists, but I don't know if any production models were made, or--if so--if any are extant.

From that date on, a continually growing number of imaginative can openers followed, demonstrating Yankee ingenuity.

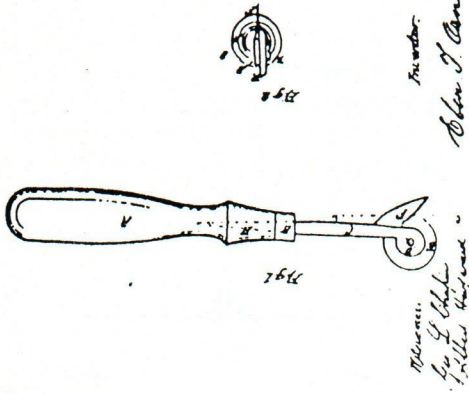
Patent drawings of the earliest American can openers are shown on the following page.

Patentee	City/State	Date	Patent
** Ezra J. Warner	Waterbury, Con.	Jan. 05, 1858	19,063
William C. Dick	New York, N.Y.	Nov. 01, 1864	44,856
Charles A. Ruff	Providence, R.I.	Mar. 07, 1865	46,709
*** Eben T. Orne	Chicago, Ill.	Mar. 13, 1866	53,173
W.K. Baldwin	Chicago, Ill.	May 15, 1866	54,668
O.J. Livermore	Worcester, Mass.	June 26, 1866	55,878
Seth P. Chapin	Atlantic, N.J.	July 17, 1866	56,368
*** John Willard	Norwich, Con.	Aug. 21, 1866	57,422
** J. Osterhoudt	New York, N.Y.	Oct. 02, 1866	58,554
*** William McGill	Cincinnati, Ohio	Jan. 08, 1867	61,080

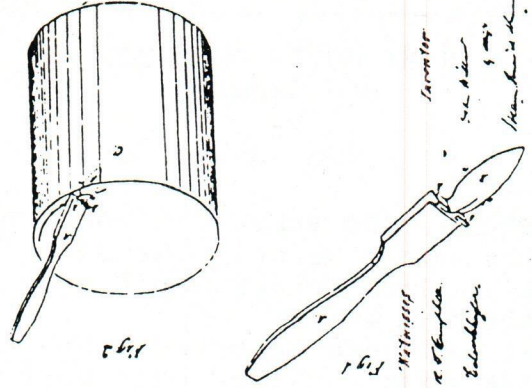
** Patent model known to exist

*** Examples of these can openers are known to exist

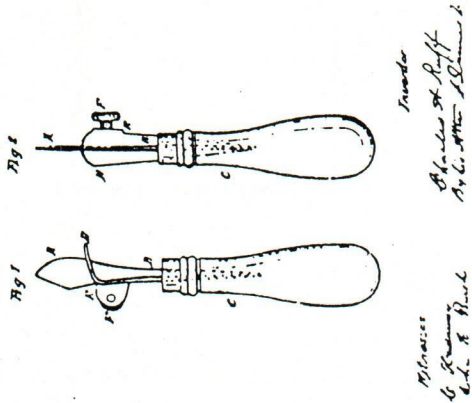
E. T. Orme,
Can Opener,
Patented Mar. 13, 1866.
No. 3,173.



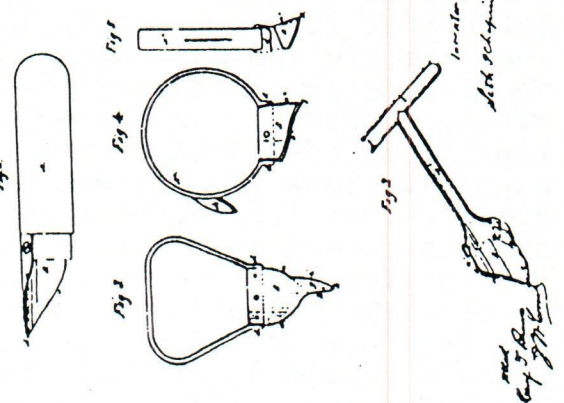
J. Millard
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No. 3,422.



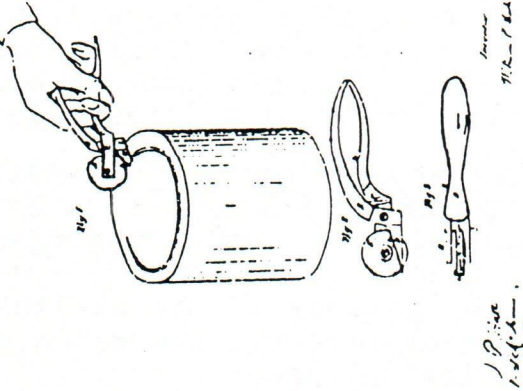
C. A. Ruff,
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No. 6,702.



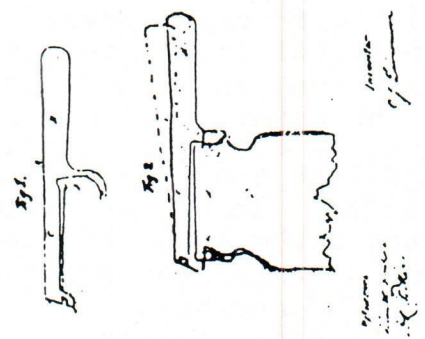
S. P. Chapin,
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No. 3,348.



M. L. Litch,
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Patented Jan. 4, 1864.
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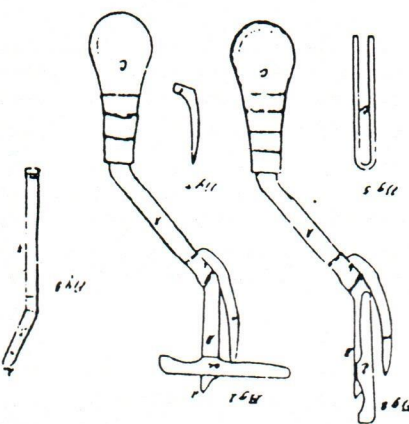


D. J. Livermore,
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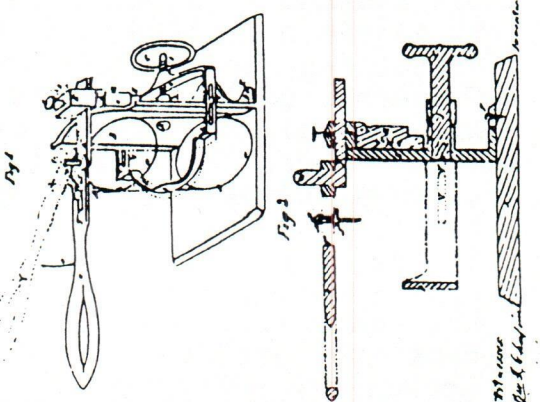


No. 1,858.

E. J. Warner,
Can Opener,
Patented Jan. 3, 1858.
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M. H. Babin,
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Patented May 15, 1866.
No. 3,461.



NEW DISCOVERIES

by ART SANTEN

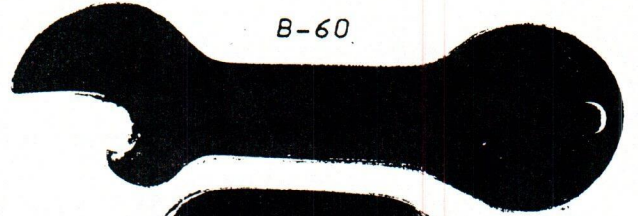
- B-56 <3 1/4"> HAMM BEER & OLD FORESTER FLYNN BEVERAGE CO. (ART SANTEN)
- B-57 <2 3/8"> BUDWEISER (in bow tie logo) KING OF BEERS (Eagle in A)
(VIC KEOWN)
- B-58 <2"> BUDWEISER (Label) (VIC KEOWN)
- B-59 <3 3/8"> COMPLIMENTS OF PROVIDENCE BREWING CO. PROVIDENCE, R.I.
U.S.A / EXPORT BOHEMIAN BEER (on neck label & bottle)
(hand holding bottle) (ART JOHNSON)
- B-60 <3 1/4"> FRANZ BARTL BREWING CO. LA CROSSE, WIS. BARTL BRAU
THE BEER THAT BUILDS YOU UP(eagle on barrel)(V.VOLLRATH)
- B-61 <2 7/8"> HEMRICH CORONET/HAPPY PEPPY BEER(brass handles) (W.ENNIS)
- D-14 <2 3/4"> ANHEUSER BUSCH EIN PROST AUF AMERIKA (Eagle in A)/ (Eagle
in A) (RAY BRAEUNER)
- D-15 <4 3/4"> EXCELSIOR BRY. ST. LOUIS RED FEATHER BOTTLE BEER (cast
iron in shape of a feather (RAY BRAEUNER)
- D-16 <5 3/8"> NEW KENTUCKY BREWERY COVINGTON (HENRY SMITH)
- E-29 <3 1/2"> PETER DOELGER FIRST PRIZE BREWS/SAME(1fret)(RAY BRAEUNER)
- J-13 <3"> SCHLITZ SALES CO. CHICAGO, ILL(Sample no.1175) (V.VOLLRATH)
- L-8 <6"> HAMM'S WALDECH BEER (gold neck-green plastic bottle)
(V. VOLLRATH)
- M-82 <3 1/4"> BUDWEISER (label) (similar to M-43) (VIC KEOWN)
- M-83 <6 1/8"> BUDWEISER LIGHT BRING OUT THE BEST (same as M-30 but
handle & tip molded as one piece) (ART SANTEN)
- N-63 <2 3/4"> ANHEUSER-BUSCH, INC. CABINETS & REFRIGERATOR BODIES (Eagle
in A) (RAY BRAEUNER)
- O-12 <2"> PABST BLUE RIBBON (cast iron under bar mount) (BILL ENNIS)
- P-85 <4 1/8"> THE HENNING BREWING CO. MENDOTA, ILL. DRINK THE BREW THAT
IS BREWED (like P-31 with screwdriver tip) (V. VOLLRATH)
- P-86 <5"> ST.JOSEPH BREWING CO. ST.JOSEPH, MO. (BILL ENNIS)
- P-87 <4 1/2"> MAGNOLIA BREWERY HOUSTON, TEXAS (peg missing) (T. MORRISON)
- P-88 <4 3/4"> ANHEUSER BUSCH (like P-1 but single helix) (BILL ENNIS)
- P-89 <4 5/8"> THE BANNER BREWING CO. (HENRY SMITH)
- Q-12 <1 7/8"> MICHELOB (twist cap opener on back-tab lifter slot in
the side) (ART SANTEN)
- R-12 <4 3/4"> SCHLITZ (cast iron) (ART SANTEN)

NOTE: A few of these have other brands reported and they will appear in the Jan.'88 issue of additions.

Keep sending NEW DISCOVERIES to ART SANTEN and additions to me.



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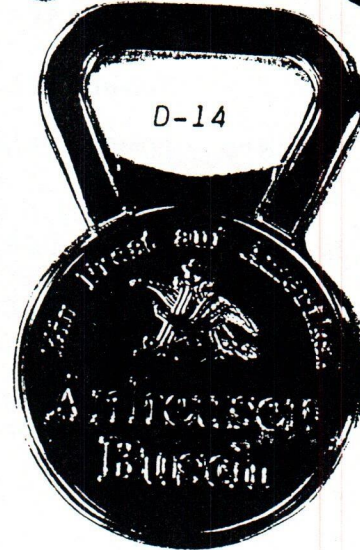
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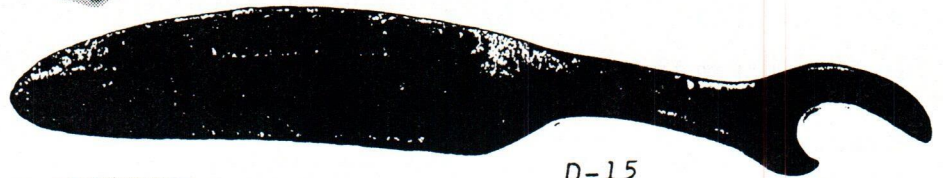
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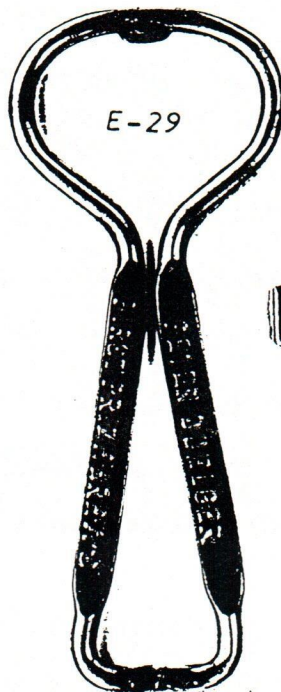
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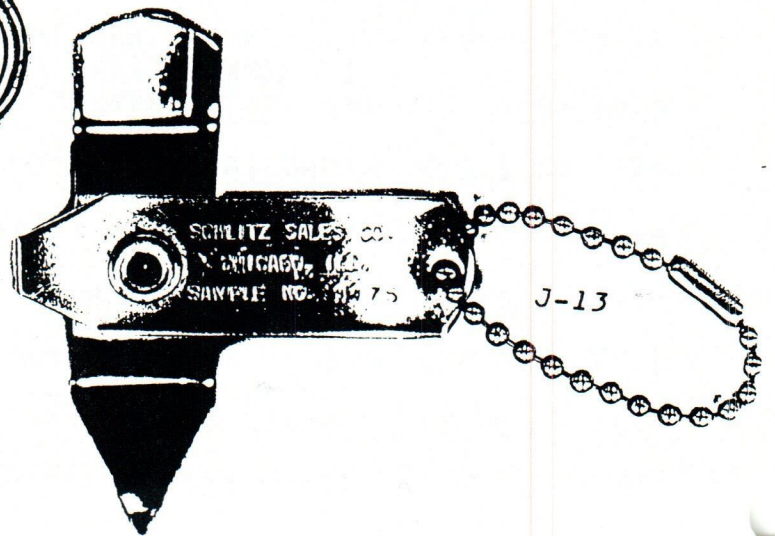
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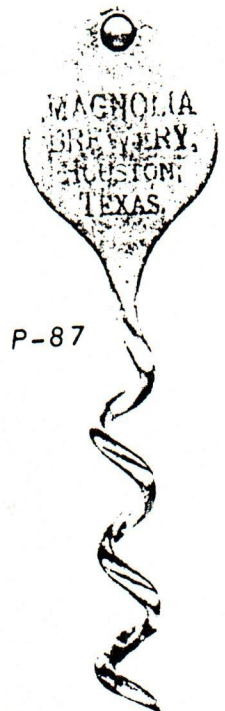
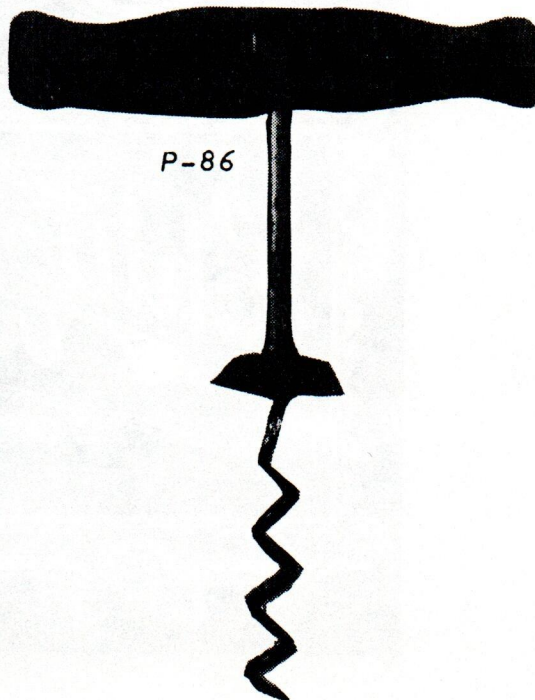
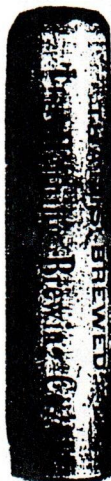
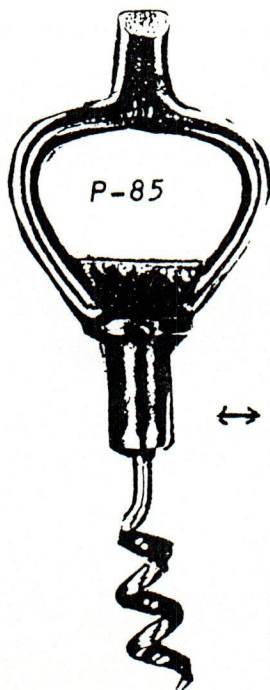
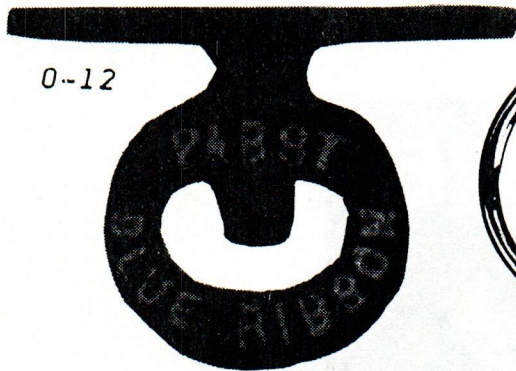
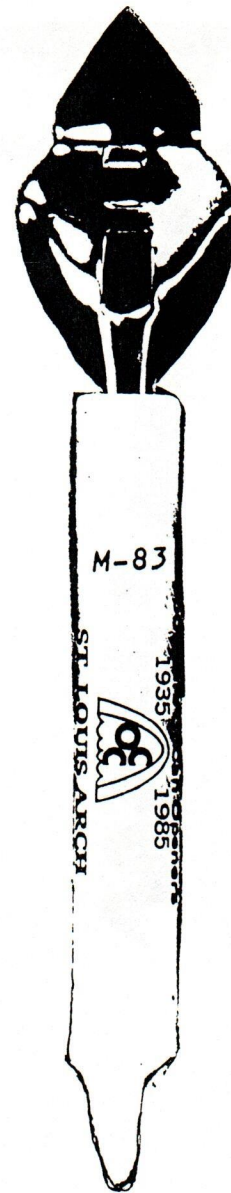
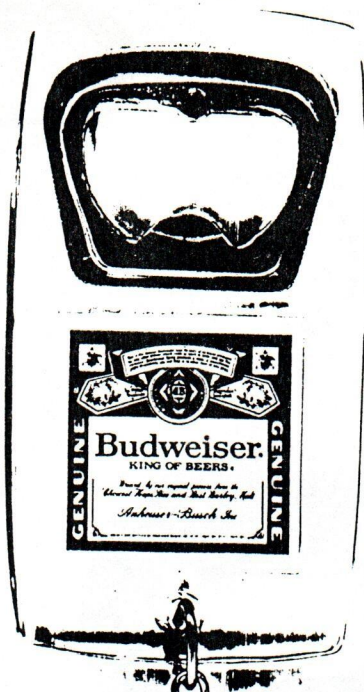
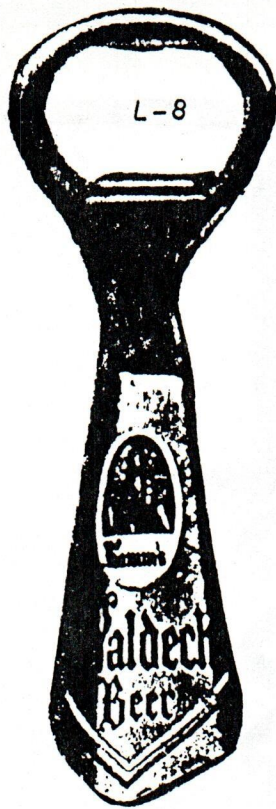
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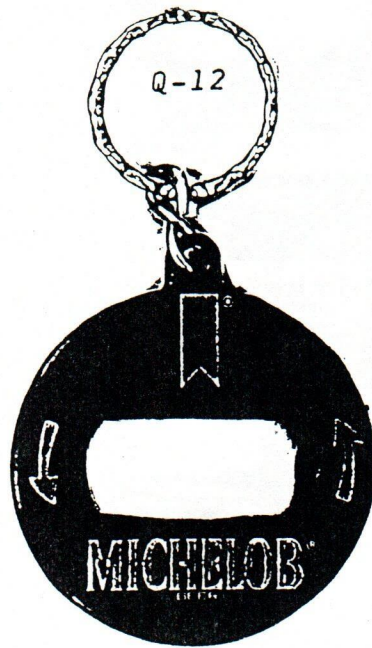


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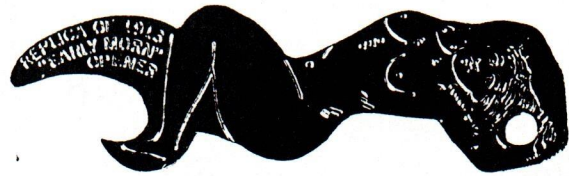
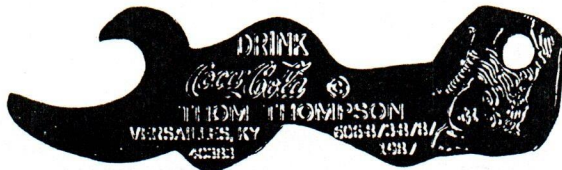
--WANTED--

TIN CAN OPENERS. BUY/TRADE. HAVE MANY BEER ADVERTISING OPENERS FOR TRADE OR SALE. JOE YOUNG 36 S. WESTON AVE. ELGIN, IL 60123.

"F" TYPE OPENERS WITH BEER ADVERTISING. LARRY BIEHL 448 CRANDON CALUMET CITY, IL 60409.

POCKET SIZE SPORTS SCHEDULES WITH BEER ADVERTISING. ALSO WANT MICRO-BREWERY LABELS. WILL ALSO TRADE FOR THEM. TED STRINY 814 W. MINNEHAHA ST. PAUL, MN 55104.

COCA-COLA OPENERS - OLDER STYLES AND UNUSUAL TYPES, ESPECIALLY FIGURALS. TRY MY OFFERS! THOM THOMPSON HUNTERTOWN ROAD VERSAILLES, KY 40383



IF ANY OF OUR MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS FIGURAL OPENER "COLLECTOR CARD", THOM WILL OBLIGE AT NO CHARGE. (ED'S NOTE: I'M SURE HE WOULD APPRECIATE A STAMPED PRE-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR REQUEST).

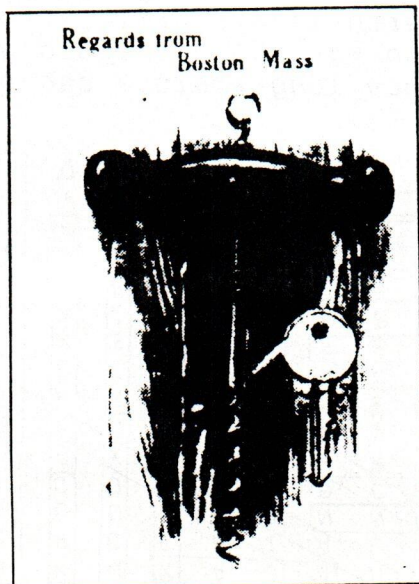
A-30-11 RAINIER, A-33-3 RAINIER, A-47-1 KRUG, A-22-1 BALLANTINES AND A-37-1 HAND. ALSO FLAT FIGURAL OPENERS WITH SODA OR SALOON ADVERTISING. J.Y.FORD 5351 BOYD AVE. OAKLAND, CA 94618.

MORE MEMBERS TO SEND ME ADS WITH THEIR WANTS, SELLS & TRADES. REMEMBER, THE FIRST 20 WORDS ARE FREE-EXCLUDING YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS-AND ONLY 10 CENTS A WORD THEREAFTER. ED KAYE 968 GREENWOOD CT. SANIBEL, FL 33957

--TRADES--

MY A-81-1 KNICKERBOCKER FOR A PENNSYLVANIA ONE I NEED. ANTHONY ZANGHI RD 1 BOX 404 F14 COOPERSBURG, PA 18036.

HAVE TRADE LIST. SEND YOURS TO ME. TED STRINY 814 W. MINNEHAHA ST. PAUL, MN 55104.



CORKSCREWS and OPENERS
Have you seen this postcard with "Regards from" ... anywhere? If so, I want it for my collection.
Do you have any other postcards showing corkscrews, openers, or a bottle being opened by one? If so, I need them for my collection.
Also looking for beer/brewery advertising corkscrews and beer advertising knives.
Please let me know what you have...

DON BULL, 20 Fairway Drive
Stamford, CT 06903
(203) 968-1925

THIS SEARCH WORD PUZZLE IS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT!

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RHEINGOLD
GRAIN BELT
LONE STAR
KOENIG
VAN MERRIT
HOME
HAMM
WOODEN SHOE
OLYMPIA

GOETZ
ABC
NEUWEILER
JAX
LEISY
BLACKHAWK
FERGUS
STROH
HAAS
NEEF
GUND

MICHEL
FINK
GOLD TOP
YOUGH
PENN
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News Item: CLASS LESSON WORTH A MILLION.

BELLEVEILLE, ILL. - Three years after they started collecting aluminum pull tabs, Mulberry Grove Junior High students truly understand how much a million is. The eight-grade students of Kathy Lappe's science classes began collecting the tabs in March 1984 as an offshoot of a classroom discussion on the age of the Earth. On Wednesday, they recycled 1.3 million tabs at the Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Center and collected \$356 for their efforts. The tabs filled 38 large plastic garbage bags. "I told the kids the Earth is 4.6 billion years old and asked if anyone knew what a billion was. No one could grasp that number," Lappe said: ED'S Note: How long would a can piercer last opening that many cans?

