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At right: At the last meeting, Peter Rydquist holds an applied top Portner blob found in Sterling, Virginia – also, notice in the background the multiple Samuel Palmer amber gravitating stopper sodas that Mike Cianciosi brought to the meeting. (See page 8 for a closer picture.)



Don't forget about the FOHBC National Show in York, PA on August 8-10. See page 8 for more details. Hope to see you there!

Picnic - September 27th

(Picnic Takes the Place of Regular September Meeting)

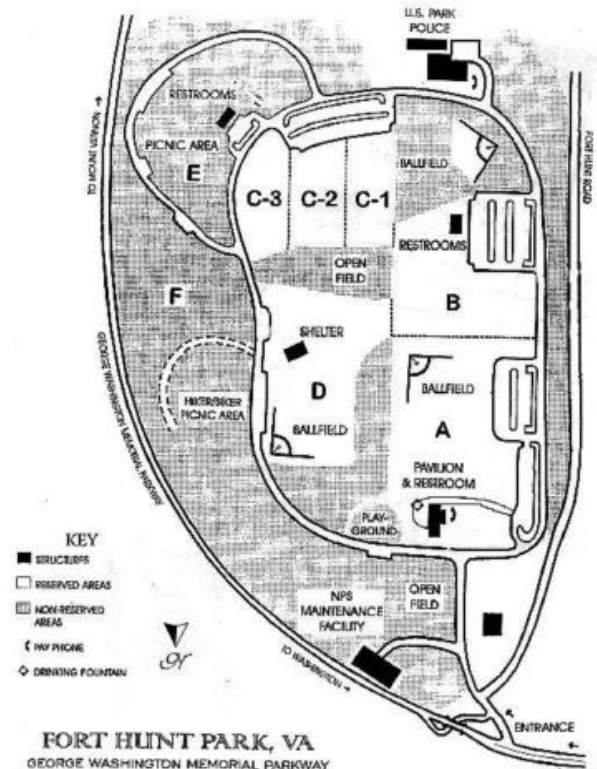
Please join us at 1 PM on Saturday, September 27th for our club picnic at Hunt Park in Alexandria, Virginia. The club will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and soft drinks. Members are encouraged to bring a side, snacks, or a dessert dish to share. Please feel free to bring guests but in order to help us plan how much food to bring, please email Al Miller at ca_drm1n@yahoo.com and let us know how many people you plan to bring and whether you prefer hotdogs or hamburgers. Those without email can contact Lee Shipman at (301) 229-2005.

To minimize confusion, we will meet at the same location as last year -- the picnic area marked E on the map at right. Please note that this map is a bit unusual in that north is at the bottom.

Members are encouraged to bring along bottles for show & tell especially any recent summer finds.

Directions

Fort Hunt Park is located 5 miles south of Old Town Alexandria along the George Washington Memorial Parkway (parts of which are also called Mount Vernon Highway and Washington Street) in Fairfax County, Virginia. To reach this road from Washington, DC, cross the 14th Street Bridge south toward Virginia, and take the exit for Mount Vernon/National Airport. To reach it from the Beltway in Maryland, take the very first exit after the Wilson Bridge. To reach it from the Beltway in Virginia take exit 1 North, go to the first traffic light and take a right on Franklin Street; go about 3 blocks and take a right on South Washington Street.



Meetings: 8:00 PM on the last Tuesday of each month in the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 6201 Dunrobbin Dr., Bethesda, MD 20816.
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The Myrtle Avenue Soda Pits

by Andy Goldfrank

Late one night a couple of summers ago, I got an email from my friend Adam Woodward in New York and attached to it were these unbelievable images of colored, pontiled sodas that he had extracted from a privy in a construction site on Myrtle Avenue in Brooklyn. I called him the next day, on Monday morning during my walk into work, and over the telephone I could tell that he was still shaking with joy from his discovery. Over the course of two full days, in the extreme heat and humidity that defines New York City in July and August, Adam had discovered and emptied a soda pit that contained a remarkable cache of over 80 sodas and beers dating from the late 1840s to the mid 1860s.

Coping with untenable weather conditions and almost impossible time constraints, Adam had spent practically every waking hour for two days straight carefully cracking open this privy, digging its entire nine feet, and repeatedly hauling home on the subway or by car a single backpack full of bottles at a time. Literally, Adam would dig until he had a full backpack of colored pontils, and

then bring them to his apartment in Manhattan, and immediately turn around and return to the construction site to dig deeper into his soda pit. Every time he left the construction site, Adam would worry that he wouldn't find the energy to return and that the dirt movers would scoop out the remaining portion of the privy. When I talked to Adam, two days after he finished digging the privy, he still struggled to cope with the effects of sleep deprivation and heat exhaustion.

In a dreamy voice, Adam kept saying to me, *"I finally hit a soda pit, I finally hit a soda pit."*

Ever since Adam and I first met about five years ago, our conversations inevitably lead to a discussion about the challenge of finding a soda pit – specifically, a privy that is filled with pontiled sodas and beers stacked like cordwood – as they come along so infrequently in New York City (unlike Pennsylvania coal country or Philadelphia). Although perhaps a bit cruel, my digging buddy Scott Jordan and I would regale him with stories of the few such holes we had dug, or heard of being dug, in Staten Island, Brooklyn, and Westchester County over the course of our last decade of bottle digging. However, knowing Adam's knack for finding good holes and his tenacious approach to getting access to construction sites,



we realized it was just a matter of time before Adam hit a good soda pit. And this time he sure had.

Adam's horde contained some of the most desirable pontiled sodas from the New York region including two mug-based cobalt beauties and twenty – yes, you read that correctly, 20 – eight-sided examples in various shades of blue. There were also eight additional cobalt sodas, a few rare green hat-top variants, and even a lime green ten pin from Great Britain. All told, Adam saved from the bulldozers: 46 pontiled sodas; another 35 smooth based varieties (including six cream sodas); and, to cap the pit off, a single pontiled medicine that just happened to be a moss green *Carter's Spanish Mixture*. Oh my, what a dig indeed.



According to Adam, however, the point of our conversation was not to dwell on the soda pit but rather on the fact that there were still more privies left to dig on this site. Adam had tried to get in touch with Scott, who lives in New York City, but had failed. At the same time he had reached out to me. The bottom line was that Adam was essentially begging us to get back to the site because he was headed to Italy for the rest of the month and hated the notion that there might be other loaded privies on the site that would be wiped out by the earthmovers. Although the likelihood of another soda pit was slim to none, no privy digger wants to be the one to miss a possible good hole and have nightmares about the loaded pit that got away. (Frankly, I already have enough of those bad dreams.) Needless to say, there was almost no chance of my going up north from Washington, DC, because I had just returned from New Orleans for work, was off on a work trip to West Virginia for the rest of the current week, and also was getting set to go away the following Sunday for work in Charleston, South Carolina. Plus, I was stranded without a digging vehicle since my wife Joan needed to take our truck for the family reunion the coming weekend.

However, Scott (who also had finally talked with Adam) called me every day of that week while I was on the road, encouraging me to trek to New York from DC, reminding me that privies like this do not come along often, and informing me that the construction site was significantly cut down, meaning the digging could be relatively easy (if one can find the privies and assuming they were not already hauled away in dump trucks). Well, by Friday, my wife finally had enough of my wistful talking about “another missed opportunity” and

said “the old Andy” she “knew would find a way to get to New York for a privy dig” even if only for half a day. If this were to happen, I would have to figure out transportation to New York for first thing the next morning, dig that same afternoon and evening, and then get back early the next day in time to pack and catch an afternoon flight out of DC's National Airport. Racking my brain, I called a couple of DC-area digging buddies that night to see if they could drop their plans for the next 36 hours and drive in their vehicle 10 hours roundtrip to look for privies -- which might already have been removed by the excavators – on a shadeless Brooklyn

construction site in August. Only my friend Dodd Delph returned my telephone call that night and, just like the Beastie Boys track from back in my college days, it was:

*No sleep 'til Brooklyn
Foot on the pedal – never ever false metal
Engine running hotter than a boiling kettle
My job's ain't a job – it's a [%@#&] good time*

Dodd was at my doorstep in DC before dawn and we were at Scott's apartment in Queens well before noon. From there, we hurriedly stocked up on water and food and sped off to the site in Brooklyn. We were punching holes in the sandy dirt a little later, which was less than 16 hours since I had called Dodd, and our

excitement had not lessened despite the blazing sun and high humidity, along with the bulldozer-ravaged soil.

This very site was where we had dug a large, dud cistern with the Colorado boys, the previous March during our annual Digathon; however, this was a big, odd-shaped lot upon which the 1850s insurance maps showed that at least 8 structures had once stood. While on the Digathon, we were unable to access the other privies because of a built-up parking lot, which also removed all traces of lot lines, and some massive trees that sat on top of two other holes. Upon our return, now some five months later, Dodd, Scott and I soon determined that two privies (visible along an exposed earthen bank) and two cisterns had been dug many years ago, probably in the 1970s. We also located the scattered remains of the outhouse hole that Adam had excavated (and the backhoe had totally removed by the time we got to the site) which had been under an impressive maple when we last visited in March. This left us with a wide open, irregular-shaped, area approximately 10 feet below original grade that was void of any signs of privies. All that was visible were the remains of one building along one street and a couple of property corners that we hoped could guide us in lining up the old 1850s map with these key points. The lot was otherwise a barren construction site void of distinguishing features or even signs of ash or darker night soil. I also should add that the site was dry and impossible to probe; the only way to find any signs of a privy was to punch dozens of test holes.

To try and make an already long story a bit shorter, in the end, we dug 4 more privies and a cistern out in the open. These pits were in odd places and would not have been found by any

digger did not have the old insurance maps – consequently, we were able to pinpoint all 4 pits in areas one simply would not expect to find privies. The first undug privy found had just the bottom 18 inches left (the rest had been scooped away); not much remained other than 3 open pontiled, square lattice pickles, 2 pontiled aqua umbrellas, and some pontiled utilities. The second pit was about 15 feet from first pit; just the last few inches remained and there was nothing intact in the last bit of nightsoil. The third pit was in the basement of the foundation that abutted the side street (which Scott had found by just leaning on the probe while we were reviewing the historical maps); we also found the cistern for that building as it was half exposed in the side of the wall. These last two features likewise had nothing in them of note other than an unembossed aqua soda.

The best pit, the fourth one, was parallel to the one in the basement of the building. Scott and I were looking at the 1850s map and figured there had to be a privy within a small area (about 25 feet by 20 feet) because of the original backyard configuration – so again we just started punching test holes with our shovels. Then Scott, with a quick flip of his shovel blade, popped up ash mixed with coal clinkers, and we were off. The privy walls were soon

located and after being exposed in full, the pit was about four feet across. Apparently, we had found a privy right at the bottom of the cap layer as it was transitioning into the nightsoil and trash layer. Within the first few scrapes, my shovel squeaked against a bottle and exposed an intact olive-colored lady's leg whiskey which was soon followed by an 1860 dated aqua soda.

Scott and I figured that, at best, the outhouse only had a couple more feet remaining, so we went off to punch more test holes and left Dodd to dig the privy with our standard wood digging stick (which we use in the nightsoil layer so as not to

break or scratch bottles). At some point, Scott tapped me on the shoulder and motioned to where Dodd was feverishly digging -- we both realized that he was pulling out bottles ... and colored ones too. (And not saying anything to us.) Scrambling over to join him, we quickly looked at the eight or so aqua and colored sodas and beers lying in the dirt surrounding the privy. Dodd was grinning from ear to ear but no sounds came from his mouth – he was in a state of shock! Moreover, these bottles were all from a relatively small triangular area directly below where the ladies leg whiskey had come out. For obvious reasons, at that point, no one went

to go look for other privies. Bumping into each other, we opened up the hole by following the walls down to the trash layer, and then each of us took turns digging. The problem was that we could not get the digging stick in far enough to move any dirt as the wood kept glancing off of bottles. Every time one soda was exposed, it would be pinned in against another and we would brush against at least 2 or 3 others while trying to extract the first soda. It was a truly amazing experience and not one I have had in a long time (10 years to be precise). Each of us found at least a dozen colored sodas! Everything in this pit was a cylinder (with not one sided soda) but the colors ranged from aqua to green to teal green to dark green to cornflower to cobalt. The privy ended about 4 feet below the excavated surface – perhaps 13 feet or so below normal grade. There were a few other odds and ends including a nice open pontiled light amber Lyon's Powder, some common pontiled medicines, a pontiled flint glass conical Brooklyn pharmacy, and a blue transfer European pot lid; however, these cool finds were overshadowed by all of the sodas.



In the end, we managed to pull from the last privy: 54 intact sodas including 4 aqua dated sodas, 10 or so colored smooth based sodas, and 38 iron pontiled sodas with at least 30 colored in shades of green and cobalt. It was absolutely mind boggling for a number of reasons: of all the pits we had dug, this was the only one where the entire trash layer had remained (and it had the best trash layer of all the holes we dug that day); one soda pit had already been found on the site so our *realistic* expectation was that there would not be another soda pit; this cache of sodas was remarkably diverse and encompassed a number of examples we had never before found (in fact, one turned out to be unlisted); and finally, did I mention it was 93 degrees in the shade and we dug all day in the blazing sun and into the night?



Scott took his fair share of the finds with a couple of rare cobalt sodas and some scarce green pontiled pieces being his highlights. (We also gave a few excellent bottles to our buddies Fireman Jack and Erik Fortmeyer, who had stood outside the construction fence, watched our delirium, and hauled away the bottles to be cleaned at their house, plus shared with us some good grub and beer that night.) Dodd, who had never found an intact colored or pontiled soda before, took home an instant collection with quite a range of colors and styles. In turn, I managed to get 9 colored sodas that were not already in my collection – something I had never done before! I also finally brought home an intact lady's leg whiskey after many years of only seeing damaged ones show up. This was a rare day indeed.



I think that is it about the dig itself ... but not before I thank my wife Joan for encouraging me to trek north for one most excellent privy digging adventure. Until next time, may you enjoy your occasions with the shovel and, hopefully, find yourself a good "soda pit."



Andy, Dodd & Scott's Myrtle Avenue Soda Pit Dig

J. & A. DEARBORN/N.Y.//SODA WATER/D (cobalt IP);
 DEARBORN & Co. //PHILADELPHIA/ XXX/ PORTER &
 ALE (green IP);
 R. B. WEBSTER/ N.Y. (cobalt IP);
 R. B. WEBSTER / NEW YORK // RBW (open block lettering,
 3x green, 2x aqua, all smooth);
 R. B. WEBSTER / NEW YORK // PHILADELPHIA/ XXX/
 PORTER & ALE (lt green, smooth)
 J. P. BENJAMIN/13 STATE ST, N.Y. (slug plate, cobalt IP);
 LANCASTER/XXX/GLASS WORKS/N.Y. (green IP);
 LANCASTER/GLASS WORKS/N.Y. (cornflower IP);
 LANCASTER/X/GLASS WORKS/N.Y. (aqua IP)
 R. C. & T. (solid block lettering)/ NEW YORK// BROWN
 STOUT (3x green IP – one embossed BROWN STOUT on the
 base);
 W. P. KNICKERBOCKER/ 1848/ 164 W. 18th St. N.Y. (2x green
 IP, dbl tapered collar);
 W. EAGLE/ CANAL ST. NY.// PHILADELPHIA/PORTER
 (green IP);
 W. EAGLE/ VESTRY, VARICK/ & CANAL ST.// PRE'M/
 SODA WATER (green IP);
 DE MOTTS/CELEBRATED/SODA OR MINERAL/
 WATERS//HUDSON COUNTY/N.J. (green);
 BOARDMAN (block letter encircling, dark green IP, short porter);
 C. WHITTEMORE/NEW YORK (block letter encircling, lt off
 green IP, quasi-ten pin, hat top);
 W. E. BROCKWAY (block letter encircling)/NEW YORK (3x
 green IP blob, 2x green IP hat top);
 J. TWEDDLE JR'S/ CELEBRATED / SODA OR MINERAL /
 WATERS // BARCLAY STREET / 41 / NEW YORK (green
 IP);
 D. L. ORMSBY (block letter encircling, aqua IP);
 A. HUBENER/97 & 99 WEST 24th ST./NEW YORK (aqua IP);
 MEYER & ROTTMAN/NEW YORK (aqua IP);
 6 no embossing IP (cobalt, 3x green, teal, aqua);
 8 green PHILADELPHIA/XXX/PORTER & ALE (6x IP, 2x
 smooth);
 HONESDALE GLASS WORKS// PHILADELPHIA/
 XXX/PORTER & ALE (green IP);
 UNION GLASS WORKS/ PHILA (green IP);
 JOHN HECHT /1862 / BROOKLYN (aqua smooth);
 H. BATTERMANN / 1861/ BROOKLYN (aqua smooth);
 F. KNEBEL / 1860/ BROOKLYN (aqua smooth);
 M.B. & CO. / 145 W. 35th St. / 1860/ NEW YORK (aqua
 smooth);
 M.B. & CO. / 97 W. 35th St./ N.Y. (2x aqua smooth).

Andy, Dodd & Scott's Myrtle Avenue Soda Pit Dig (cont'd)

LYON'S POWDER (yellow-amber OP);
 R.J. DAVIES / CHEMIST/ BROOKLYN (5 in. cone flint glass OP)
 3x lattice pickles (aqua OP);
 lady's leg whiskey (olive amber smooth);
 BARRY'S / TRICOPHEROUS FOR THE SKIN AND HAIR / NEW YORK (aqua OP);
 SPALDING'S GLUE (aqua OP);
 3x umbrella inks (aqua OP)
 Pot lid: L.T. PIVER - VERITABLE MOELLE DE BOEUF PARIS. RUE S. MARTIN 103
 PARIS & 160 REGENT ST. LONDON.

Adam's Myrtle Avenue Soda Pit

All bottles (46 sodas) listed below are iron pontiled:

CARTER'S SPANISH MIXTURE (moss green);
 J. R. DONALDSON (in arch) / NEWARK N. J. (backwards J)// UNION GLASS
 WORKS PHILA/ SUPERIOR MINERAL WATER (cobalt blue, mug base);
 V. MAGER / 101 ELIZABETH St. / N. Y. //UNION GLASS WORKS PHILA/
 SUPERIOR MINERAL WATER (cobalt blue, mug base);
 J. BOARDMAN / NEW YORK / MINERAL WATERS / THIS BOTTLE IS NEVER
 SOLD (12x, sapphire to deep cobalt, 8 sided);
 JOHN BOARDMAN / NEW YORK / MINERAL WATERS / THIS BOTTLE IS
 NEVER SOLD (3x medium blues, 8 sided);
 W. P. / KNICKER /BOCKER / SODA WATER (3x, cobalt, 8 sided);
 C. WHITTEMORE / NEW YORK (4x medium emerald green; hat top);
 HENRY KNEEBLE / 458 4th St. N. Y. / MINERAL WATERS (peacock blue, 8 sided);
 H. KNEEBLE's / MINERAL WATERS / 458 4th St. / N. Y. (aquamarine, 8 sided);
 J. & A. DEARBORN & Co. / NEW YORK // SODA WATER / D (electric cobalt blue);
 J. & A. DEARBORN / N. Y. // ALBANY GLASS WORKS / D / NEW YORK (cobalt
 blue);
 DEARBORN & Co / BOTTLERS / 83 3rd Av. / N. Y. (backwards N, sapphire blue);
 R & C / N. Y. (sapphire blue);
 W. EAGLE/ VESTRY, VARICK & CANAL Sts // PREMm SODA WATER/ UNION
 GLASS WORKS/ PHILA (green);
 J. & A. DEARBORN / NEW YORK // XXX (deep green);
 W. E. BROCKWAY (in block) / NEW YORK (2x, green);
 BOARDMAN (in block, sapphire blue);
 BOARDMAN (in block dark green squat);
 BEWLEY & EVANS / DUBLIN & LONDON (lime green ten pin);
 W. EAGLE'S / SUPERIOR / SODA or MINERAL / WATERS // W. E. (cobalt blue);
 A. HUBENER / 97 & 99 WEST 24th St / NEW - YORK (deep emerald green);
 D. L. ORMSBY (in block) / NEW YORK/ UNION GLASS WORKS PHILA (cobalt
 blue);
 R. C. & T. / NEW YORK (2x deep aqua green);
 HAMILTON GLASS WORKS / N. Y.(aqua);
 LANCASTER GLASS WORKS N Y (sapphire blue);

All bottles (c. 35 sodas) listed below are smooth based:

MORGAN BRO & Co. / 145 W. 35th St. / N. Y. // CREAM SODA (5x aqua);
 TIETZEN & MENKEN / NEW YORK // CREAM SODA (aqua);
 W. EAGLE / CANAL St. NY. // PHILADELPHIA / PORTER/1860 (teal blue);
 PATENT PRESSED / S. SMITH (8 sided stoneware);
 10+ aqua dated sodas 1861 & 1863;
 6+ colored porters and ales of various make;
 12+ smooth base aqua NYC sodas including DEUELL BROTHERS / L. I., J. H.
 MIDMER / JHM, J. COTTER, M. B. & Co., etc.

THE LIGHTNING BOTTLE STOPPER.

The history of the de Q. Lightning bottle stopper, an illustration of which appears in the advertising pages of THE WESTERN BREWER, is interesting. It was first invented by Mr. C. de Quillfeldt in 1874, for Emil Hollender. Hollender failed to carry out the conditions of the agreement, and in 1875 Karl Hutter secured the rights of the patent. Later Hutter and de Quillfeldt formed a partnership in all Lightning bottle stopper patents although de Quillfeldt repurchased the foreign rights. In 1878-79 F. Hollender, brother of Emil Hollender, sued Hutter, claiming that Emil Hollender was the true inventor. So sharp was the contest that it became necessary to send to Europe for Mr. de Quillfeldt. By the aid of his testimony Hutter & Co. won the lawsuit, and incidentally saved a very large sum in profits on the sales of the stopper. Mr. de Quillfeldt has recently patented and is now putting on the market a perfected Lightning bottle stopper, for which especial superiority is claimed.

IRRGANG PATENT BOTTLE WASHER.

We illustrate herewith the Irrgang patent bottle washer, now being placed upon the market by Messrs. Chas. Kaestner & Co., of Chicago, Ill. The machine as shown in cut washes the bottles on the inside as well as on the outside, and has a capacity of thirty bottles a minute. Two operators are required, one to put the bottles on the brushes, and one to take them off and place them on the rinser. The machine is very heavily built and geared up so that two horse power will operate it. The manufacturers are prepared to build them for any and all sized bottles. Pints and quarts can be washed with the same brushes, but if large quantities are to be washed it is advisable to have a machine for each size of bottles. On their way through the machine the bottles will turn about 350 times. On the top of the machine in between the endless brush and the belt the bottles turn at a rate of 200 revolutions per minute, insuring a thorough cleaning of the bottles inside as well as outside. The manufacturers are prepared to ship them subject to thirty days' trial, and parties in interest will do well to correspond with them.

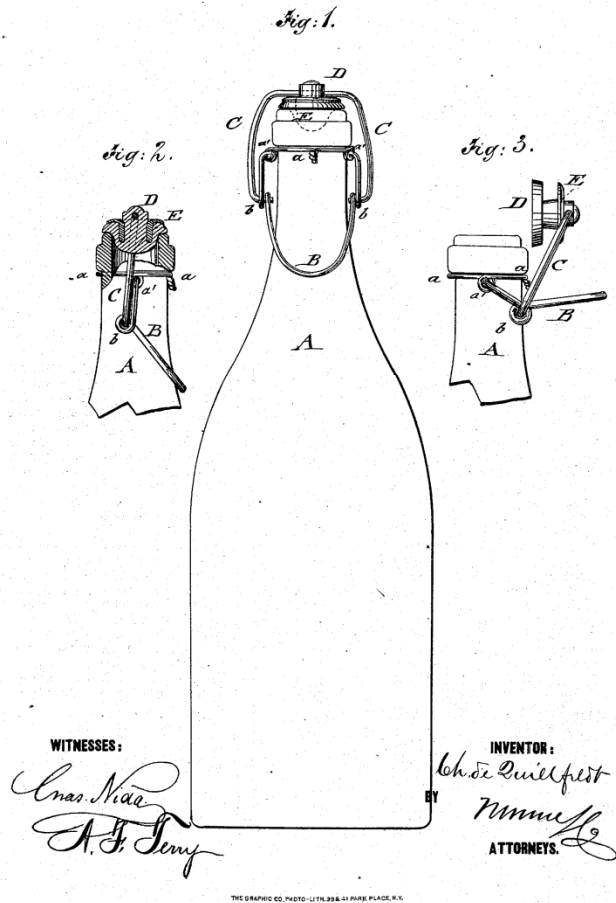
The Western Brewer, June 15, 1898

The information on this page about the Lightning stopper and the Irrgang bottle washer was submitted by Mark Benbow. He extracted it from a historic publication called *The Western Brewer*. Additional information on the stoppers is available at Bill Lindsey's *Historic Glass Bottle Identification & Information Website* (<http://www.sha.org/bottle/closures.htm#Lightning>) and at Tod von Mechow's fantastic new website on Soda & Beer Bottles of North America (<http://sodasandbeers.com/>). Enjoy.

C. De QUILLFELDT.
Bottle-Stoppers.

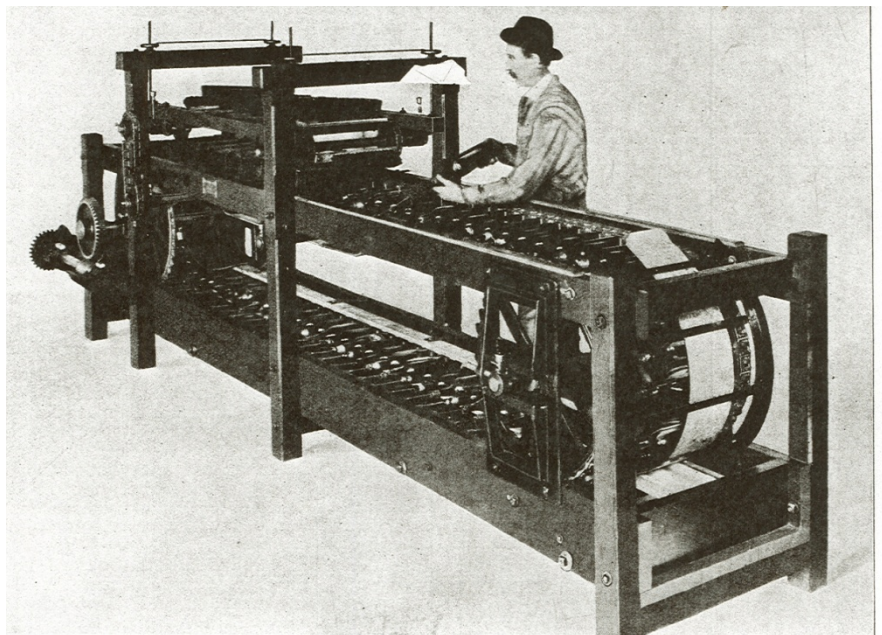
No. 158,406.

Patented Jan. 5, 1875.



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IRRGANG PATENT BOTTLE WASHER.

Upcoming Area Bottle Shows

AUGUST 8-10 - YORK, PENNSYLVANIA EXPO

The 2008 FOHBC EXPO (Fri. Seminars and Specialty Meetings in AM; Set-up, Early Adm. 1 - 5 PM, Banquet 6:30 PM; Sat. 9 AM - 5 PM, Early Adm. 7 - 9 AM; Sun. 9 AM - 3 PM) at the York Fairgrounds, York, Pennsylvania. 600-800 tables capacity for the largest EXPO ever! For consignments, contracts and INFO: **R. WAYNE LOWRY**, 401 Johnston Ct., Raymore, MO 64083, PH: (816) 318-0161, E-mail: JarDoctor@aol.com



SEPTEMBER 7 - LEWES, DELAWARE

The Delmarva Antique Bottle Club's 16th Annual Show & Sale (9 AM - 3 PM, Early Buyers 7:30 AM) at the Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes, Delaware. INFO: **PETER BEAMAN**, PH: (302) 684-5055, E-mail: oldngnu@comcast.net.

SEPTEMBER 13-17 - HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The 11th Annual All-Dairy Antiques, Bottles & Collectibles Show & Sale (8 AM - 5 PM daily) at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. INFO: **CHARLES A. ITLE**, PH: (717) 423-6789 or **LOLLY LESHAR**, PH: (717) 787-2905.

SEPTEMBER 21 - WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA

The Apple Valley Bottle Collectors Club 34th Annual Show & Sale (9 AM - 3 PM, Early Buyers 7:30 AM) at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Family Life Center, 1309 Opequon Ave, Winchester, Virginia. INFO: **RICHARD M., VENSCHOSKE**, 2038 Chestnut Grove Rd., Winchester, VA. 22603, PH: (540) 247-4429.

OCTOBER 4 - RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

The Richmond Area Bottle Collectors 37th Annual Show & Sale (Sat. 9 AM - 3 PM, \$3 Adm.; Early Entry 7:30 AM, Adm. \$20) at the Showplace Annex, 3002 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Richmond, Virginia. INFO: **MARVIN CROKER**, 4718 Twila Ln., Richmond, VA 23234, PH: (804) 275-1101 or **ED FAULKNER**, 4718 Kyloe Ln., Moseley, VA 23120, PH: (804) 739-2951 or E-mail: faulkner@antiquebottles.com.

OCTOBER 18 - LOUISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA

The Raleigh Bottle Club's Annual Show & Sale (Sat. 8:30 AM - 2 PM (Gen. Adm. \$3; Early Adm. 7 AM, \$10) at 111 South Church St., Louisburg, North Carolina. INFO: **BARTON WEEKS**, Show Chairman, PH: (336) 508-2759, E-mail:

bweeks6@triad.rr.com or **DONNIE MEDLIN**, Co-Chair. PH: (919) 496-1367 or E-mail: donniepepsinut@msn.com. All show info available at: www.raleighbottleclub.org. Club E-mail: raleighbottleclub@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 2 - ELKTON, MARYLAND

The Tri-State Bottle Collectors & Diggers Club 36th Annual Show & Sale (9 AM - 2 PM) at the Singerly Fire Hall, Routes 279 & 213, Elkton, Maryland. INFO: **DAVE BROWN**, PH: (302) 738-9960.

NOVEMBER 9 - PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

The Pittsburgh Antique Bottle Club Annual Show & Sale (9 AM - 2 PM, Early Buyers 7 AM) at The Ice Garden, Rostraver Twp. (Exit 46B of I-70, 4.1 miles north) Pennsylvania. INFO: **BOB DeCROO**, 694 Fayette City Rd., Fayette City, PA 15438, PH: (724) 326-8741 or **JAY HAWKINS**, 1280 Mt. Pleasant Rd., West Newton, PA 15089, PH: (724) 872-6013.

NOVEMBER 30 - BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA

The Forks of the Delaware Bottle Collectors Assoc. 35th Annual Show & Sale (9 AM - 3 PM, Early Buyers 7:30 AM) at the Bethlehem Catholic High School, Madison & Dewberry Avenues, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. INFO: **BILL HEGEDUS**, 20 Cambridge Pl., Catasauqua, PA 18032, PH: (610) 264-5945.



Above: At the July meeting, Andy Goldfrank brought finds from his most recent digs, including some rare pontiled South Jersey sodas and odd-colored, pontiled umbrella inks. Below: Mike Cianciosi shared the successful result of his tumbling a couple of recently unearthed and rough condition, but desirable, amber gravitating stopper sodas from DC. Nice job.

