

On The LIGHTER Side

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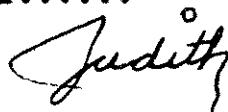
ETC., Etc., etc.

This month's issue is going to be a little different. I have received a lot of miscellaneous information, which I want to share, so I'm just going to put it all in one issue. I will pick up on our regular format next month.

In the Classified Ads, if the ad is placed by a member, it occurred to me that it is unnecessary to write "member" when you all know that person is one. (I'm a little slow sometimes!) Anyway the only time I will put a designation next to an ad is when the ad is placed by someone other than a member. (See this month's ads as an example)

One of our new members, J. W. Kramer, tells me he has many collectibles for sale - not just lighters. For those of you who collect other things you might want to write him.

More later.....



COLLECTORS' CORNER

There is good news and there is bad news. The good news is that a great (only?) comprehensive book on the history and development of lighters and their manufacturers, LIGHTERS, ACCENDINI by Stefano Bisconcini, is available to serious collectors. It has more than 340 oversize pages and more than 850 photographs, many in color, printed on heavy paper stock. It is fully indexed by lighter and manufacturer names. The text is in English, repeated in Italian. All photo captions are in English. The emphasis is on European-based manufacturers. Dedicated collectors are sure to wish for more information in many areas

but, at least in the opinion of this OTLS member, Warren Gerber, it is the best single source of lighter history information he has ever known.

The bad news is the cost of the book - \$100, give or take \$15 to \$20. Gerber got his copy from the publisher: Edizioni San Gottardo - Via Fogazzaro, 1-20135 Milano, Italy. In a handwritten delivery note, they said they have "a distributor for U.S.A. whose address is: Speedimpex, U.S.A., Inc. - 45-65 39th Street - Long Island City, New York 11104. There is a long wait for delivery from Italy. Gerber suggests writing to the New York Distributor. (w.w.g.)

NOTE: In addition to the above from Warren, your Editor has received the information from Bud Markham that he has written to Mimmo Mancio, who is the distributor for the above book throughout the U.K. and is responsible for the English text. He quoted the book to Bud at \$70, plus \$4 postage. His address is: Mimmo Mancio - 30 Canning Road - Croydon CRO-690 - Surrey, England. Also Bud has sent me the front of the dust jacket for the book, which is shown on page 3.

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The Advertising Specialty Show (held in Dallas each year) was held here in March. Your Editor managed to get a pass to go through the show - - this is a very "closed" show and getting a pass was no small accomplishment! If anyone from the Convention Center reads this I'm in trouble! Many of the lighter companies sent representatives to this show and I had a wonderful time! In addition, almost everyone in the show was giving away free samples of their product so I also came home with some new lighters.

A few facts I picked up at this show I want to pass on to all of you.

1. Zippo has come out with 2 new lighters. One is "enameled" or colored

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on each side, and comes in several colors, and is called "ultralite". The other is a solid black lighter. Both are nice looking.

2. Scripto Disposable Lighters have been bought out and they are now called "Scripto/Everglide." Regarding Scripto Vu-Lighters - - Jim Gartner received a letter from Scripto saying they no longer manufacture the Vu-Lighter and to contact the following: Vu-Lighter Inc. - 3035 Adriatic Court - Norcross, Ga. 30071.

3. Almost all the companies at this show, who handle disposable lighters are coming out with new, larger models.

4. Bic has 2 new lighters - - one with a Photo Print Process (everyone can get a Bic with their own picture on it); and a new metal lighter case with either silk screen or laser engraving.

5. The representative from Park Lighters indicated he will send us something on their company for one of our papers???

As I said, this was a great show and I wish you all could have been there.

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IT'S CHEATING, BUT FUN - Purists might object to collectors who "make their own" lighters, but Warren Gerber has been doing it for years, ever since finding his first intriguing nicknack and wishing it was a lighter. That day, he was wrapping up an unproductive Flea Market tour. And, about that time, 15-20 years ago, Ronson was advertising, encouraging the public to put table lighter inserts into such cherished items as bronzed baby shoes. On slow nights, with TV's predictable plots and characters, he digs out rubber band wrapped packs of about two dozen "funny" files, about the same number of drill bits and abrasive wheels (Dremmel size and up), his all-purpose electric drill and oversize ashtray (to catch some

of the debris). By Johnny Carson time, Voila, another novelty table lighter. Warren buys old lighter inserts at Flea Markets and new ones at ceramic shops. Recent production is shown below. The six ceramics with music boxes were a Kresge close-out bargain, left to right: Santa with 1/2 in. Dia. short tubular lighter in his drum, plays "Jingle Bells"; Clown Photographer with tiny Ronson-type in camera, plays "Farmer in the Dell"; Clown and Dog with tiny Dunhill-type in suitcase, plays "Talk with the Animals"; Duck with 1/2 in. Dia. tubular in breast, plays "Fly Me to the Moon"; Clown Golfter with standard oval J insert in the back, tune unknown; Panda with standard oval J insert in back, plays "Edelweiss." In the bottom row are: Sidewheeler, brass-colored, pot metal bank with standard oval J insert, non-musical; Aged "tin" windmill/shack with round 1-1/8 in. Dia. insert, plays "Oklahoma" overature; and Aged "tin" Sidewheeler with round 1-1/2 in. Dia. insert, plays "Moon River." Opportunities are unlimited for collectors without principles. (Note: If you get impatient and bust things, PermaBond sticks ceramic, metal, etc.) w.w.g.

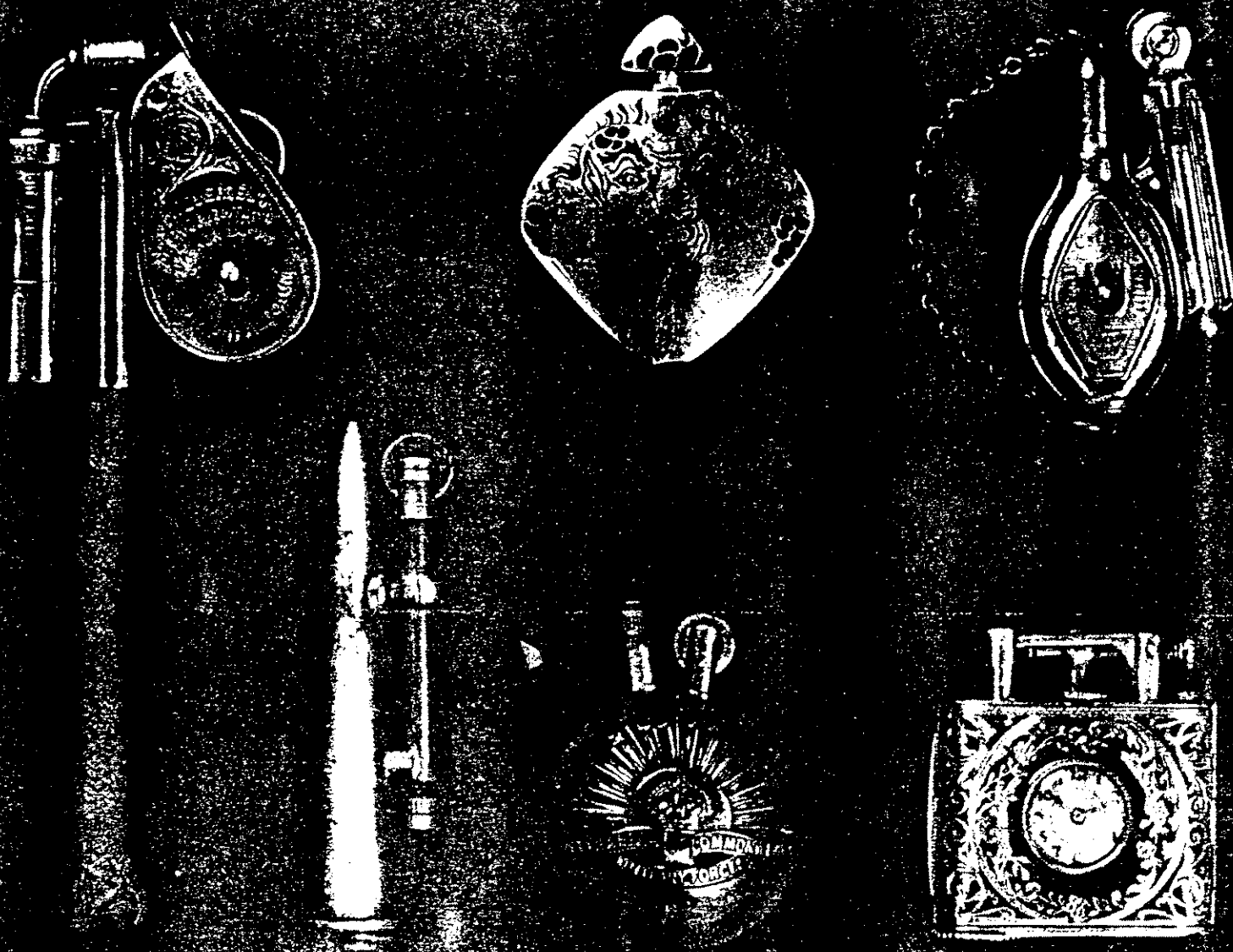


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NEW MEMBERS CAN ORDER BACK ISSUES OF NEWSLETTERS FOR SIXTY CENTS PER ISSUE. THIS PRICE INCLUDES POSTAGE.

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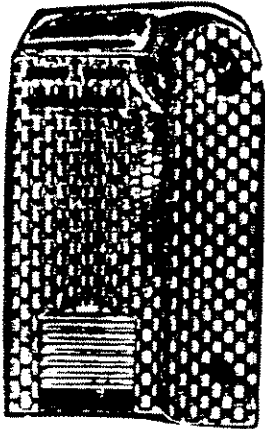
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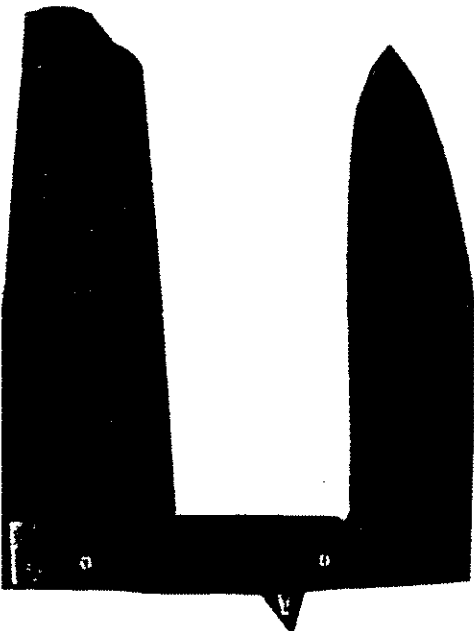
Regens pocket lighter. 5 at \$3 ea. Dee Collins



Kem Co. Miniature (2" tall) bottle w/lighter inside - no label left on it. \$3 or trade. Judith Sanders



Unusual novelty lighter. Says "EDRO Lighter" Holds pack of cigarettes w/lighter on side, push lighter out from bottom. Pat. No. 1970158. \$5 or trade. Judith Sanders



For Sale or Trade

Penguin Measure Lighter. Silver colored w/tape measure pulling out of side - just a little of tape pulled out in picture. \$5 or trade. Judith Sanders



Wanted to Buy or Trade

Will pay \$25 and up for "Ceramic Occupied Japan Cigarette Lighters". Also will buy other O.J. lighters. Send complete description w/prices. Bob Gee

Ronson Pencil Lighters. Andrew Morgan

Need Ronson Touch Tip parts: Wands & Wicks. Also want to buy complete touch tip lighters, have some duplicates to trade. Also interested in WWII airplane lighters. Pete & Barb Bocciarelli

Wanted to Buy or Trade

Bowers round or flat oblong brass lighters. Andrew Morgan

Advertising Zippos. Will pay \$2 ea. in any legible condition. Send list & particulars. Richard Rotman

Any lighters having to do with billiards. Also Zippos with logo's & old alcohol burning lighters. Dee Collins

Musical lighters. Warren Gerber

Lighters advertising Olympic Games for any year. Judith Sanders

Zippo w/this logo - should have 7 circles instead of 4 - should be in green. This was made for Ford Motor Co. in 1955-1958. Eric Blackford



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For Sale or Trade

Following lighters for sale at \$60 each. They are all WWI, except the rectangular shaped one. Sidney Chase

Wanted to Buy or Trade

Old cigarette lighters with any kind of "Golf" motif. Please describe and price. R. Gordon, 5109 Romohr Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45244 (Non-Member)

Scripto "Vu-Lighters, chrome top with clear plastic bottom. Inside clear bottom is usually fishing fly, small dice, Golfer, Bowler, etc. Send description w/prices. Nate Barragato

Pocket & table lighters w/ names of Navy Ships on them. Jack Comins

Lighters w/faces or signatures of famous people. Judith Sanders

IMPORTANT TRIVIA!!! YOUR EDITOR WOULD LIKE MORE "FOR SALE" ADS FOR THE PAPER.

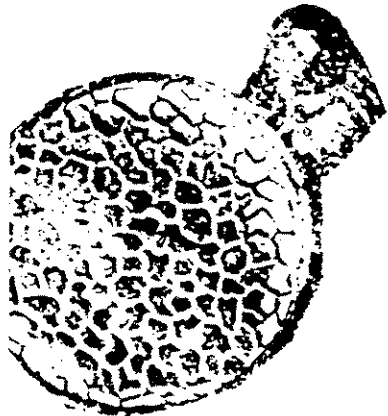
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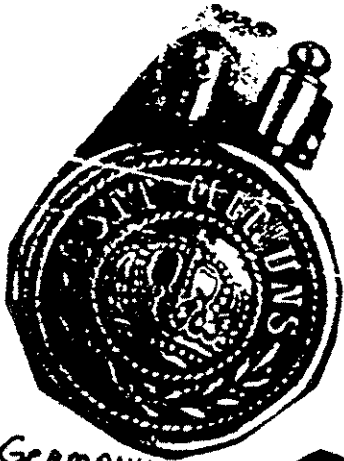
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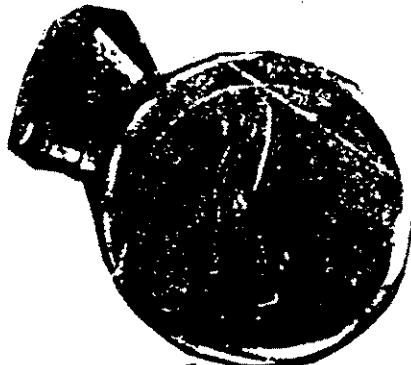
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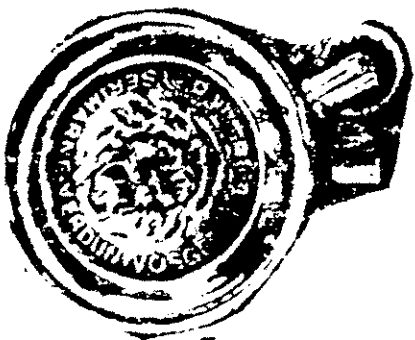
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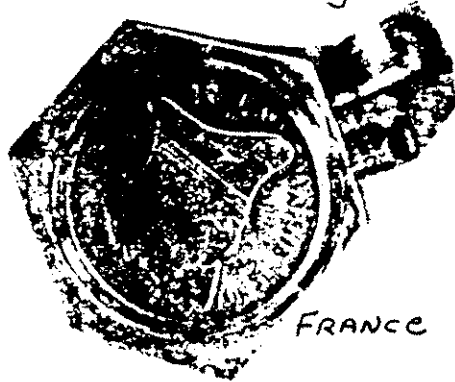
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