

## Recent Finds

One of the most interesting of the “maverick” mini jugs is the “TARANTULA JUICE” mini jug featuring a large stenciled tarantula and made available by the proprietorship of Swope and Mangold. For many years this miniature jug was felt to be from Utah. I am not clear where that particular designation originated.

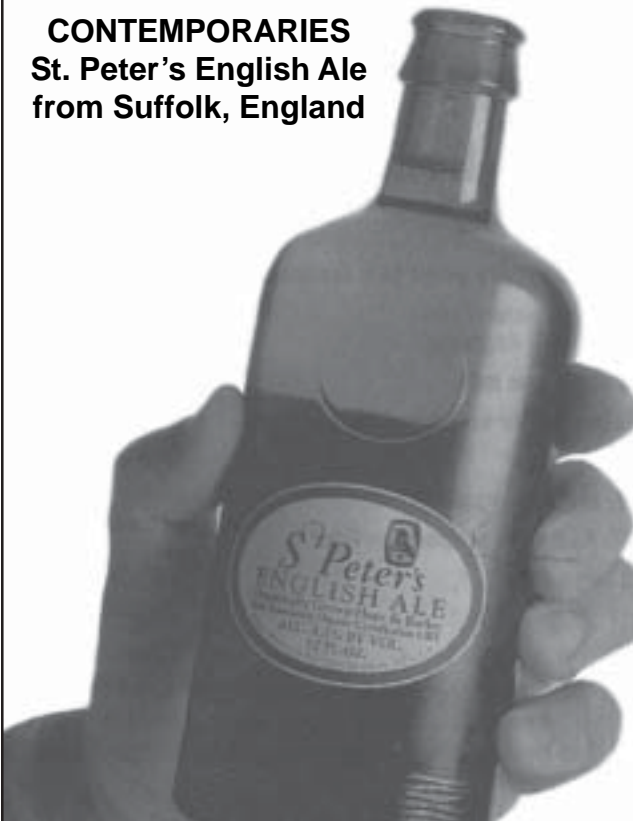
In the process of a “Google” search I chanced across a listing for Swope and Mangold and the following was noted:

“On account of the scarcity of wheel-barrows, there were just two entires in the wheel-barrow race, Loonie and Kettle. The latter won, his prize a pair of fine pants from Hermann’s. Loonie was given, for coming in second, a box of fine cigars from **Swope and Mangold’s**.” (From the *Dallas Daily Times Herald* of July 8, 1892 article ‘The Picnic and Ball Given By The Irish-Americans Club Yesterday.’)”

A review of the Texas section of the Dun and Bradstreet confirmed this firm as being in Dallas in 1889 in the business of Wines, Liquors, Saloon and Cigars.



### CONTEMPORARIES St. Peter's English Ale from Suffolk, England



Lovely bottle, eh? Its modeled on a flask made by Thomas Gerrard of Gibbstown, N.J., circa 1770. This tidbit was gleaned off the St. Peter's label and the four-bottle cardboard container, which are packed with data.

Even the brewery's address makes an info-heavy paragraph: "St. Peter's Hall, St. Peter S. Elham, Bungay, Suffolk, NR35 INQ, England, United Kingdom.

As a bottle collector and history buff, I love this stuff. Reading further, I spy a mini-review of the beer itself. This is a "full-bodied ale with distinctive fruity caramel notes."

I found the review accurate. Most people drink bottled beer, not beer bottles BUT as a bottle collector, I sometimes buy the bottle and then drink the beer.

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Wonder what collectors will be adding to their shelves 100 years from now? See feature article by Bill Baab beginning on page 18 to see what other's opinions are.