



PETER, ART & MARY

Huff, the Magic Bottle, Lived by the Tree,
in a Magic Land they call PRIVALEE.

By Peter Jablonski

What do you do when no one can go to the Mansfield,
Ohio Antique Bottle Show with you? It's a Friday,
and you don't want to go to work due to a bad case of
Spring Fever. Well, you have to get your bottle fix on
somehow, so you go privy digging. What better
digging trio is there than...

Peter, Art & Mary?

I connected with Mary Kummer of Geneseo,
New York a few years ago on Facebook, requesting
permission to dig, and she has been lining up approv-
als in Western New York ever since. You might say
she also suffers from a chronic case of privy digging
fever. She is brazen, bold, and not afraid to ask if we
can dig up your privy.

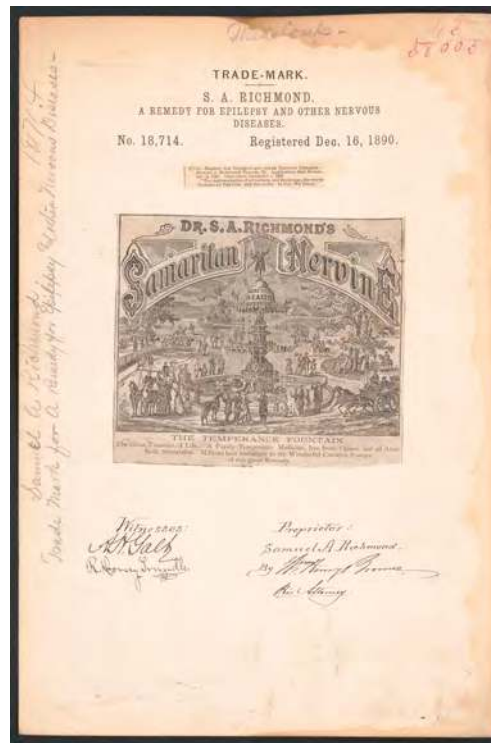
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Fast forward, I found the privy relatively quickly, and
the best part was there was no sod that needed to be
cut. It was shallow and the only bottles to come out
were a slick pharmacy and the dreaded warranted flask
that is like a kiss of death for the privy digger.

The house was circa 1850 in this Erie Canal town,
so surely there had to be another privy on the

DR. S. A. RICHMOND'S SAMARITAN NERVINE

18,714.—REMEDY FOR EPILEPSY AND OTHER NERVOUS DISEASES.—*Samuel A. Richmond*, Tuscola, Ill. Application filed November 14, 1890. Used since December 1, 1889. "The representation of a fountain, and landscape, the words 'SAMARITAN NERVINE,' and the motto 'IN GOD WE TRUST.'"



THE TEMPERANCE FOUNTAIN

Trade-Mark. S. A. Richmond, for Dr. S. A. Richmond's Samaritan Nervine. A Remedy for Epilepsy and other Nervous Diseases. No. 18,714. Registered Dec. 16, 1890.

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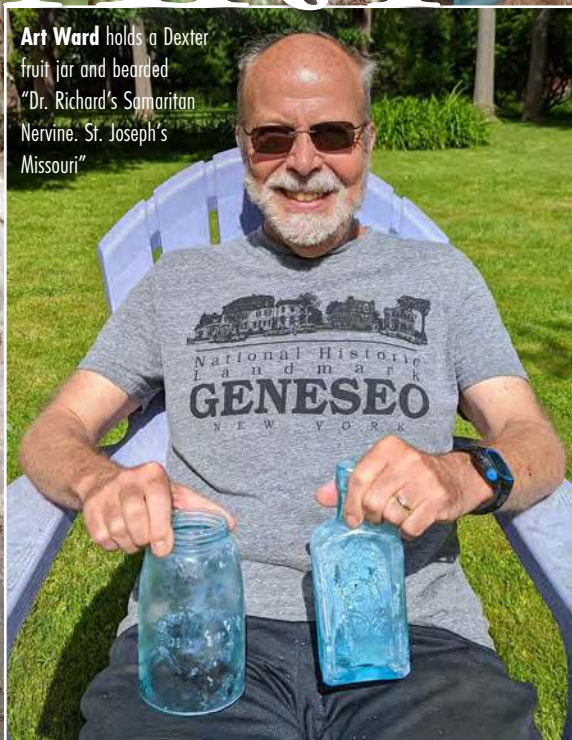
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LEFT: Perhaps
Art Ward hopes to
grow his beard as
big as Dr Richards!



ART

Art Ward holds a Dexter
fruit jar and bearded
"Dr. Richard's Samaritan
Nervine. St. Joseph's
Missouri"



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Peter Jablonski seems really happy about finding this "W. W. Huffs Liniment"

& MARY



Mary Kummer pulled out another Dr. Richards bottle, but this one was not with the bearded image.



RIGHT: Mary Kummer holds a partially reassembled Cornucopia and Urn historical flask from the dig.

apprehended, but the elixir started showing up in a little town outside Chicago. The house they lived in is now said to be haunted by his daughter Clara Fannie.

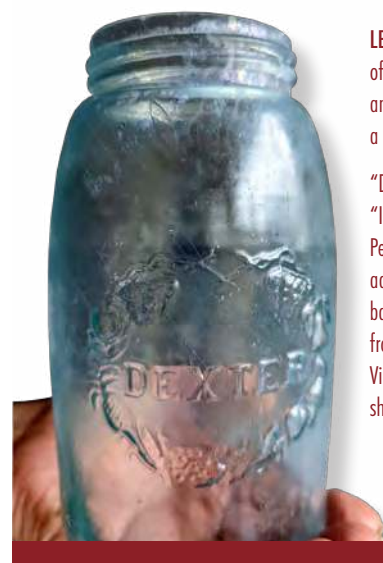
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I had the pleasure of unearthing an aqua open pontiled “W. W. Huffs Liniment.” This bottle comes in a lovely Lockport green glass color as well. William Huff was a veterinary surgeon in Buffalo, New York, in the 1850s. His liniment was along the lines of Merchants Gargling Oil in that it was a “Cure for Man or Beast.”

In 1860 Dr. Huff moved his operations across the border to St Catharines, Ontario, Canada. In 1895 after the death of Dr. Huff, there was an injunctive court case started by his daughter against his uncle Mr. R. Huff who began selling R. Huff's Liniment—the original Huff's.

We didn't let the first two pits of nothingness stop us from succeeding.

Privy digging keeps childhood dreams alive, searching and not knowing what treasures will be found. So let us keep Huff the Magic Dragon alive and not lose sight of our dreams.



LEFT: We started finding shards of wax sealer fruit jars, Buckeye and Dexter jars without bases but a nicely embossed wreath of fruit.

“DEXTER” / (Wreath of Fruits)
“IMPROVED”, (SFJR, #334),
Pennsylvania, ca. 1865 - 1875,
aqua quart, smooth
base. An example
from the FOHBC
Virtual Museum is
shown on the right.



LEFT PAGE: “S. A. RICHMOND MD (em-
bossed man and beard) ST. JOSEPH,
MO, / DR. S. A. RICHMOND / ST.
JOSEPH, MO.” aquamarine rectangular
medicine. Advertisement: *The Watchman
and Southron* (Sumter County South
Carolina), April 18, 1882.

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RIGHT: “W. W. HUFF'S / LINIMENT”
(Odell, pg. 119), New York,
ca. 1840 - 1860, aquamarine cyl-
inder (they are also found in deep
bluish green glass), 4 1/2”h, open
pontil, applied tapered collar mouth.
This is the smaller of two sizes
and both are equally rare. Looking
at the advertisement at the upper
right, there looks to be a third size!
Certainly a different shaped bottle
though. Advertisement: *Detroit Free
Press*, November 29, 1847.



A CERTAIN CURE FOR Inflammatory Rheumatism. HUFF'S LINIMENT!

This article has been thoroughly tried for six years in this city, and other sections of the Western country, and has been found to be the cheapest and most useful remedy for all external complaints ever offered to the public.

It is a sovereign remedy for Sprains, Bruises, Burns, Felons, White Swellings, Scalds, Scratches, Fresh Wounds and Swellings, of every description, on Man or Beast.

Also, RHEUMATISM, Ague in the Breast, Inflammation of the Eyes, Contraction of the Cords or Muscles, cure of Warts, Chilblains, together with all external bruises or wounds, to which it may be applied at all times with perfect safety.

For BURNS and SCALDS, there is no other remedy excels it if immediately applied.

Directions for Use.

Be careful always to shake the bottle well before using it, and after applying it, see that it is rubbed dry with the hand. In case the callous or swelling cannot be removed by the above application, take flannel of the size you may require, wet with liniment, and having it which will draw a blister: this will remove all swellings from Horns. Felons should be wrapped up in flannel, and the cure is warranted, if not festered: if festered, it should be directed.

FOUNDATIONS.

We, the undersigned, have witnessed the good effects of Huff's Liniment, do hereby recommend all persons to keep it by them at all times.

Capt L. C. ...
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A. ...
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Heman Wickwire
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