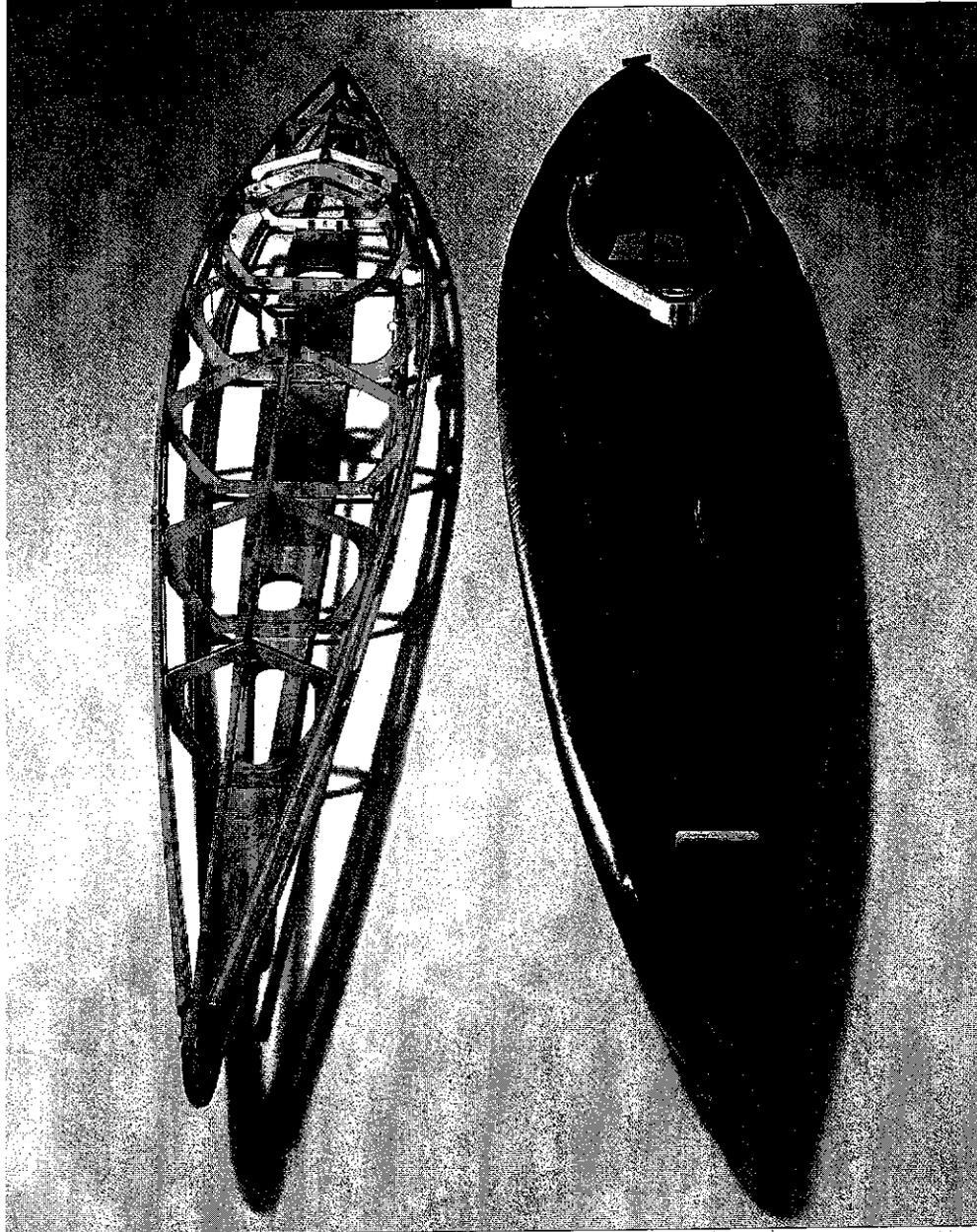
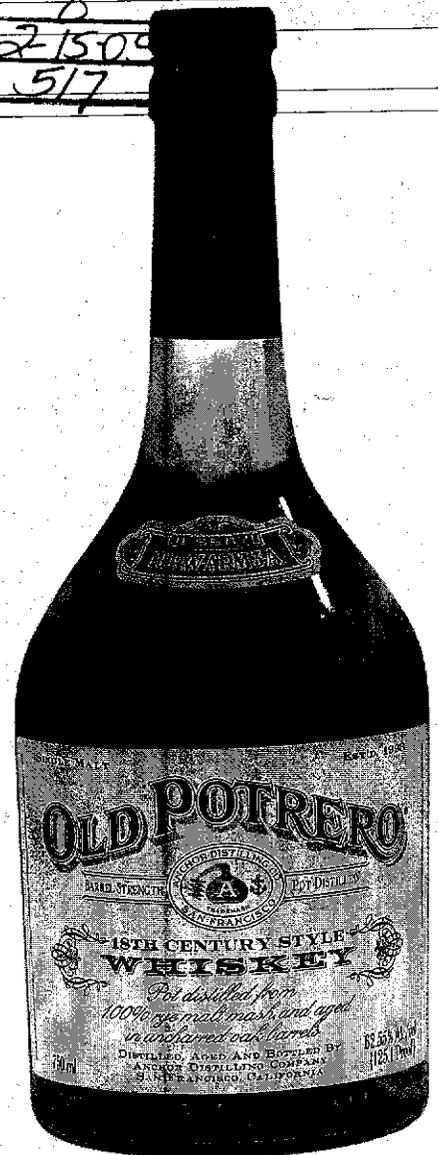


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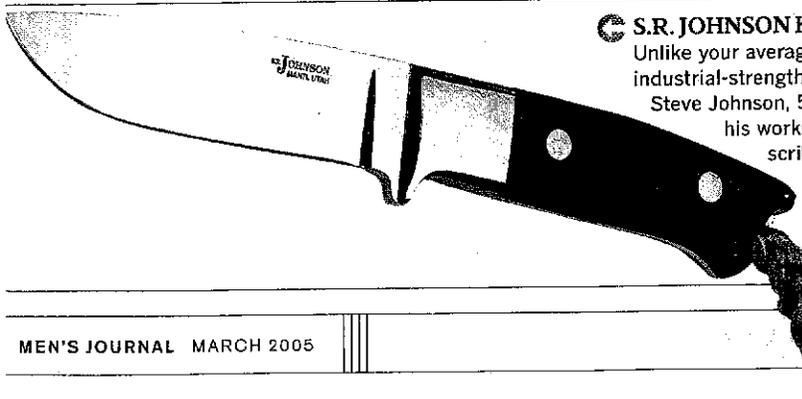
**LONG HAUL KAYAKS**

After a decade repairing boats for Klepper, the 100-year-old German folding-kayak maker, Mark Eckhart knew the design was less than perfect. "I kept seeing the same problems come up over and over again," he says, "so I just decided to build my own boat." Eckhart's Long Haul kayaks, which he constructs in Cedaredge, Colorado, incorporate many improvements, including a stronger, more durable frame and stainless steel fittings that make the boats easier to assemble. Each kayak requires 80 hours of labor — sawing the birch panels, shaping the ash for the cockpit, sewing the canvas decking, applying extra keel strips and Hypalon rubber to the hull. The army Special Forces clearly appreciate the details: They recently put in an order to replace their entire fleet of Kleppers with Long Hauls. (Mark I kayak, \$3,000; [longhaulfoldingkayaks.com](http://longhaulfoldingkayaks.com))



**OLD POTRERO RYE WHISKEY**

Napa Valley resident Fritz Maytag, who pioneered the microbrewing movement when he resurrected Anchor Steam Beer in 1965, is now applying his reverent approach to distilling. Maytag — who also presses his own olive oil, grows grapes for his own wines, and has his barrels custom-coopered — cooked up a way to use 100 percent rye, the primary grain of the American colonies, to make an ultratraditional whiskey. By twice distilling each run and aging in lightly toasted barrels, as the Founding Fathers did, he created Old Potrero, a sublime — if eye-watering — nectar, all searing spice-enfolding a soft, honeyish body. The pursuit of happiness, indeed. (\$60; [anchordistilling.com](http://anchordistilling.com))



**S.R. JOHNSON KNIVES**

Unlike your average pocketknife, which is machine-stamped from a sheet of steel (think industrial-strength cookie cutter), every S.R. Johnson knife is sculpted entirely by hand. Steve Johnson, 56, made his first blade as a Boy Scout in 1966, and now he does it all in his workshop in Manti, Utah — from etching the pattern with a carbide-tipped scribe to honing the blade edge to a thickness of .025" using a grinding belt. (The heat treatment of the blades usually takes place in California.) Aficionados snatch up his symmetrical, perfect-fitting knives in seconds at trade shows; your best chance to buy one is at a collectors' website, such as [classicgunsandknives.com](http://classicgunsandknives.com). (from \$800; [srjknives.com](http://srjknives.com))

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