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### **A Brief History of Home Distilling**

The history of distilling is also the history of money, taxation and the struggle between tyranny and freedom.

#### The origins of distilling

Historians suspect that the ancient Chinese may have first discovered distillation as long ago as 4,000 BC  $^7$  and passed this knowledge on to the Greeks, Egyptians and Arabs who had better record making skills.

The first of these ancient distillers to record their efforts in such a way that it reached us today may have been Egyptian alchemists trying to discover an elixir of life sometimes referred to as aquavitae or "*the water of life*".<sup>8</sup> The first known hard evidence of any actual distillation occurred when Greek alchemists produced distilled oils and fragrances from flowers and spices in Egypt in the first century AD, and the distillation of water for purification was recorded since at least 200 AD.<sup>9</sup>

Distilling alcohol is sometimes referred to as "*the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest profession*" <sup>10</sup> and both professions were closely associated with one another and both likely predate recorded human history. The first recorded incidence of distilling of alcohol is thought to have occurred at the School of Solerno, Italy in the 12<sup>th</sup> century,<sup>11</sup> and Tadeo Alderotti developed fractional distillation similar to that used today in the 13th century.<sup>12</sup>

In 1500, German alchemist Hieronymus Braunschweig published the first known book dedicated to distilling called *The Book of the Art of Distilling* <sup>13</sup> and it encouraged the practice of distilling to spread

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> *Moonshine Made Simple* -Bryan Ford

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Making Pure Corn Whiskey - Ian Smiley

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The definition of distilling - *Wikipedia* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The Second Oldest Profession -Jess Carr

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> A Short History of Distillation - Robert Forbes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Alchemy -Holmyard

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Wikipedia on distillation

throughout Europe since Braunschweig's work included pictures showing how his simple pot still worked.

There are two basic types of pot stills, one is a closed system like a pressure cooker where all of the steam is directed to a condenser, and the other is an open system employing a gooseneck condenser, which is much more common since it is a lot safer to use. The gooseneck single-phase simple pot still is in widespread use today in making whiskey, tequila and rum.

High-grade vodka was made possible with the development of the reflux still, which occurred in the 1800s. This process added a separate fermentation vessel for mash and a refluxing process. Reflux is when some of the condensing distillate runs back into the pot or condenser vessel for re-distillation therefore producing a more powerful and refined product. Common terms for such a still are column stills or tower stills. The tower is filled with copper mesh or some other material such as ceramic washers that increases the surface area for condensation to occur as an aide to the refluxing process. In commercial stills this matrix of packing is usually replaced by condensing plates and view ports that are added to observe the actual process. Refluxing results in re-distilling the product in order to produce a finer result than can be obtained from a simple pot still.

Redistilling and repeated filtering through activated carbon can make really good vodka. This process produces vodka that is more delicate so that it that can be consumed straight or mixed with many different kinds of mixers such as the juices from fresh fruits.

There has always been animated discussion about where vodka was first distilled in Europe and it appears that this occurred at about the same time in both Poland and Russia.<sup>14</sup> Current opinion has it that Poland may have been first; however most people assume that vodka was first made in Russia because the Russians are so famous for their almost universal consumption of vodka. Also, vodka is a Russian word and the Polish (and German) word for the same thing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> About the 9<sup>th</sup> century according to Wikipedia

is "wodka". However, the word "vodka" was recorded for the first time in 1405 in Poland.  $^{15}$ 

The Poles (Slavs) made their vodka with grain while the Russians used potatoes. The fact is that once these spirits are highly refined and well filtered, the consumer cannot distinguish the source of the carbohydrate used in the mash. A good reflux home still can produce ethanol at up to a maximum of about 95% purity and once it is carbon filtered and tempered (watered down) to 40% (80 proof), it becomes vodka and is an excellent product from either source.

In our suggested recipes we use potatoes simply because they are so cheap, plentiful, easy to grow and easy to use. They have high starch content and they produce an easy to make and ferment mash.

An even easier and less expensive and less time consuming way to make vodka is to simply ferment sugar itself. Table sugar is cheap and is readily available. When a sugar wash is run through a reflux still it will make excellent vodka very quickly. Or, the output can be used to make "*sugar jack"* whiskey by mixing it with grains and distilling it again in pot still or fractionating still that will allow some of the grain flavors to make it through the process and flavor the whiskey.

#### How distilling started in America

The first distillers in America were Scotch-Irish immigrants who settled in the Carolinas about 400 years ago.<sup>16</sup> They are world famous for producing and trading great whiskey. Also, the first Finnish settlers were known to cut trees from the forest to make a cabin and then torch the rest of the timber so that they could plant rye in the ashes that they then distilled into whiskey that they traded. The early German settlers also distilled spirits that they used

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Polish Spirit Industry Association

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Mathew B. Rowley, Distilling Historian quoted in the Washington Post

as currency.<sup>17</sup> America is a nation founded by distillers who all used their spirits as money.

Whiskey was a cash crop that allowed immigrant farmers to get the things they needed "with their whiskey they had legal tender to pay their taxes and obtain the few necessities that they could not make for themselves such as salt, nails and cloth."<sup>18</sup>

Spirits and other commodity monies of the time (like tea) were taxed by King George III, who in 1773 was looking for a quick way to recoup the costs of the French and Indian War, and for a way to assert his dominance and control over the colonies. Taxation has always been used by tyrants to control their subjects. One of the things the King did was to grant a monopoly to the struggling East India Tea Company and impose high taxes on that commodity. It sparked the Boston Tea Party tax revolt the same year. The colonists felt that they were taxed enough already and their revolt became the inspiration for the modern day TEA Party.

In 1791 the newly independent American government was likewise attempting to collect taxes on commodities, and especially on whiskey since whiskey was a common currency of the time. Taxing whiskey was actually a form of income tax on the farmers who produced it, and they objected to it strenuously. Many would not pay it. In 1794 tax collectors were given more power in the form of warrants to arrest and jail the Pennsylvania farmers who refused to pay these taxes.

The farmers responded by tar and feathering the tax collectors and they actually attacked the fortified home of then Tax Inspector John Neville. This act was deemed a threat to the stability of the nation by then President George Washington who marched on them with 12,000 troops. The offenders were arrested and jailed - but then pardoned by the President with the understanding that they would henceforth pay the liquor taxes. The rebellion was over, but not the resentment over taxes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Chasing The White Dog -Max Watman

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Making Pure Corn Whiskey- Ian Smiley

Seventy-five years later the nation was again divided over taxes and over the issue of slavery, which sparked the Civil War. Interestingly enough the country is again divided over high taxes and debt slavery. The Democratic Socialists want higher taxes so they can "redistribute" the wealth to the poor (actually to their friends, supporters and allies) and thus make wage slaves of the rest of the population. The conservative Republican capitalists on the other hand believe in smaller government, the Constitution, less regulation, lower taxes and more personal freedom.

Could another civil war be possible? Let's look around us at the battle now waging between Marxist socialist leaders like Barack Obama, Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi, and capitalist leaders like Donald Trump and Mitt Romney over taxes and the budget. Right now, the Marxists are in control and waging class warfare against the so-called rich while disingenuously confusing important issues by feigning outrage over "Political Correctness".

"Politically correct views all derive from anti-Western, secular ideologies such as anti-capitalism, anti-imperialism, utilitarianism, feminism, multiculturalism and environmentalism. These all share the aim of overturning the established order in the West. So any groups who have power within that order can never be offended or hurt because they are themselves offensive and hurtful, while 'powerless' groups can never be other than victims. This obsession with power is, of course, a Marxist position; indeed, 'political correctness' is a form of cultural Marxism." <sup>19</sup>

Citizens have responded to growing Marxist socialism by organizing the TEA (Taxed Enough Already) Party. This opposition alarms the Social Democrats who are apparently so frightened that they continuously attack them mercilessly by screaming personal insults and disparaging them publically as being "crazy, unreasonable, racist and unpatriotic" rather than addressing any of the issues raised by the regular responsible folks that make up the TEA Party.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Columnist Melanie Phillips

"Why has the left directed so much time and effort into demonizing ordinary Americans? Because the Tea Party's three primary planks -- limited government, fiscal responsibility and Constitutional fealty represent the greatest threat to liberalism since its flowering in the 1960s. A smaller, fiscally responsible government dedicated to a Constitution expressly designed to limit the power of the state is the death knell for those dedicated to the idea their worldview must be imposed on Americans by an ever-expanding state. The left's worst nightmare is an America comprised of largely self-sufficient, clearthinking individuals left to their own devices."<sup>20</sup>

This is an incredibly dangerous game. The opposing groups are willing to play chicken with our economy and the economies of the rest of the world in order to gain political advantage instead of working together to solve our enormous problems. It could well result in a total collapse and widespread chaos.

Communists, Marxists, Statists and Socialists (all now calling themselves Progressives) have long courted chaos as a tool because they know that they cannot gain control over Americans unless there is widespread chaos that creates so much fear that it confuses and panics the population into making a mistake. If Americans recognize what the choice really is, they will always choose freedom over slavery and our Constitutional Republic over a Marxist one-party cultural hegemony.<sup>21</sup>

The American War of Independence was fought over the same issues of taxes and control. Americans were being abused by a tyrant (King George III) and started the War of Independence to get free and then they adopted our Constitution to protect Citizens from the government. All worked well until the last hundred years of Progressive interference that has resulted in freedom being threatened in the same way again today.

More than half the People pay no taxes at all or work for the government. The media boldly lies, the courts are stacked with

<sup>20</sup> Columnist Arnold Ahlert

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Cultural Hegemony is a sociological concept originated by Marxist philosopher Antonio Gramsci in which there is but one party and but one approved viewpoint allowed.

ideologues, and Obama bypasses Congress, the Constitution, and the will of the American People to assume ever more executive powers.

Regardless of whether an economic collapse is due to a Constitutional crisis, war, runaway inflation, natural disaster, or a manmade disaster; the result could be societal breakdown and empty shelves, at least in the near term. A single terrorist attack, if severe enough, could actually topple the world economy. In planning for this contingency the ability to quickly, easily and cheaply produce a commodity like spirits that has widespread acceptance as a currency, could be a tremendous advantage.

#### Spirits stored early pioneer wealth

Colonial Americans were mostly corn farmers because their survival, upon arrival in the new world, was credited to native Indians who taught them to grow maize (corn) for food. At the end of the growing season, they needed a way to store their corn crop so that it would keep well and would be easy to handle, transport and trade; so they made corn whiskey with it. The same was true for their grain crops.

Thomas Jefferson, as Governor of Virginia, offered land grants in Kentucky of 60-acres to anyone who promised to grow corn on it. The thing is that "*you can't eat 60 acres of corn- you've got to drink it.*" <sup>22</sup> Gold was scarce and whiskey was such a common commodity that it was often used as currency.

On June 30, 1802 President Thomas Jefferson revoked the hated excise tax on liquor calling it "*infernal*" and "*hostile to the genius of a free people*".<sup>23</sup> The President was a farmer himself and a distiller of whiskey, so he understood the need for distilling. He and almost every other farmer in those days operated a still house and they realized the cash value of whiskey and stored as much of it as they could. Such stores represented their liquid wealth.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Chasing The White Dog -Max Warman

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Making Pure Corn Whiskey - Ian Smiley

Because whiskey was cheap and easy to make and store, easy to transport and was universally accepted in trade, it was easily the king of commodity currencies. In other words, whiskey was money.

#### How whiskey became money

Money is anything that represents value to people. In the beginning they simply traded their surplus commodities directly and this bartering was commodity money. Commodity money is anything that can be consumed or traded for something else that has value. This system of bartering is not without problems since you literally had to trade apples for oranges, food for services, and whiskey for gold and so on, and how do you make change? Haggling was the order of the day.

Early Roman soldiers - for instance, were paid in salt. They could use the salt themselves or they could trade it for something else they needed. Both salt and whiskey were commodity money since either could be used as money or be consumed directly by the owner. Commodity money has intrinsic value.

Gold and silver coins were also used as currency, but they were in short supply in the American Colonies. Whiskey was universally accepted as money because of its intrinsic value. You could literally buy anything with whiskey. Farmers were often "*whiskey growers*" in much the same way that they might be tobacco growers. Whiskey was a crop and a copper still and worm were often as valuable all by themselves as an entire farm. To many a frontiersman, his pot and worm were his most prized possessions after his guns and knives. These pioneers were the original "*preppers*" and the same reasons that they valued their stills then are valid today.

#### **Representative money replaced commodity money**

Eventually, privately minted coins and bartering with commodity money was replaced by paper representative money. A bank in Massachusetts issued the first paper money in America in 1690.<sup>24</sup> Most of these early banks kept gold reserves on hand and claimed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup>A Brief History of our Nations Paper Money - Karen Flamme

that their paper notes (representative money) would be exchanged for gold at their bank at any time. Some of these early American banks did not adequately back their paper representative money with gold and so runs were common and many of these early banks failed.

Bank runs were caused when depositors actually demanded gold in exchange for their notes, and if banks couldn't immediately exchange them a panic would set in and everyone holding the notes would descend on the bank in hopes of recovering some of their deposits. Banks would be forced to close and depositors would be wiped out. However, representative money made trading so much easier that it gradually gained widespread acceptance anyway and no doubt representative money aided in the rapid expansion of commerce. Often it was hard to tell if the issuing bank was sound or if the money itself was counterfeit so fraud-caused bank runs were also common.

In 1775 the Continental Congress issued the first government paper money in America and these notes were called "*Continentals.*" Only future tax revenues backed them so when there was a fluctuation in the value it caused them to fail. After the War of Independence in 1791 the new US government granted its first charter to "*The First National Bank of the US*" and licensed it to mint coins and issue notes. It operated until 1881 before it failed and was replaced by "*the Second National Bank*" and that too failed and was replaced in 1913 by a national bank called "*the Federal Reserve*" commonly known today simply as "the Fed".

The Fed was still a privately owned bank that was licensed by the government. The Board of Directors had a government political appointee who was supposed to represent the interests of the public, but the Fed was still owned outright by rich Wall Street Bankers such as J.P. Morgan and John. D. Rockefeller, and these pirates were now in control of the money printing presses.

#### Fiat money replaced representative money

The government issued notes through the Fed that were still representative money because they were backed by gold until

1939<sup>25</sup> when America went off the gold standard. After that the money was called fiat money because it only has value because the government tells us that it does, and because we believe it.

Fiat money, unlike commodity money, has no inherent or intrinsic value and it is also not representative money because it is not backed by gold or anything else except the government's assertions that it will be accepted in exchange for goods and services.

The government established the Federal Reserve System in 1913 <sup>26</sup> under Woodrow Wilson who got Congress to pass the Federal Reserve Act, which transferred some of the power from the private bankers to the government. Politicians loved the Fed because it could be used to manipulate the money supply, affect interest rates, affect the economy and help them get re-elected.

There really is no check on the printing of fiat money and right now if the government wants or needs more money it simply prints all it wants. The government is currently printing about "*a billion dollars a day, that's right about 2500 federal employees are working 24 hours a day around the clock just to keep up*".<sup>27</sup> This is both unethical and immoral because it amounts to a secret hidden tax for which the government hasn't sought our approval and of which the taxpayers are generally unaware. It is a tax because devaluing the currency and inflating the costs of everything by simply printing more fiat money steals the value of your hard work, your services and your savings. The government likes it because it makes it easier to pay off its debts with the value of your possessions and services.

"America is in the wastebasket, \$14 trillion and counting..... that is our national debt and it continues to rise because Obama will not make the necessary budget cuts to save the USA from disaster. Recently Standard & Poor's warned the US that there is a 33% chance it would lower the US Credit Rating from AAA in the next two year if Congress fails to cut our nation's debt. And now, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> *The Economy Between Was* -Feinstien, Temin and Toniolo

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> The Federal Reserve -Wikipedia

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> The Sovereign Investor

<u>International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicts THE END of the</u> <u>American economy in just five years.</u><sup>28</sup>

#### The world's most powerful privately owned bank

The Fed is the world's largest and most powerful privately owned bank, and even though it controls the entire money supply in America, its accounting records, meetings and methods are kept secret from the American People. Today, it is a hybrid organization between the government (and appointed politicians) and a privately owned corporation owned by privileged and enormously wealthy individuals.

The suspected owners are primarily the big merchant banking families of the world such as the Rothchilds, the Rockefellers and the Warburgs. These families also control the major oil companies, and control or sit on the boards of most of the Fortune 500 companies. The government citing "National Security" stymied an investigation of exactly who these owners are under the Freedom of Information Act.<sup>29</sup> This is pretty strange since at least half of the suspected owners are not US Citizens. We just don't really know.

"The Federal Reserve is the single most powerful institution on the planet. Its Chair is the most powerful person in the world, in reality, even more powerful than the President of the United States." <sup>30</sup> We have allowed wealthy individuals to control and profit from this organization and yet we know very little about its operations.

The Federal Reserve Audit Act of 1978 did allow the Government Accounting Office (GAO) to audit certain activities of the Fed but not any of its foreign banking transactions, the transactions of the powerful Open Market Committee (part of the Board of Governors) or its monetary policy, so it is still largely secret and unchecked.<sup>31</sup>

Big government politicians and the Fed itself will argue that the Fed is needed as a "*market maker*" (a stabilizing influence) and that it is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Tony Adkins – *Conservative Action Alert*- April 2011 (emphasis is theirs)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> The Federal Reserve Cartel: The Eight Families" -Dean Henderson

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Larry Edelson writing for the Uncommon Wisdom Daily financial newsletter

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Federal Reserve System - Wikipedia

the Fed's responsibility to manage the money supply and therefore the economy. If that is so, then they are doing a very poor job of it. The more likely conclusion to be drawn from this situation is that the wealthy liberal elite and the so-called Progressives of both parties are rigging the game for political advantage and that the very rich are being allowed to pull up the economic ladder on the rest of us. By systematically eliminating the middle class they are making the regular folks dependant on government handouts, which keeps them under the control of the Progressives while locking them into perpetual debt slavery to the wealthy.

"The Fed enables irresponsible Congressional behavior by allowing our representatives to spend more money than they take in ...and then stick you with the bill to pay it off! Without the Fed, Congress would be forced to live within its means." <sup>32</sup>

The recent financial crisis that started in 2008 revealed that the Fed is not very competent at controlling the economy or the speculative bubbles it helps create. The bursting financial bubble allowed our current President (Obama) to acquire control over private companies like GM and Chrysler and to ignore bankruptcy law in favor of his union allies. It also allowed him to pass so-called *"Financial Reform"* legislation that actually protects giant banks while destroying any last vestiges of privacy or freedom for individuals or businesses.

The so-called health care and financial reform laws seek to control almost everybody and everything except big government, big unions, the Fed and big business by imposing unconstitutional, intrusive and excessive rules and regulations on everyone else. Taxpayers are subsidizing these takeovers and should demand that the Fed be promptly and thoroughly investigated in all of its aspects to reveal who is controlling it, what they receive in return, and how we can prevent them from plundering the country on a massive scale.

The Fed's printing and devaluing of our money is financing the spending needed to subsidize these takeovers. Everybody in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> CampaignforLiberty.org (emphasis is theirs)

world that trades in dollars is being robbed by the Fed's printing of more and more fiat money that is chasing fewer and fewer goods and services. At the risk of being redundant, this practice also rather accurately describes highway robbery except that it is even more insidious because the theft is cloaked in higher prices.

Printing fiat money steals the value of our goods and services. "After almost a century of inflation, today's dollar has less than 2 cents of the purchasing power than it had in 1913 when the Federal Reserve Board was founded".<sup>33</sup> And now it has become even easier for the government and the Fed to rob us because now they can do it by simply entering new balances out of nothing onto computer balance sheets. They simply post pretend assets as credits to accounts and then spend the money. It is extremely inflationary.

The result is the inability of our government to sell its debt in the form of government bonds to investors and other governments. When nobody will buy US debt, the government is forced to buy its own debt to keep up an appearance of confidence and stability. This is called monatarizing of the national debt. Monitarization is extremely inflationary and is a sign of an impending collapse of the monetary system.

Our government is monatarizing our national debt right now and the clock is ticking toward disaster. Our Founders brilliantly foresaw that this could happen and tried to prevent it with our Constitution but more than 100 years of court rulings by appointed Progressive activist anti-American judges has undermined the Constitution and the intent of the Founders. It has resulted in our present untenable economic condition.

Unconstitutional government bank bailouts have allowed the big banks to hijack society.<sup>34</sup> The Fed simply creates the money needed for these banks to buy up the assets of small businesses and individuals like farmers for pennies on the dollar. They ruin the owner's credit, deny them access to capital and then steal their

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> World Net Daily - April 2011

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> MoneyNews.com - Julie Crawsaw 8/23/11 -

property. In other words, the banks are destroying the middle class using money that they issue themselves.

The Treasury Department reported (8/11) that the actual amount lent to the Fed was \$1.3 trillion and not the \$700 billion authorized under TARP, but that the money was largely paid back from interest payments anyway **so who got the money?** "*For one thing half of the top 30 borrowers were foreign entities including a private real estate holding company*".<sup>35</sup> We just don't know due to the secrecy maintained by the Fed.

"If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their currency, first by inflation, then by deflation, the banks....will deprive the people of all property until their children wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered....The issuing power should be taken from the banks and restored to the people, to whom it properly belongs." –Thomas Jefferson.

#### Whiskey could again become money

Spending and borrowing, inflation and devaluation have become a death spiral. It makes governments like China and giant private hedge funds like Quantum (George Soros hedge fund) stop buying our government debt and stop trading in dollars. Our government responds by printing even more fiat money and using it to buy even more of its own debt. This criminal ruse of monatarization of our debt is allowed to go on unpunished when our government does it, but when the same thing is done by the private sector it's called "*kiting*" and it's a pyramid scheme that sends the perpetrators to prison.<sup>36</sup>

The Fed under Obama is said to have monatarized about three trillion dollars in government debt already<sup>37</sup> but the actual amount could be far greater and is unknown since the books are sealed to the public and the Fed's activities are kept secret, even from Congress.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> *The Patriot Post* 8/26/11 www.patriotpost.us/subsribe

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Bernie Madoff is presently serving 150 years in a Federal prison for his pyramid scheme

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> The American Spectator



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