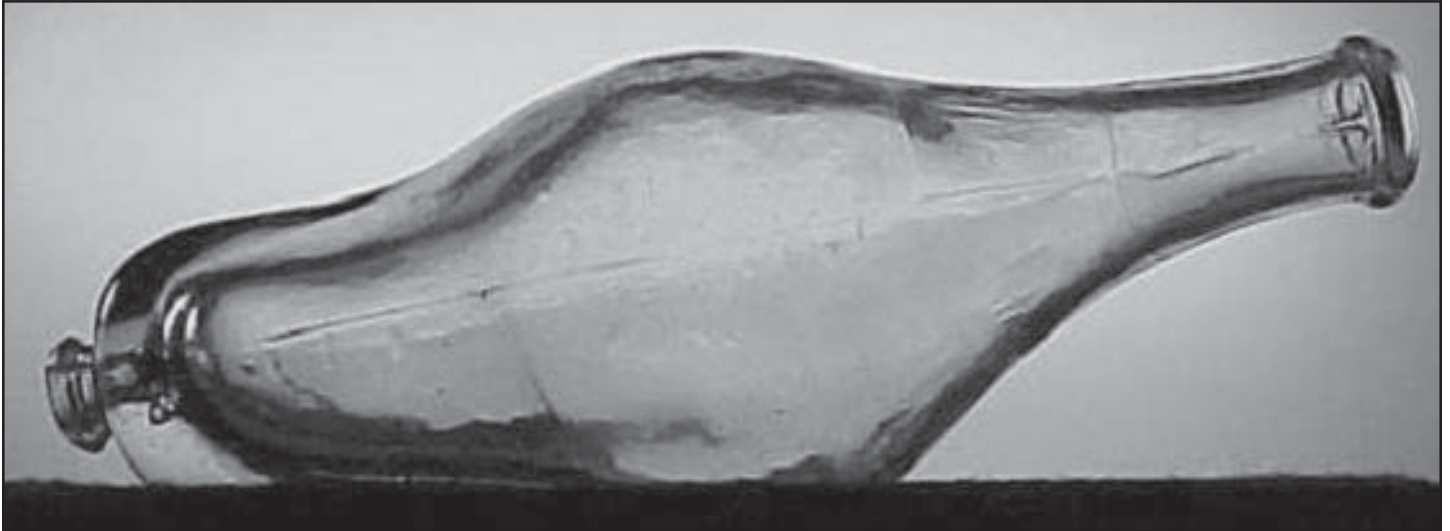


You're Going to Do Do What to the What, What? The DHU DHU FEEDER from India aka, the Pregnant Torpedo

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One June, Teresa and I were at the big annual East Tennessee Antique and Bottle Show in Knoxville where we have found a few very respectable baby bottles for our collection. One of our favorite dealers is Roy and Maureen Paget along with their friend, Andrea Smith, from England. They always bring some super bottles and go-withs with them to entice us and some of the other collectors.

At this show Andrea unwrapped this double-ended bottle and laid it out on their table. Both Teresa and I looked at each other while simultaneously pointing at this ugly bottle. We both came out with the same comment which sounded like a slightly out of synch broken record — a pregnant torpedo?! We both immediately reached for it — Teresa was closer than me. For \$50 we couldn't resist it and it was quickly rewrapped and put on our tab.

Not only was it an ugly bottle, but it even had an ugly sounding name — *The DHU DHU FEEDER*. It weighs in at hefty 12-ounces of greenish-gray glass with a few large and hundreds of pinpoint-sized air bubbles in abundance throughout the glass. On the left side is a scale with eight large and seven small hash marks (unnumbered) and marked TABLESPOONS. The long neck has very definite stretch marks, terminating in a raised ring that will accept a pull-on nipple. The tail-end terminates with a pooched-in and out button that took some sort of a valve to allow air into the bottle. The bottom is somewhat flat in an attempt to keep it from rolling over onto its pregnant sides. It also appears to have been blown into a two-piece (top and bottom) carved wooden mold, for little flats can be seen all over the surface. The lip is also formed from a separate two-piece mold



that is rotated 90 degrees from the body.

When we asked Maureen where it came from, she told us a little about its background. It was found in an old orphanage that was abandoned before 1920 in Goa, an East India English Colony.

