

DRINKS



COCKTAIL OF THE MONTH

Pour ½ teaspoon absinthe into a chilled glass, swirl to coat, and pour out the

absinthe. In a cocktail shaker three-fourths

SCOTS CONNEXION

Among the ingredients in Root liqueur are cardamom, cinnamon, nutmeg, star anise, birch bark, smoked black tea, and spearmint.

COCKTAIL CULTURE

BARKEEP, A GLASS OF SARSAPARILLA

Steven Grasse and Charles Hires, Philadelphians separated by a century, share deep roots. Root beer, actually. Hires, a pharmacist born in 1851, took the alcohol out of an old drink called "root tea," added fizz, and bottled it. Grasse, 45, an adman and "brander," took similar ingredients and launched a liqueur. Root is nice on its own, but when mixed with other spirits its full complexity is revealed. (See page 31).