


DR. FUNK

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DR. FUNK
of Tahiti

It originated in romantic
Papeete – but fine Rum and
Absinthe quickly adapt to
this clime. *But* quickly!

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ROUND 1: DR FUNK OF TAHITI



Recipe

2 ½ oz Dark Jamaican Rum (Coruba)

¼ oz Grenadine

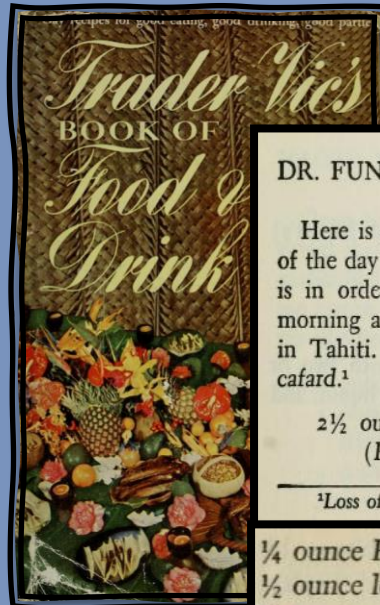
½ oz Rich Demerara Syrup

½ oz Lemon Juice

½ oz Lime Juice

¼ oz Herbsaint

Flash blend with ice, then open pour into Collins glass. Garnish with lime shell and mint.



DR. FUNK ☞

Here is a drink which can be served any time of the day or evening, when something refreshing is in order. This drink and the sunrise in the morning are the only sure things they count on in Tahiti. I think it was invented to cure the cafard.¹

2½ ounces dark Jamaica or Martinique rum (Red Heart or Myers's, or Rum Negrita)

¹Loss of one's mind from the heat.

¼ ounce Pernod or Herbsaint
½ ounce lemon juice
¼ ounce pomegranate syrup (or grenadine)
1 lime
¼ teaspoon sugar
Charged water



History

Trader Vic's *Book of Food and Drink*

- 1946

Adapted by Smuggler's Cove

Don used light rum & club soda

**Only tiki drink with
actual Polynesian
roots**



HERE COME SAMOA THEM EUROPEANS



1722: First European contact by the Dutch

1820s: American whalers

- First important economic development
- Water, firewood, provisions, crewmen

1830: Protestant missionaries (English)

- John Williams, London Missionary Society
- Apia dry until 1850!

1855: Godeffroy & Sohn

- Hamburg-based shipping company
- Coconut oil
- HQ at Apia

1886-1899: Samoan Civil Wars

- Colonial powers: USA, Britain, Germany
- Succession Dispute; RL Stevenson
- Samoan Crisis, 1889
- 1899 Tripartite Convention – German & American Samoa





OUR HERO: DOCTOR IN PARADISE



Dr. Bernhard Funk

- Born 1844, Neubrandenburg

1878: Medical officer for Hamburg-American Steamship (HAPAG)

- High unemployment after German unification

1880: Arrives in Apia as medical officer for Godeffroy

- First Western medical doctor in South Pacific
- Later for municipality of Apia

Apia: “Nexus that joined Samoa to a foreign world”

- Much introduced disease as a port town
- Typhus, influenza, TB, dysentery, measles, mumps, whooping cough, venereal disease, etc
- Shark attacks, tidal waves
- Plague

Treated both settlers and indigenous

- Tension between Funk’s practice and traditional Samoan practice
- Regardless of ability to pay – *Samoa ‘Uma*, 1902

Earned reputation throughout South Pacific

SAMOA ‘UMA

Where Life is Different

By
Llewella Pierce Churchill



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WITH A MOTHER'S AFFECTION AND GRATITUDE

THIS VOLUME IS DEDICATED TO

DR. BERNARD FUNK

WHOSE GREAT SKILL AND UNCEASING CARE

SAVED THE LIFE OF MY DEAR SON

AT APIA, SAMOA





OUR HERO: BEYOND PRACTICE



First marriage to Leonora Hayes

- Daughter of infamous pirate Cpt Bully Hayes
- She runs off with their son, incurs debts

Second marriage to Samoan Chief's Daughter

- Senitima Funk
- Highly regarded by German "high society"

Took an interest in Samoan culture & language

- Learned Samoan & English
- First document on Samoan language and grammar, 1893
- Contributed over 250 artifacts to museum in Neubrandenburg (still exists)

Major contributions to meteorology

- Awarded Red Eagle Medal for Weather Reporting, 1910

Founding of Apia Observatory

New German government, 1900

- Seen as part of the "old guard"
- Demoted in 1904 for "going troppo" [*tropfenkoller*, tropical madness]

Leaves Samoa 1911, dies in Germany

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THUNDER AND LIGHTNING IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

By ANDREW THOMSON

[Apia Observatory, Apia, Samoa]

DIURNAL VARIATION OF THUNDER

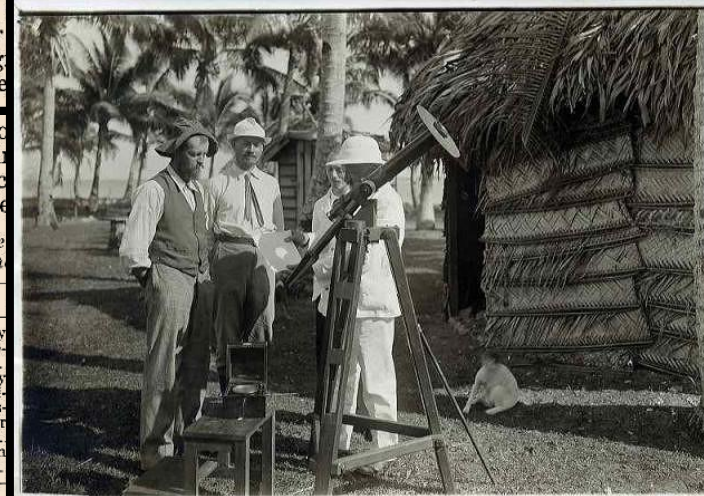
An unusually careful record of the exact hour of occurrence of thunder and lightning was begun by Dr. B. Funk at Apia in January, 1891, and continued, except for absences amounting to one and one-half years, to December, 1899. During this period the time of thunder was recorded on 235 occasions to the nearest quarter of an hour and on 41 entries to a fairly definite time as "during the night," "toward morning," or "very early."

After these 41 entries of thunder Table 3. The general complete thunder

say, 11 p. m. to unusual opportunities show meticulous lightning occurrence

TABLE 3.—Average potential of the

Average number of hourly periods thunder was recorded per annum.....	.....
Average number of hourly periods negative electrical potential of atmosphere was recorded per annum.....	.....
Mean rainfall per hour in tenths of millimeters....	.....



VOKGS



OUR HERO: TWO CLAIMS TO FAME



Personal physician to Robert Louis Stevenson (1889)

- Close friend of the family
- Many mentions in RLS letters and Fanny's diary
- Present at Stevenson's Death, 1894
- Attended each others parties & drank together
- "Beerbarrel Funk"
- Infamous for *bierabend* in huts (*fale*) at his house
- *Malanga*: multi-village binge over several days

Raison du Rassemblement

- *White Shadows in the South Seas*
~Frederic O'Brien 1919
- *Mystic Isle of the South Seas*, Frederic O'Brien, 1921
- NYT 1920
- *Adrift in the South Seas*, Murray MacCallum, 1934


On Saturday I came home and found Lou

FANNY . APRIL 23RD

Count
tion of

The President (Herr Emil Schmidt) is a dreamy, rather dreary man, whom I like, *bien qu'il m'impatiente continuellement*. I have just discovered that he has written a poem about your humble servant. Alas, they are scarcely poems that I write about him, but I would fain spare him, for I think he means well. Lloyd, Graham, and I go to breakfast with him tomorrow, the next day the whole party of us lunch on the *Curaçoa* and go in the evening to a *Bierabend* at Dr Funk's.¹⁰

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1501



ROUND 2: THE ORIGINAL



Recipe

1 ½ oz Absinthe
1 oz Grenadine
1 oz Lime

Shake with ice, open pour into Mai Tai glass. Fill with crushed ice. No garnish.



White Shadows in the South Seas,
1929

History

Original ingredients preferred by the man himself (adapted)

Absinthe ban

- France, 1905 (most of Polynesia)
- Germany, 1923 (Samoa)
- France lifted in colonies, 1925



ENTER THE BEACHCOMBER



Ernest Gantt travels to Polynesia, 1929

- Uncle's yacht as representative of the owner
- Lands in Papeete, Tahiti
- "A whole year passed island hopping."

Bum presumes Donn encountered Dr Funk in Tahiti

Return to US, 1931

Dr Funk on original Don the Beachcomber menus

- Light rum, Pernod, grenadine, lime

SPECULATION ALERT:

Did Dr. Funk inspire EG to include Pernod in his early creations?

DON THE BEACHCOMBER ORIGINAL RUM DRINKS

Barbados Punch	\$.85	Myrtle Bank Punch	
Barbados Swizzle . . . . .	.85	Mystery Gardenia	
Beachcomber's Gold . . . . .	.85	Navy Grog, <i>limit of 3</i>	
Beachcomber's Punch . . . . .	.90	Nelson's Blood	
Beachcomber's Rum Barrel, <i>series 2</i>	2.00	Never Say Die	
Beachcomber's Sangaree . . . . .	.85	Nui Nui, <i>limit of 3</i>	
Beachcomber's Silver . . . . .	.85	Panama Daiquiri	
Caribbean Punch . . . . .	.85	Pearl Diver . . . . .	.85
Cobra's Fang	1.00	Penang Afriddi No. 1	1.45
Coconut Rum	1.75	Penang Afriddi No. 2 . . . . .	.85
Colonial Grog	\$.85	Planter's Rum Punch	\$.90
Cuban Daiquiri . . . . .	.85	Puka Punch, <i>limit of 2</i>	1.45
Demerara Cocktail . . . . .	.85	Q. B. Cooler, <i>limit of 2</i>	1.45
Demerara Dry Float . . . . .	.95	Queen's Road Cocktail . . . . .	.85
Don Beach . . . . .	.85	Rum Cow	
Donga Punch . . . . .	.85	Rum, Gum and Lime	
Don's Own Planters, <i>limit of 2 per person</i>	1.50	Rum Julep	
Dr. Funk . . . . .	.85	Shark's Tooth	
Pi Yi	1.60	Skull & Bones	
General Pico	\$.85	Don's Reserve Rum D	
Governor General . . . . .	.85	Sugar Loaf Punch	
Hot Buttered Rum . . . . .	.85	Sumatra Kula	
Hot Rum Grog . . . . .	.85	Sunakora	
Kona Coffee Grog	1.10	151° Swizzle, <i>limit of 3</i>	
Martinique Cocktail . . . . .	.85	Tahitian Rum Punch	
Martinique Milk Punch . . . . .	.75	Test Pilot, <i>limit of 2</i>	
Missionary's Downfall . . . . .	.85	Three Dots and a Das	
Mona Punch	1.75	Vicious Virgin	
Montego Bay85	West Indian Punch	
		Zombie, <i>limit of 2</i>	

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Doctor Funk

- ¾ oz fresh lime juice
- ½ oz grenadine
- 1 tsp Pernod (or absinthe)
- 1½ oz light rum
- 1 oz club soda

Shake everything—except soda—with ice cubes, then add soda to the shaker and stir. Pour unstrained into a pilsner glass. If necessary, add more ice to fill.



PROLIFERATION



Very often copied by early tiki bars (as with other DB drinks)

- Trader Vic: Dr Funk of Tahiti (Round 1)
- Tiki Ti

Very often the name was adapted (as with other DB drinks)

- Brought along with OG bartenders
- Absinthe/Herbsaint is signature element
- Mr Funk
- Dr Fong – Mai Kai, Bali Hai, Kon Tiki
- Dr Wong
- Dr Sam Tee

Chinese restaurants began serving tiki drinks

- Became popular in the 1950s
- Hired Asian tiki bartenders
- Often served in Fu Manchu Mug
- Dr Funk -> Dr Fu?





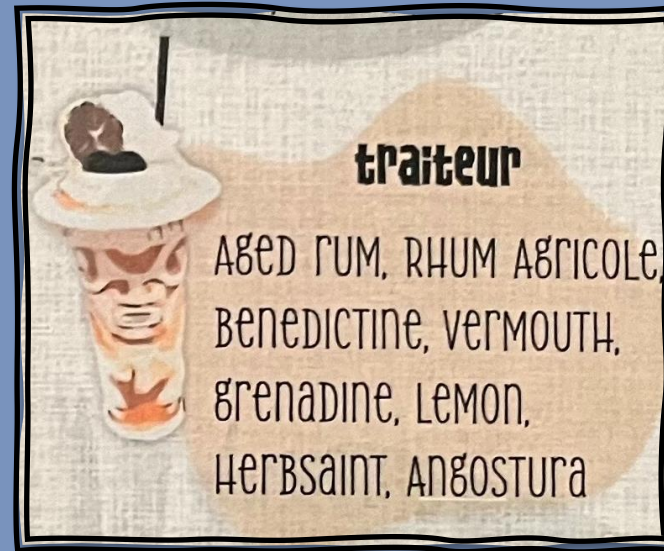
ROUND 3: TRAITEUR



Recipe

1 ½ oz	Demerara Rum (ED 5)
½ oz	Rhum Agricole Vieux
¾ oz	Benedictine
½ oz	Sweet Vermouth
¼ oz	Grenadine
1 oz	Lemon Juice
¼ oz	Herbsaint
2 dash	Angostura

Shake with ice, open pour into tiki mug or other vessel. Garnish with lemon shell.



History

Concept: smash together Dr Funk and La Louisiane

Traiteur

- Traditional cajun faith healer
- Combines Catholic prayer and medicinal remedies
- Complement to, not substitute for, conventional medicine
- Tradition passed down to opposite gender
- Payment cannot be requested

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