

The Quiet/Silent Woman

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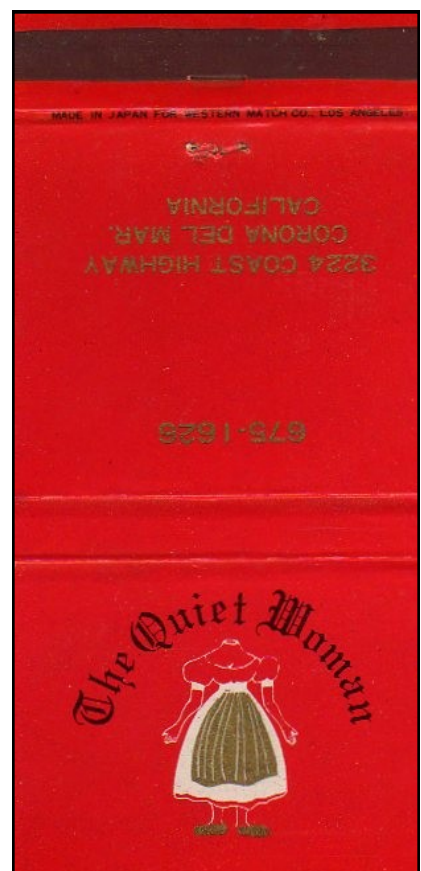
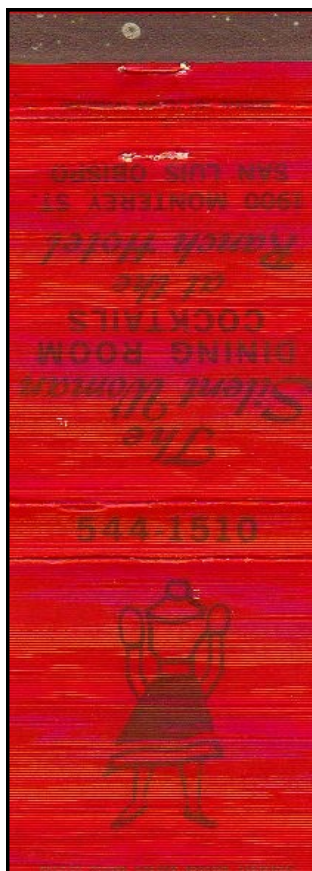
From the first time I saw a Quiet Woman cover, there was something that just struck a chord. I chuckle every time I see one, although I'm not quite sure whether it's the cover or the memory of my ex-wife. On the back of one of the covers, there is a little history of where the name originates from.

“The Original Public House called “The Quiet Woman” is located in Southcombe, Oxfordshire, England, and was built during the hectic days of restoration, about the year 1680. Charles II was King, civil war was a way of life, and highwayman ruled the countryside. The most notorious brigand of them all was the celebrated Black Jack.

Legend has it that the landlord of the Inn was away to Oxford one night, leaving his wife alone. Hearing noises, she feared it might be a highwayman, as the Inn was on their regular route. Very “Quietly” she arose, very “Quietly” she went down to the kitchen where she very “Quietly” grabbed a large frying pan and very “Quietly” but efficiently hit the intruder on his head, the trespasser turned out to be the infamous highwayman, Black Jack.

The only historical reference to this incident. is a painting showing the woman clutching a frying pan, standing over the body of Black Jack lying on the floor of the kitchen. The painting still hangs in the Quiet Woman Inn at Southcombe, England.”

While I'm not a Hotel/Motel/Restaurant collector, I know for certain that there are at least five 30-strikes and 2 20-strikes from The Quiet Woman...and I vaguely remember a box, as well, but I can't find it for verification. Notice the same-themed Silent Woman Jewelite. *[This is an update of a 2005 article]*




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