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History of sauce bottle something to chew on

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Chefs can be a superstitious sort.

Still, it's tough to deny the message in an unusual green-hued bottle that plumbers recently unearthed while digging into the floor of the Krog Street site where **Kevin Rathbun** Steak will debut this spring.

Upon examination, Rathbun identified it as an old Lea & Perrins steak sauce bottle. He estimates that it could have been left from when the building was operated as a cotton warehouse at the start of the last century.

Says Rathbun of the potential sign: "I think this building was destined to be Kevin Rathbun Steak. There hasn't been any digging in the building for many, many years, so the bottle sat in the ground since the early 1900s. Somebody must have been enjoying a steak sandwich for lunch one day and had the sauce with it."

At deadline Thursday, it could not be determined if the archaeological find would occupy a place of distinction when Rathbun's steak concept bows or if Lea & Perrins had yet closed a deal to be the once-and-future steak sauce of the location.