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A LITTLE GREEN FOUNTAIN,
A LITTLE GREEN FAIRY

We've been drinking absinthe for a while now [hello, homemade green fairy! of Rule], so though we were happy about the appearance of Maison Premiere on Bedford Avenue—and its heraldic crest: two abseitique/spiral punch—we didn't freak out quite as much as some of our foodie friends. Until we saw the DAILY ABSINTE FOUNTAIN IN NEW YORK CITY. This elegant pale-jade thing of beauty is a precise replica of the one found at classic New Orleans bar the Old Absinthe House, including a small statuette of Napoleon that the owner found online, by the same sculptor whose work appeared on the original. But that was the less of their troubles: apparently it took nearly four months to custom-install extricating brass taps and run the complex feed that would yield just the right amount of cold water to create that legendarily cloudy green absinthe perfection. Bars, Maison Premiere has been bringing in the serious crowds of late [even at 5:30 p.m. on a Wednesday] but with the brisk absinthe stock in the country—and an adorably acquisitive, attractive bar staff—it's well worth squeezing into a spot at the bar.