

Patent medicine labels and advertisements (Library of Congress)

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Collection Summary

Title: Patent medicine labels and advertisements

Dates: ca. 1830-1895

Call No.: LOT 10632

Physical Description: ca. 420 prints : engravings, etchings, lithographs, b&w and color ; 33 x 43 cm. or smaller.

Repository: Prints & Photographs Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: These patent medicine labels and advertisements depict various subjects while advertising nineteenth century medicines.

Language: Collection material in English

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog.

Subjects:

Indians of North America--1830-1900.

Animals--1830-1900.

Children--1830-1900.

Flowers--1830-1900.

Hair preparations--1830-1900.

Healing--1830-1900.

Patent medicines--1830-1900.

Plants--1830-1900.

Sick persons--1830-1900.

Supernatural beings--1830-1900.

Symbols--1830-1900.

Quacks--1830-1900.

Women--1830-1900.

Genres:

Portrait prints--1830-1900.

Genre prints--1830-1900.

Engravings--1830-1900.

Etchings--1830-1900.

Lithographs--1830-1900.

Labels--1830-1900.

Advertisements--1830-1900.

Administrative Information

Provenance

Copyright deposit; ca.1840-ca.1900.

Restrictions

No known restrictions on publication.

Additional form available

Digitized images of some items in the collection and their associated identifying information are available through the [Prints & Photographs Online Catalog](#), by searching using the call number "LOT 10632."

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Content Note

Examples of topics depicted include American Indians, animals, children, flowers, medicinal plants, mythological characters, people taking or administering medications, sick and cured people, symbols, and women. Also includes genre prints, portraits of product promoters or developers.

Organized/Arranged

Sorted into forty-two subject categories.

Container List for Patent medicine labels and advertisements

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
	Angels 6 items LOT 10632-1
	Bible illustration, etc. 4 items LOT 10632-2
	Bicycles & tricycles 1 item LOT 10632-3
	Caricatures & cartoons 10 items LOT 10632-4
	Children 8 items LOT 10632-5
	Civil War soldiers 1 item LOT 10632-6
	Cows & horses 19 items LOT 10632-7
	Crests, seals, symbols 6 items LOT 10632-8
	Disease (woman shown before & after treatment) 1 item LOT 10632-9
	Eagles 6 items LOT 10632-10
	Egyptian motif 1 item LOT 10632-11
	Europe/East India 4 items LOT 10632-12
	Fairies 1 item LOT 10632-13
	Far East (Japan/China) 3 items LOT 10632-14

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Contents

Father Knickerbocker
1 item
LOT 10632-15

Flag (U.S.)
2 items
LOT 10632-16

Florida water
4 items
LOT 10632-17

Flowers, fruit, trees
13 items
LOT 10632-18

Hairdressing products
14 items
LOT 10632-19

Harpist
1 item
LOT 10632-20

Heart & lungs
1 item
LOT 10632-21

Indians
18 items
LOT 10632-22

Knight wearing armor
1 item
LOT 10632-23

Laboratory for making magnetic remedies
1 item
LOT 10632-24

Medical instrument (inhaling tube)
1 item
LOT 10632-25

Medical instrument (magnetic cap)
1 item
LOT 10632-26

Mothers & children
5 items
LOT 10632-27

Mythology (mermaids, unicorns, gods)
8 items
LOT 10632-28

Niagara Fall, N.Y.
1 item
LOT 10632-29a

Congress Spring, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
1 item
LOT 10632-29b

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Contents

Nursing to the sick (people taking elixirs)

(3 folders) 21 items

LOT 10632-30

Phoenix

3 items

LOT 10632-31

Portraits: doctors, inventors

(5 folders) 44 items

LOT 10632-32

Print labels (no illustrations)

ca. 170 items

LOT 10632-33

Rhode Island

4 items

LOT 10632-34

Saint George and the dragon

2 items

LOT 10632-35

Scenes (genre views)

7 items

LOT 10632-36

South America

1 item

LOT 10632-37

Stores, factories, warehouses

9 items

LOT 10632-38

Transporation

1 item

LOT 10632-39

Women (sentimental)

12 items

LOT 10632-40

Zouaves

3 items

LOT 10632-41

Miscellany

6 items

LOT 10632-42