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CALL NUMBER: Pam Coll 9

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 6.75 linear feet (8 boxes)

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SUMMARY: The collection includes patent medicine advertising and product labels, advertising for quack medicine health products using magnetism and electricity, two scrapbooks containing patent medicine labels and trade cards, and materials related to pharmacies in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Types of advertising materials include single sheets, brochures, pamphlets, trade cards, and matchbook covers. Product labels include a wide variety of patent medicine products and labels produced for the G. E. Greene Pharmacy in Hope Valley, Rhode Island.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was created by Medical Historical Library staff from materials gifted by William Helfand, 1985, with additional materials gifted by Bert Hansen, 2019-2022 (item description may include a Hansen database number), and Oliver Bristol Bailey, 2023.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Related Materials

For related materials see Pam Coll 3, Patent medicine almanacs, and Pam Coll 16, Pharmaceutical and chemical company publications.

Scope and Contents

The collection includes patent medicine advertisements and labels; advertisements for quack medicine devices; and materials from pharmacies in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Patent medicines were non-prescription, pre-packaged compounds sold under a proprietary name in the 1800s and early 1900s. Manufacturers sold these products directly to customers, either in person or by mail order, or by marketing to pharmacies. Patent medicine marketing used claims of curing wide varieties of illnesses and/or conditions and colorful imagery, some of which included racist or offensive ethnic stereotypes. Prior to the passing of the 1906 Pure Food and Drug Act, contents of patent medicines were only partially disclosed. Labels and marketing might mention herbal ingredients, but tended to omit pain relievers or mood enhancing drugs such as alcohol, cannabis, chloroform, cocaine, heroin, laudanum, or opium.

Series I. Patent medicine advertisements, 1827-1990, includes single sheets, brochures, pamphlets, trade cards, matchbook covers, and newspapers advertising patent medicines produced in the United States, England, and France. Advertisements for French products were removed from issues of *Le Progrès Médical*, "journal de médecine, de chirurgie et de pharmacie," a publication of the Union Therapeutique Internationale.

Series II. Medical devices and health systems, circa 1880-1919, includes materials advertising quack medicine devices and health diet regiments. Materials include promotions for magnetic healing, "electric" and 'electro-magnetic" appliances and garments, a vacuum pump, and rectal dilators.

Series III. Patent medicine labels, circa 1867-1924, includes unused product labels created for manufacturers of a variety of patent medicines, product labels created for G. E. Greene Pharmacy in Rhode Island, and marketing materials from companies selling box and bottle labels.

Series IV. Patent medicine labels and trade cards scrapbooks, circa 1845-1882, includes two scrapbooks. The scrapbook titled "Drug Labels" includes product labels created for numerous pharmacies in Rhode Island and Connecticut and several receipts and checks from the Stonington Bank for goods and shipment of goods to Stonington, Connecticut dating 1860-1882. The Jennie Bristol Stevens album includes trade cards for numerous patent medicines, products, and businesses in the New Haven area. Several trade cards in this scrapbook depict Black people using racist stereotypes.

Series V. Pharmacies, 1848-1966, includes product order slips, invoices, freight receipts, and prescription slips from pharmacies in Connecticut and Rhode Island. This material was created during the business operations of one or more of the following pharmacies: E. G. Champlin and Company in Westerly, Rhode Island; J. H. Potter, Druggist and Apothecary, Westerly, Rhode Island; Potter and Champlin, Druggists, Westerly, Rhode Island; Greene and Champlin, Wyoming, Rhode Island; and G. E. Greene, Hope Valley, Rhode Island; H. O. Williams, Druggist in Old Mystic, Connecticut; and C. E. Brayton and Company in Stonington, Connecticut. The series also includes ephemera related to pharmacies including a photograph of G. E. Greene in his pharmacy, a coloring book, a train schedule with advertisements, and a vinegar valentine titled "The Druggist."

Arrangement

The collection is organized in five series: Series I. Patent medicine advertisements, 1827-1990. Series II. Medical devices and health systems, circa 1880-1919. Series III. Patent medicine labels, circa 1867-1924, undated. Series IV. Patent medicine labels and trade cards scrapbooks, circa 1845-1882. Series V. Pharmacies, 1848-1966.

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Series I: Patent medicine advertisements, 1827–1990

b. 1, f. 1	A. J. White, Limited, London Pamphlet <i>A guide to palmistry by Zillah</i> , includes 1902 calendar and advertisements for Siegel's Syrup, Mother Siegel's Ointment, Mother Siegel's operating Pills, and Laxol.	1902
b. 1, f. 2	A. L. Scovill Company, New York City Pamphlet <i>Annual family receipt book and useful medical adviser or every body's book</i> with advertisements for Dr. A. Rogers' Compound Syrup of liverwort, tar, and conchalagua and Mexican Mustang Liniment.	1854
b. 8, f. 1	Alta Pharmacal Company, St. Louis, Missouri Advertisement from unidentified issue of the <i>Medical Record</i> for four Alta Pharmacal Company products: Rheumagon, "a normal osmotic"; Phaselin Tablets for "digestive, nutritive, absorptive, stimulant, aseptic"; Phaselin Powder "for local lesions and all kinds of wounds"; and Melachol, "an ideal nerve tonic, laxative, analgesic..."	circa 1900-1910
b. 1, f. 3	Antikamnia Chemical Company, St. Louis, Missouri Antikamnia tablets calendar for 1906, image on reverse of child nuns holding Antikamnia tablets, with slogan "Opposed to Pain."	1906
b. 1, f. 4	Battle and Company Chemists' Corporation, St. Louis, Missouri <i>Forceps deliveries and versions</i> pamphlet with advertisements for Bromidia, Papine, Echthol, and Iodia.	undated
b. 1, f. 5	Brown Chemical Company, Baltimore, Maryland Pamphlet <i>A.B.C.s of home knowledge, amusement for the little ones</i> with 1882 calendar on back cover and advertisements for Brown's Bitters, Curantine, and Dr. Mettaur's Headache Pills.	circa 1881
b. 1, f. 6	Burkhart Medical Company, Cincinnati, Ohio Matchbox cover advertising Burkhart's System Builder, a tonic for "indigestion, torpid liver, and constipation."	circa 1929
b. 1, f. 7	C. Henry Wilson, M.D., Brooklyn, New York Pamphlet containing patient testimonials promoting Cancerine "for the treatment of cancers, tumors, lupus, and all other forms of malignant blood diseases and benign growths." Hansen #3328.	1906
b. 1, f. 8	C. I. Hood and Company, Lowell, Massachusetts Five pamphlets and brochures advertising multiple Hood's products including Hood's Sarsparilla, Olive Ointment, Tooth Powder, and Medicated Soap and TusSano Pain-Killing Plasters. Pamphlet themes include home made candies, a cook book, and parlor games.	circa 1886-1888
b. 1, f. 9	Charles A. Voegler Company, Baltimore, Maryland Second and third annual <i>St. Jacobs Oil Family Calendar and book of health and humor</i> . Pamphlets include advertisements for numerous Voegler Company products including St. Jacob's Oil, Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Drops, and Dr. August Koenig's Breast Tea,	1884–1885

b. 1, f. 10	Charles H. Church, Apothecary, New Bedford, Massachusetts Small pamphlet titled <i>Handy housekeeper's companion</i> with recipes for food and promotions for products sold by Charles H. Church, Apothecary. Products include Improved Liver Regulator, Hystoria, Celery and Chamomile Bitters, Eau Dentale, Saponaceous Tooth Powder, Brazilian Insect Powder, Eclectic Liniment, and Corn Cure among others.	undated
b. 1, f. 11	Chattanooga Medicine Company, Tennessee Pamphlet <i>The Cardui song book</i> with advertisement for McElree's Wine of Cardui and Cardui Wash for women's health and Thedford's Black-draught for the liver.	1907
b. 1, f. 12	D. B. Dewey and Company, New York City <i>The Centaur Receipt Book</i> advertising Ash-Tonic, Centaur Liniment, Castoria, and Dr. Wei De Meyer's Catarrh Cure.	1881
b. 1, f. 13	D. Ransom, Son and Company, Buffalo, New York Pamphlet titled <i>Ransom's 1924 1925 family receipt book</i> advertising multiple products including Ransom's Hive Syrup and Tolu, Trask's Ointment, Trask's Ointment Iodized, Miller's Universal Balm, Cooper's Universal Balm, Anderson's Dermador, and Dermador Ocular.	1924
b. 1, f. 14	Donald Kennedy, Roxbury, Massachusetts Pamphlet <i>Diseases of the skin</i> advertising Kennedy's plant based cure for skin diseases. Product name is not mentioned.	circa 1858
b. 1, f. 15	Dr. B. J. Kendall and Company, Enosburgh Falls, Vermont Two pamphlets: <i>Treatise on disease</i> , advertising Dr. B. J. Kendall's Tonic and Blood Purifier, Pectorial Elixir, and Blackberry Balsam, and <i>The doctor at home</i> , advertising Kendall's Persion Pills, which includes health care information for humans and horses.	circa 1870-1890
b. 1, f. 16	Dr. J. C. Ayer and Company, Lowell, Massachusetts <i>Ayer's book of emergencies</i> pamphlet promoting Ayer's Sarsparilla.	1888
b. 1, f. 17	Dr. J. H. Moseley, Brooklyn, New York Pamphlet <i>The family handbook</i> with advertisements for numerous products including Life Root Pills for menstrual problems; Leucopillule Pills for prolapsed uterus; Rheumatic Pills; Aural Oil for deafness; Pile Electuary, Atkinson's Golden Ointment for skin irritations; and Irritating Plaster and Compound Mandrake Pills to treat a large variety of conditions. Includes four pages of text in German.	circa 1867
b. 1, f. 18	Dr. J. H. Schenck and Son, Philadelphia Pamphlet <i>Family hand-book guide</i> containing general health and emergency health advice and advertisements for Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup and Mandrake Liver Pills,	1886
b. 1, f. 19	Dr. John B. Houche, Groton, Connecticut Flier advertising Dr. Houche's Bilious Pills.	circa 1827
b. 1, f. 20	Dr. Kilmer and Company, Binghamton, New York Pamphlet advertising Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root for kidney health and seven cards presented to a druggist in Stonington, Connecticut for free bottles of Swamp-Root.	1902

b. 8, f. 2	Dr. Richards Dyspepsia Tablet Association, New York City Sheet of six different preprinted testimonial forms for Dr. Richard's Dyspepsia Tablets with blanks for names of stores to be entered and a self-addressed envelope. Gift of H. A. Farr, May 1940.	undated
b. 1, f. 21	Dr. Shoop Family Medicine Company, Racine, Wisconsin Pamphlet advertising Dr. Shoop's Restorative that "strengthens the inside nerves" and can be used to treat stomach, liver, and kidney diseases and diabetes and Dr. Shoop's Night Cure, for women.	1899
b. 1, f. 22	Dr. Taft Brothers, Rochester, New York Pamphlet advertising Dr. Taft's family medicines including Asthmalene, Brain and Nerve Bitters, Sure Relief, White Pine Syrup, and Balm of Gilead.	circa 1893
b. 1, f. 23	Dr. Thomas W. Graydon, Cincinnati, Ohio Two pamphlets advertising the Andral Broca cure for consumption, which includes medication and an inhalation device, and an addressed envelope.	1895-1897
b. 1, f. 24	E. C. DeWitt and Company Incorporated, Chicago DeWitt's 200 Year Calendar and Book of Horoscopes promoting multiple DeWitt's products, including DeWitt's Pills, "a diuretic stimulant for the kidneys"; DeWitt's Antacid Powder; DeWitt's Nutos for muscular pain; DeWitt's Hygienic Powder for women; and Anzana "for rectal irritations." Includes coupons for free samples.	circa 1920-1930
b. 1, f. 25	Emerson and Company, Baltimore, Maryland Small notebook advertising Bromo-Seltzer in English, French, Italian, and Yiddish. Includes offer for free sheet music.	1920
b. 1, f. 26	F and F Laboratories, Chicago Two matchbook covers advertising F and F Lozenges for soothing the throat, freshening the breath, and "adding pleasure to smoking."	circa 1936-1950
b. 1, f. 27	G. and G. Stern, London Pages from an unknown publication advertising Pepsalia, the digestive table salt.	circa 1890
b. 1, f. 28	G. C. Manford Manufacturing Company, Syracuse, New York Pamphlet <i>ABC Jingles</i> promoting Hanford's Balsam Myrrh for use on external injuries, on humans and horses. Hansen gift.	1920
b. 1, f. 29	G. G. Green, Woodbury, New Jersey Two copies of pamphlet <i>Wit and wisdom</i> advertising Green's August Flower, Boschee's German Syrup, and Green's Ague Conqueror.	1888
b. 1, f. 30	G. M. Sands Company, Griffithville, Arkansas Box label for Tubercorem, an inhalant treatment for tuberculosis.	circa 1928
b. 2, f. 1	George Wiliam Reed Bitter Company, New Haven, Connecticut Trade card for Reed's Gilt Edge Tonic for malaria and indigestion. Front of card includes an illustration of a woman with the caption "The late Miss Jennie E. Cramer, New Haven, Conn. Found dead on the beach at West Haven Conn. Aug. 5th 1881, supposed to have ben murdered with a poem on the death of Jennie E. Cramer." Back of card is a poem "The Death of Jennie E. Cramer" printed in the New Haven Union, August 24, 1881.	circa 1881

b. 8, f. 3	Graefenberg Company, New York City Advertisement on page 3 of newspaper <i>The Western World</i> , New York, March 1848. Advertisement fills one full and three partial columns, includes advertising for multiple products and a letter of endorsement from William Brady, Mayor of New York. Gift of H. A. Farr, May, 1940. Gift of Bert Hansen.	1848
b. 8, f. 4	H. Browning Talyor, LeRaysville, Pennsylvania Flier advertising "Taylor's celebrated condition powders for horses" on one side and multiple Taylor products on the reverse side including Taylor's Celebrated Oil, German Tincture, Cough Syrup, Indian Vegetable Sticking Salve, Aromatic Tooth Powders, Hair Tonic, and Anti-Billious Vegetable Pills.	circa 1870-1890
b. 2, f. 2	H. E. Bucklen and Company, Chicago and Windsor, Ontario Two pamphlets, <i>Dr. King's Guide to Health, Household Instructor, and Family Prize Cookbook</i> and <i>Dr. King's Lucky Book</i> , both promoting Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs, Colds, and all Bronchial Affections.	1900-1904
b. 2, f. 3	H. H. Warner and Company, Rochester, New York Two pamphlets titled <i>Book of \$2000.00, prize enigmas</i> and <i>Health insures beauty</i> promoting Warner's Safe Liver and Kidney Cure and Warner's Safe Yeast.	circa 1883-1887
b. 2, f. 4	H. R. Stevens, Boston Pamphlet <i>The national Life, containing biographical sketches of the presidents of the United States from Washington to Hayes...</i> advertising Vegetine, "nature's remedy, the great blood purifier."	circa 1879
b. 2, f. 5	Hazeltine and Company (Piso Company), Warren, Pennsylvania Pamphlets titled <i>Advertising for a wife, The factory girl, and Piso's nursery rhymes</i> promoting multiple products including Piso's Cure for Consumption, Piso's Remedy, Catarrh Balm, Tablets, and Antiseptic Tooth Powder. Also includes a matchbook cover advertising Piso's Cough Medicine, a version of Piso's Cure for Consumption created after 1907.	circa 1870-1910
b. 2, f. 6	Henry, Johnson and Lord, Burlington, Vermont Household receipt book for 1876 advertising products including Shaker Anodyne, Dr. H. Baxter's Anti-bilious and Jaundice Mandrake Bitters, Compound Arnica and Oil Linament, Vegetable Worm Lozenges, and Woodruff's Chain-Lightning Fly-Paper.	1876
b. 2, f. 7	J. E. Jackson, Woodbury, New Jersey Brochure promoting Dr. L. Burdick's Kidney Cure and Magnum Bonum cough syrup.	circa 1886
b. 2, f. 8	J. P. Dinsmore, New York, and Seth W. Fowle and Sons, Boston Pamphlet titled <i>Songs for the little ones on one side and New rhymes for the nursery on the other side</i> . Includes advertisements for Peruvian Syrup, "an iron tonic for the blood," and Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry for lung problems.	circa 1865
b. 2, f. 9	J. T. Davenport, London Advertisement for Dr. J. Collis Browne's Chlorodyne.	circa 1880
b. 2, f. 10	Jeremiah Curtis and Sons, New York, and John I. Brown and Sons, Boston <i>Mrs. Winslow Receipt Books</i> for 1869-1874 advertising multiple products: Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, Brown's Bronchial Troches, Brown's Vermifuge Comfits, and the Household Panacea and Family Linament. 1869-1873 are stitched together.	1869-1874

b. 2, f. 11	John B. Marchisi and Company, Utica, New York Pamphlet advertising Dr. Marchisi's Uterine Catholicon for women's diseases.	circa 1858
b. 2, f. 12	John F. Henry, Curran and Company/Manhattan Medicine Company, New York Two copies of pamphlet <i>The phunny book</i> advertising multiple products including Dr. Roger's Compound Syrup of liverwort, tar, and canchalagua; Egyptian Rat and Vermin Destroyer; Phalon's Vitalia hair tonic; Packer's Tar Soap, Holloway's Pills, Holloway's Ointment; and many more. John F. Henry, Curran and Company was founded in 1873 and changed its name to Manhattan Medicine Company in 1875.	circa 1873-1875
b. 2, f. 13	Joseph Keller, New York City, New York Trade card promoting Keller's Sure Cure for Diphtheria and Croup with illustration of a child holding a bottle of medication on one side, text on the other side. Hansen #5371.	1881
b. 2, f. 14	Kikapoo Indian Medicine Company, New Haven, Connecticut Five items: four pamphlets, including <i>Life and scenes among the Kickapoo Indians</i> , <i>Kickapoo doctor</i> , <i>The Kickapoo's fortune-telling book</i> , and <i>Health and happiness</i> ; and a brochure for Indian Worm Killer. Products advertised in pamphlets include Indian Sagwa, Indian Oil, Kikapoo Salve and Indian Worm Killer. Previous locations of the Kickapoo Indian Medicine Company include Athol and Boston, Massachusetts and Providence, Rhode Island.	circa 1881-1901
b. 8, f. 5	Kikapoo Indian Medicine Company, New Haven, Connecticut 16 page newspaper <i>The Red Man</i> . Products advertised include Indian Sagwa, Indian Oil, Kikapoo Salve and Indian Worm Killer. Previous locations of the Kickapoo Indian Medicine Company include Athol and Boston, Massachusetts and Providence, Rhode Island.	circa 1881-1901
b. 2, f. 15	Knoll and Company, New York A pamphlet advertising Diuretin Knoll for treating kidney and vascular ailments and a brochure advertising Anthrasol, purified colorless tar, for treatment of skin diseases.	1906
b. 2, f. 16	L. Avery, M.D. Advertisement for cholera drops.	circa 1850-1870
b. 2, f. 17	Lewis Merriam, Greenfield, Massachusetts Pamphlet with religious theme advertising L. Merriam's Quaker Cough Cure and Quaker Sleep Promoter; Wilsonia Magnetic Appliances including sleeping cap, body belts (lady's and gent's), and "lung invigorator" apron; and Edison's Anchor Electro-Galvanic Belt. Includes excerpts from the Bible, moral and health advice, and hymns. Pamphlet cover is missing.	circa 1870-1880
b. 2, f. 18	Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Company, Lynn, Massachusetts Six pamphlets titled: <i>How Phyllis grew thin</i> , <i>Our wild neighbors</i> , <i>First aid</i> , <i>Three hundred brain teasers</i> , <i>Needle-art and health book</i> , and <i>Picnic time</i> , advertising Lydia E. Pinkham products including Vegetable Compound, Tablets, Herb Medicine, Pills for Constipation, and Sanative Wash.	circa 1900-1930

b. 2, f. 19	Lyon's Manufacturing Company, New York Two brochures titled <i>Easy pictures for slate drawing</i> advertising Sea Moss Farine, a nutritional supplement, Lyon's Kathairon, for the hair, Mexican Mustang Liniment, for use on "man and beast", Hagan's Magnolia Balm, for the complexion, Vaughn's Lithontripic Mixture for treatment of multiple condition; and Plantation Bitters, for treating multiple symptoms, including women's diseases.	circa 1850-1860
b. 2, f. 20	M. J. Brietenbach Company, New York City, New York <i>Physician's daily memorandum book</i> for 1901 promoting Gude's Pepto-Mangan to treat anemia. Owned by unnamed female medical professional (same owner as following entry) living in Hartford, Connecticut. Contains personal and medical diary entries, including one from September 14, 1901 about the assassination of President William McKinley. Hansen gift.	1901
b. 3, f. 1	M. J. Brietenbach Company, New York City, New York <i>Physician's daily memorandum book</i> for 1906 promoting Gude's Pepto-Mangan to treat anemia. Owned by unnamed female medical professional (same owner as previous entry) living in Hartford, Connecticut. Contains personal and medical diary entries, Hansen gift,	1906
b. 3, f. 2	Magic Leaf Pill Company, Indianapolis, Indiana Flier advertising Magic Leaf Pills, the "great blood purifyer (sic) and system tonic."	circa 1886
b. 3, f. 3	Merchant's Gargling Oil Company, Lockport, New York Two pamphlets advertising Merchant's Gargling Oil Liniment; one from 1861 titled <i>Valuable Recipes of General Usefulness</i> ; the other from 1887 titled <i>Merchant's Gargling Oil Songster</i> , with a calendar and song lyrics.	1861-1887
b. 3, f. 4	Merck and Company, New York and Rahway, New Jersey Merck & Co Five pamphlets advertising Ichthyol, a soluble sulphur compound; Digitan, a "physiologically standardized preparation of digitalis"; Arsenoferratose, an iron supplement with arsenic; and Iodine Vermicide, a deworming treatment being marketed for use by poultry farmers.	1895-1939
b. 3, f. 5	Miles Laboratories, Elkhart, Indiana Two pamphlets <i>Our presidents</i> and <i>Hints for housekeepers</i> advertising products from Dr. Miles Laboratories including Alka-Seltzer, Nervine, Aspir-Mint, Anti-Pain Pills, Laxative Tablets, and Cactus Compound.	circa 1933-1935
b. 3, f. 6	Monticello Drug Company Two paper fans promoting 666 liquid, tablets, salve, and nose drops for the treatment of malaria, colds, headaches, neuralgia, and minors burns, cuts, and sores. Illustration on front shows a baby sitting on a branch with three birds singing "666 Carol"; other side includes text promoting 666 products.	circa 1938-1943
b. 3, f. 7	Monticello Drug Company A paper fan promoting 666 liquid, tablets, salve, and nose drops for the treatment of malaria, colds, headaches, neuralgia, and minors burns, cuts, and sores. Front of fan includes illustration of the goddess Diana with a dog and a paragraph of text about her; other side includes text about 666 products	circa 1938-1943

b. 3, f. 8	O. Noble and Company, Erie, Pennsylvania Pamphlet <i>The housekeeper's receipt book</i> advertising Carter's products including Compound Extract of Smart Weed, Nerve, Liver and Anti-Costive Pills, Extract Dandelion and Bitter Sweet, Balm of Gilead, Female Restorative, Ring Bone and Spavin Lotion.	circa 1870-1880
b. 3, f. 9	Pabst Brewing Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin Pamphlet <i>More secrets</i> advertising Pabst Brewing Company's Extract of Malt and Hops. Includes humorous content, currency value chart, information about weights and measures, and testimonials.	circa 1889
b. 3, f. 10	Palisade Manufacturing Company, Yonkers, New York Two copies of pamphlet <i>The works of that famous Chirurgion Ambrose Parey</i> promoting Hemaboloids for the treatment of anemia. Hansen #3069.	1898
b. 3, f. 11	Pepsin Syrup Company, Monticello, Illinois Pamphlet <i>Dr. Caldwell's guide to health, home cook book</i> advertising Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin for headache, stomach and bowel troubles. Includes a coupon for a free trial bottle	circa 1906-1920
b. 3, f. 12	Perry Davis and Son, Providence, Rhode Island Two pamphlets advertising The Pain Killer and Allen's Lung Balsam	1871, undated
b. 3, f. 13	Pneumo-Phthysine Chemical Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Illinois Pamphlet promoting use of Pneumo-Phthysine as a fever reducer. Hansen gift.	1927
b. 3, f. 14	Pond's Extract Company, New York and London Pamphlet advertising Pond's Extract for internal and external use in the treatment of numerous conditions.	circa 1879
b. 3, f. 15	R. T. Booth Company, New York Pamphlet promoting Booth's Hyomei "Dri-Ayr" pocket inhaler cure for catarrh, asthma, bronchitis, hay fever, etc.	circa 1896
b. 3, f. 16	Redding and Company, Boston Pamphlet advertising Doctor Sherman's All Healing Balsam, Tooth Paste, Poor Man's Plaster, Tooth Ache Drops, and cough lozenges.	1846
b. 8, f. 6	Rio Chemical Company, St. Louis, Missouri Large pamphlet titled <i>Gallery of pictures of interest to medical men</i> with color reproductions of paintings alternating with testimonials for Rio Chemical Company products Celerina, a "nerve tonic, stimulant, and antispasmodic"; Pinus Canadensis, a "non-irritating mucous astringent", and Aletris Cordial, a "uterine tonic and restorative." Hansen #5334	circa 1901
b. 3, f. 17	Robert W. Gardner, New York Pamphlet <i>Phosphorus, iodine and iron, physiologically considered</i> advertising Gardner's Special Pharmaceutical Preparations.	circa 1879
b. 3, f. 18	Viavi Company, New York City Pamphlet advertising Viavi, a treatment for women's health issues.	circa 1895

b. 3, f. 19	W. H. Hyatt, New York Brochure promoting Hyatt's Infallible Life Balsam made of ingredients including sarsparilla, dock, and guaiacum.	1849
b. 3, f. 20	W. M. S. Merrell Company, Cincinnati, Ohio Brochure for Infa-Concemin, a vitamin B complex with ferrous sulfate for children.	undated
b. 4, f. 1	Wells, Richardson and Company, Burlington, Vermont Three copies of pamphlet titled <i>Successful Home Dyeing</i> with advertisements for Diamond Dyes and Lactated Foods baby food.	circa 1892
b. 4, f. 2	Wells, Richardson and Company, Burlington, Vermont Includes a large pamphlet advertising Paine's Celery Compound, a pamphlet titled <i>The Handy Cash Book</i> with calendar for 1896, and three copies of <i>The Handy Cash Book</i> with calendar for 1897, also with advertisements for Paine's Celery Compound.	circa 1896-1897
b. 4, f. 3	White and Howland, New York City Pamphlet titled <i>The household companion and family recipe book</i> with advertisements for Moffat's Phoenix Bitters, Moffat's Life Pills, Page's Climax Salve, and Edey's Carboloc Troches.	1871
b. 4, f. 4	William Franklin and Company, New Haven, Connecticut Circular for Myer's Compound Extract of Rock Rose, includes testimonials, many from New Haven, Connecticut. Circular was mailed to the postmaster in Southport, Connecticut.	circa 1880
b. 4, f. 5	William R. Warner and Company, Philadelphia, New York City Brochure listing products and prices for multiple types of sugar coated pills, medicinal fluid extracts, and "new remedies, elixirs, and pharmaceutical products" a pamphlet titled <i>Parvules: the superiority of small and frequent doses in the treatment of disease</i> with advertisements for Phosphorus Pills, Salicylate of Soda with Bromide of Potash, Pepsin, Bismuth and Strychnine, Quinine Pills, and Bromo Soda; and a brochure titled <i>Dyscheza</i> , with an advertisement for Agarol Mineral Oil.	circa 1886-1930
b. 4, f. 6	William Radam Microbe Killer Company, New York City Pamphlet advertising W M. (William) Radam's Microbe Killer for use in treatment of multiple conditions.	circa 1895
b. 4, f. 7	Williams and Company, Philadelphia Pamphlet titled <i>Dr. Wistar's family medical guide; a treatise on consumption of the lungs...</i> advertising Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry.	1843
b. 4, f. 8	Winkelmann and Brown Drug Company, Baltimore, Maryland Pamphlet promoting multiple products including Pruneline, "the ideal laxative"; Kopfaline, "the great German headache cure"; Mortimer and Mowbray's Hampton Vegetable Tincture; and Larrabee's Rheumatic Liniment or Pain Extractor.	circa 1866-1900
b. 4, f. 9	World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, New York Three copies of <i>Pierce's Memorandum and Account Book, designed for farmers, mechanics, and all people</i> from 1885, 1900, and 1913 advertising Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, Salve, Lotion Tablets, Suppositories, and Cough Syrup.	1885-1913

b. 4, f. 10	<i>British Almanac Companion</i> advertising sheet Pages removed from the 1886 <i>British Almanac Companion</i> with advertisements for Norton's Camomile Pills, Godfrey's Extract of Elder flowers, and Steedman's Soothing Powders.	1886
b. 4, f. 11	<i>Bulletin Officiel du College des Medecins de l'Agglomeration Bruxellois</i> Complete issue with advertisements for several patent medicines sold by Pharmacie Derneville in Brussels. Products include Lecithine Vial, Gustave Chanteaud Lentilles d'Alcaloides, oxygen, various serums, and first aid supplies. Gift of Bert Hansen, 2022.	1902 April
b. 4, f. 12	<i>Annales de l'Institute Chirurgical de Bruxelles</i> Complete issue with advertisements for several patent medicines sold by Pharmacie Derneville in Brussels. Products include Serum Anticoquelucheux, Coton Iode, Ouataplasme, Carmeine, Sapolan, Elixir Maiche, and Pinel Malt Phosphate. Gift of Bert Hansen, 2022.	1903 April 15
b. 4, f. 13	Helfand Collection postcards, Philadelphia Museum of Art Two postcards with reproductions of advertisements for Bile Beans and No-To-Bac, part of the William H. Helfand Collection at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.	1986–1990
	Patent medicine advertisements from <i>Le Progrès Médical</i> French <i>Le Progrès Médical</i> : Journal de médecine, de chirurgie et de pharmacie, was a publication of the Union Therapeutique Internationale, Paris, Librairie A. Duval. Materials in French.	1926
b. 4, f. 14	Deschiens, Paris Advertisement for Sirop de Deschiens for treatment of anemia showing increase in the number of red blood cells after use of the product.	1926
b. 4, f. 15	J. B. Fialip, Paris Advertisement for Dr. Roussel's Hemostyle "fresh from the horse" for treatment of anemia and hemorrhage and a postcard card to mail in for a free sample.	1926
b. 4, f. 16	Laboratoire F. Boudin, Vincennes, France Advertisement with detachable postcard for Révulsif Boudin, a fast acting topical treatment for congestion.	1926
b. 4, f. 17	Laboratoire G. Fermé, Paris Brochure for Triradol, a blend of menthol, camphor, and "radioactive elements" for treatment of multiple conditions. The back of the brochure lists additional products Muthanol, Neolyse et Neolyse Radioactive, Staphylothanol, and Visco-Serum.	1926
b. 4, f. 18	Laboratoire Zizine, Paris Advertisement for three products: Agocholine, Sedogastrine, and Peptodiase and a postcard that may be mailed in for a free sample of one product.	1926
b. 4, f. 19	Laboratoires Charvoz, Lyon, France A brochure and a one page advertisement with detachable postcard for two products: Hepatogenes Charvoz, for liver problems, and Cachet Charvoz, for digestive problems.	1926

Patent medicine advertisements from Le Progrès Médical (continued)

b. 4, f. 20	Laboratoires Laleuf, Paris Two small brochures, one advertising Iodatoxine, a combination of iodine, caffeine, and nitrites, for treatment of heart and respiratory conditions; one advertising Trinitrine Caféinée, a combination of nitroglycerin, caffeine, and heroin, for treating heart conditions.	1926
b. 4, f. 21	Laboratoires de l'Opocalcium Advertisement with detachable postcard for Opocalcium and Opocalcium Arsenie (with arsenic) to treat multiple conditions including tuberculosis, overwork, neurasthenia, fractures, etc. Includes dosage for children and adults.	1926

Series II: Medical devices and health systems, circa 1880-1919

b. 4, f. 22	American School of Magnetic Healing, Nevada, Missouri Pamphlet titled <i>The profession of magnetic healing</i> by Professor S. A. Weltmer.	circa 1899
b. 4, f. 23	Electro-Magnetic Company, Chicago Small pamphlet titled <i>The guide to good luck</i> advertising the Electro-Magnetic Pad and the Electro-Magnetic Plaster for treatment of rheumatism and "all diseases of the kidneys, spine, chest."	circa 1880
b. 4, f. 24	Erie Medical Company, Buffalo, New York Includes pamphlet, brochure of testimonials, order form with health questionnaire, and instructions for payment for vacuum appliance purported to restore the sexual health of men. Hansen gift.	circa 1888
b. 4, f. 25	F. E. Young and Company, Chicago Two pamphlets titled <i>Dr. Young's radical cure</i> and <i>Dr. Young's radical remedy</i> advertising Dr. Young's Ideal Rectal Dilators and Pile Ointment for treatment of constipation and piles.	circa 1906-1919
b. 4, f. 26	G. H. Brinkler, Washington D.C. Pamphlet featuring article "The philosophy of Leppelism" and promoting Brinkler's "Brainy Diet System."	circa 1910
b. 4, f. 27	L. A. Bosworth, Boston, Massachusetts Two copies of pamphlet promoting the Electropoise device for electro liberation treatment, "disease cured without drugs or medicine." Product manufactured by The Electrocalibration Company, Birmingham, Alabama.	circa 1893
b. 4, f. 28	Professor Andrew Chrystal, Marshall, Michigan Pamphlet promoting Professor Chrystal's Electric Belts and Appliances for men and women for the treatment of multiple conditions.	circa 1899

Series III: Patent medicine labels, circa 1867-1924, undated

b. 6	Patent medicine drug labels Organized alphabetically by manufacturer name.	undated
b. 4, f. 29	Large patent medicine labels, A-E Organized alphabetically by manufacturer name.	undated
b. 4, f. 30	Large patent medicine labels, F-L Organized alphabetically by manufacturer name.	undated
b. 4, f. 31	Large patent medicine labels, M-T Organized alphabetically by manufacturer name.	undated
b. 5, f. 1	Large patent medicine labels, U-Z Organized alphabetically by manufacturer name.	undated
b. 6	G. E. Greene labels Unused product labels printed for G. E. Greene, also known as Greene's Pharmacy located in Hope Valley, Rhode Island. Organized by size and alphabetically by product name.	circa 1867-1924
b. 5, f. 2	Pharmaceutical label companies marketing materials Includes materials from Allain-Elbeuf; Drug Package, Incorporated; Senseman Printing Company; and Phoenix Label Company.	undated

Series IV: Patent medicine labels and trade cards scrapbooks, circa 1845-1882

b. 5, f. 3	Drug labels album	circa 1845-1882
	<p>Scrapbook titled "Drug Labels" with container labels for many different products pasted to pages. Many of the labels are from pharmacies that appear to be related including E. G. Champlin and Company in Westerly, Rhode Island; J. H. Potter, Druggist and Apothecary, Westerly, Rhode Island; Potter and Champlin, Druggists, Westerly, Rhode Island; Greene and Champlin, Wyoming, Rhode Island; and G. E. Greene, with labels listing Wyoming or Hope Valley, Rhode Island as locations. There are also several labels from H. O. Williams, Druggist in Old Mystic, Connecticut, and C. E. Brayton and Company in Stonington, Connecticut and some labels from branded products, likely marketed by wholesalers. The album also includes several receipts and checks from the Stonington Bank for goods and shipment of goods to Stonington, Connecticut dating 1860-1882.</p>	
b. 7	Jennie Stevens Bristol album	1887-1888
	<p>Album with pasted in trade cards for a variety of products and businesses in New Haven and other parts of Connecticut. Written on inside of front cover "Made in 1887-1888 by Jennie Stevens Bristol." Product trade cards include patent medicines; foodstuffs, including coffee, tea, baking soda, corned beef, etc.; shoes and boots; clothing and accessories; goods such as soap and washing powder, stove polish, dressmaking patterns, sewing machines, organs, stationary, seeds, and others. Trade cards for patent medicines include Hunt's Remedy for kidney and liver ailments; Pond's Extract Company; Dr. Morse's Compound Syrup of Yellow Dock Root; Colton's Nervine Strengthening Bitters; Schenck's Mandrake Pills "for all bilious complaints"; Horseford's Acid Phosphate "for mental and physical exhaustion, dyspepsia"; Hood's Sarsparilla; Tarrant's Seltzer Aperient; Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for colds and coughs; and Carter's Iron Pills and Little Nerve Pills. Several trade cards in this scrapbook depict Black people using racist stereotypes.</p> <p>Gift of Oliver Bristol Bailey, 2023.</p>	

Series V: Pharmacies, 1848–1966

b. 5, f. 4	Atwood Machine Company order slips Order slips for pharmacy supply purchases from Atwood Machine Company, Stonington, Connecticut. Several are signed C. A. Cowan.	1880–1882
b. 5, f. 5	Drug company invoices 11 items, from Collins Brothers Drug Company, Meyer Brothers Drug Company, John Wyeth and Brother, C. J. Lincoln Company, Moffit-West Drug Company, Seth H. Mead, M. Augusta Fairchild, Frederick Stearns and Company, and Clapp and Townsend.	1848–1904
b. 5, f. 6	Druggist vinegar valentine One page print with insulting poem titled "The Druggist" and full color illustration.	undated
b. 5, f. 7	G. E. Greene, Greene's Pharmacy Photograph of Greene standing behind the counter of his pharmacy in Hope Valley, Rhode Island, and an envelope circa 1866, the first year the pharmacy was open, when the name was Greene and Champlin.	circa 1866–1920
b. 5, f. 8	H. and J. Brewer, Pharmacists, Springfield, Massachusetts Small prescription envelope.	undated
b. 5, f. 9	Philips Roxane Laboratories, Your pharmacy coloring book 8 page coloring book with illustrations and text about pharmacists and products sold at pharmacies.	circa 1966
b. 5, f. 10	Prescription slips, Sayle's Prescription Pharmacy, New London, Connecticut Prescriptions written on Sayle's Prescription Pharmacy prescription pads.	1911–1913
b. 5, f. 11	Prescription slips, multiple pharmacies Prescriptions written on prescription pads from multiple Connecticut pharmacies. Arranged alphabetically by pharmacy name.	1911–1913
b. 5, f. 12	Prescription slips, physicians Prescriptions written on physicians' personal prescription pads. Arranged alphabetically by physician's last name.	1911–1913
b. 5, f. 13	Prescription slips, unmarked paper Prescriptions written on unmarked pieces of paper.	circa 1911-1913
b. 5, f. 14	Railroad freight receipts Receipts for transport of goods to Stonington, Connecticut.	1881–1882
b. 5, f. 15	Rathbone's Ready Reference Guide Small pamphlet with train schedules and advertisements for businesses in Connecticut and Rhode Island, including Westerly Drug Company and Mystic Pharmacy.	undated
b. 5, f. 16	Miscellaneous 3 items, table of number of cork tops, stationery to A. B. Collins, French ad for a thermometer	undated

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