

# Patent medicine labels and advertisements (Library of Congress)



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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Patent medicine labels and advertisements

**Span Dates:** ca. 1830-1895

**Call No.:** LOT 10632

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

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

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

**Online Content:** To see already digitized images from this collection, search our [Online Catalog](#) by call number or descriptive words.

## Provenance

Copyright deposit; ca.1840-ca.1900.

## Rights Restrictions

No known restrictions on publication.

## Access Restrictions

The collection is open to research.

## Requesting Materials

For information about service in the Prints and Photographs Reading Room, including obtaining copies, see "[Information for Researchers](#)."

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## 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.

## Arrangement

Sorted into forty-two subject categories.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### Subjects

Animals--1830-1900.  
Children--1830-1900.  
Flowers--1830-1900.  
Hair preparations--1830-1900.  
Healing--1830-1900.  
Indians of North America--1830-1900.  
Patent medicines--1830-1900.  
Plants--1830-1900.  
Quacks--1830-1900.  
Sick persons--1830-1900.  
Supernatural beings--1830-1900.  
Symbols--1830-1900.  
Women--1830-1900.

### Form/Genre

Advertisements--1830-1900.  
Engravings--1830-1900.  
Etchings--1830-1900.  
Genre prints--1830-1900.  
Labels--1830-1900.  
Lithographs--1830-1900.  
Portrait prints--1830-1900.

# Container List

Container	Contents
	Angels <b>Extent:</b> 6 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-1
	Bible illustration, etc. <b>Extent:</b> 4 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-2
	Bicycles & tricycles <b>Extent:</b> 1 item <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-3
	Caricatures & cartoons <b>Extent:</b> 10 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-4
	Children <b>Extent:</b> 8 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-5
	Civil War soldiers <b>Extent:</b> 1 item <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-6
	Cows & horses <b>Extent:</b> 19 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-7
	Crests, seals, symbols <b>Extent:</b> 6 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-8
	Disease (woman shown before & after treatment) <b>Extent:</b> 1 item <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-9
	Eagles <b>Extent:</b> 6 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-10
	Egyptian motif <b>Extent:</b> 1 item <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-11
	Europe/East India <b>Extent:</b> 4 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-12
	Fairies <b>Extent:</b> 1 item <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-13
	Far East (Japan/China) <b>Extent:</b> 3 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-14

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Father Knickerbocker	<b>Extent:</b> 1 item <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-15
Flag (U.S.)	<b>Extent:</b> 2 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-16
Florida water	<b>Extent:</b> 4 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-17
Flowers, fruit, trees	<b>Extent:</b> 13 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-18
Hairdressing products	<b>Extent:</b> 14 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-19
Harpist	<b>Extent:</b> 1 item <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-20
Heart & lungs	<b>Extent:</b> 1 item <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-21
Indians	<b>Extent:</b> 18 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-22
Knight wearing armor	<b>Extent:</b> 1 item <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-23
Laboratory for making magnetic remedies	<b>Extent:</b> 1 item <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-24
Medical instrument (inhaling tube)	<b>Extent:</b> 1 item <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-25
Medical instrument (magnetic cap)	<b>Extent:</b> 1 item <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-26
Mothers & children	<b>Extent:</b> 5 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-27
Mythology (mermaids, unicorns, gods)	<b>Extent:</b> 8 items <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-28
Niagara Fall, N.Y.	<b>Extent:</b> 1 item <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-29a
Congress Spring, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.	<b>Extent:</b> 1 item <b>Call No.:</b> LOT 10632-29b

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Nursing to the sick (people taking elixirs)

**Extent:** (3 folders) 21 items

**Call No.:** LOT 10632-30

Phoenix

**Extent:** 3 items

**Call No.:** LOT 10632-31

Portraits: doctors, inventors

**Extent:** (5 folders) 44 items

**Call No.:** LOT 10632-32

Print labels (no illustrations)

**Extent:** ca. 170 items

**Call No.:** LOT 10632-33

Rhode Island

**Extent:** 4 items

**Call No.:** LOT 10632-34

Saint George and the dragon

**Extent:** 2 items

**Call No.:** LOT 10632-35

Scenes (genre views)

**Extent:** 7 items

**Call No.:** LOT 10632-36

South America

**Extent:** 1 item

**Call No.:** LOT 10632-37

Stores, factories, warehouses

**Extent:** 9 items

**Call No.:** LOT 10632-38

Transportation

**Extent:** 1 item

**Call No.:** LOT 10632-39

Women (sentimental)

**Extent:** 12 items

**Call No.:** LOT 10632-40

Zouaves

**Extent:** 3 items

**Call No.:** LOT 10632-41

Miscellany

**Extent:** 6 items

**Call No.:** LOT 10632-42