



## Phillips' Milk of Magnesia

<https://mhc.andornot.com/en/permalink/artifact2356>

Accession Number: 996001277 a-c

Collection: [Dr. Michael A. Chiong Patent Medicine Collection](#)

Category: [Pharmacy and Drug Artifacts](#)

Classification: [Pharmacy, Gastrointestinal](#)

MeSH Heading: [Antacids](#)  
[Heartburn -- drug therapy](#)  
[Dyspepsia -- drug therapy](#)  
[Constipation -- drug therapy](#)  
[Drugs, Non-Prescription](#)  
[MM= Drugs -- patent, proprietary, over-the-counter -- container](#)  
[MM= Drug Packaging -- container -- bottle](#)

Description: (a) Rectangular-oval cobalt glass bottle with cylindrical screw-top neck; bottle contains 49 Milk of Magnesia tablets; the bottle has rounded (outwards) front and back panels and flat side panels and bottom; there are printed paper labels on the front and back listing product information; (b) metal screw on lid for (a), painted white; (c) one-piece printed cardboard box with flaps at top and bottom to open and close; made to house (a); lists product information.

Number Of Parts: 3

Part Names: a - bottle  
b - lid  
c - box

Provenance: Purchased by Dr. M. Chiong for his patent medicine collection, in Kingston in Aug. 1993.

Maker: Sterling Drug Ltd.

Site Made (City): [Aurora](#)

Site Made (State): [Ontario](#)

Site Made (Country): [Canada](#)

Dates: 1900  
circa 1900

Material: glass: cobalt  
paper: off-white  
metal: white; off-white

Inscriptions: Label reads, "MINT FLAVOURED // GENUINE // PHILLIPS' // TRADE MARK, REG. // MILK OF MAGNESIA // TABLETS // U.S.P. // FAST RELIEF FROM // UPSET STOMACH // INDIGESTION // HEARTBURN // 100 TABLETS // STERLING DRUG LTD. // AURORA, ONTARIO // THE NAME PHILLIPS', THE DESIGN AND SIGNATURE // ARE REGISTERED AS TRADEMARKS IN CANADA" (front); back label lists DIRECTIONS on using milk of magnesia as an antacid and mild laxative - in English and French; cardboard box lists the same information; bottle bottom has embossed number 3701 1 9 and a diamond in the centre

Permanent Location: Storage Room 0010  
0010-A5-5 Box 2 Row B

Dimension Notes: a - bottle - Length 11.4 cm. x Width 5.4 cm. x Depth 3.0 cm.  
b - lid - Length 1.0 cm. x Diam. 3.1 cm.  
c - box - Length 11.8 cm. x Width 5.8 cm. x Depth 3.7 cm.

Condition Remarks: (a) Bottle shows no chips, cracks or wear; paper labels on bottle (back) show some staining, but are clearly visible; (b) metal lid shows no corrosion or wear; (c) top flap of box is missing; the box itself shows minor staining and some wear, but all writing is clearly visible

Copy Type: Original

Reference Types: Book

Reference Comments: "Bottles" by Michael Polak, p. 19

Research Facts: For use as an antacid and a mild laxative



## Instantine-Plus analgesic tablets with codeine

<https://mhc.andornot.com/en/permalink/artifact13372>

Accession Number: 010020250  
Collection: Dr. Ralph and Mrs. Olga Crawford Canadian Dental Collection  
Category: Pharmacy and Drug Artifacts  
Classification: Pharmacy, Pain  
MeSH Heading: Analgesics  
Pain -- drug therapy  
Drugs, Non-Prescription  
MM= Drug Packaging -- container -- tin

Description: Instantine-Plus tablet tin with clasp closure at front; rectangular silver metal tin, enamelled in blue and white; product information, directions, manufacturer's information printed with blue and red enamel in English and French on front and back; extra information printed in blue on underside of lid; tin contains two white tablets, three crystallized pink tablets, six brown crystallized tablets

Number Of Parts: 1

Provenance: Transfer from the Dental Canada Fund; previously housed in the Dentistry Canada Museum (Ottawa)

Maker: The Bayer Company Ltd.

Site Made (City): Aurora  
Site Made (State): Ontario  
Site Made (Country): Canada

Dates: 1950  
1970  
circa 1950-1970

Date Remarks: Based on packaging

Material: metal: silver  
enamel: black, red, yellow

Inscriptions: Printed on front: "N // Instantine-Plus // WITH CODEINE // TRADE MARKS REG. // FAST PROLONGED RELIEF FROM PAIN // 12 TABLETS // PRESS HERE"; printed inside lid: "INDICATIONS: Headache, colds, feverish conditions, neuralgia, // and rheumatic pains. Follow directions on bottom of tin. // A BAYER // PRODUCT // Instantine-Plus // UN PRODUIT // BAYER // MARQUE DEPOSEE // SOULAGEMENT RAPIDE ET PROLONGE DE LA DOULEUR CAUSEE PAR // Les maux de tete, rhumes, etats febriles, nevralgies, et douleurs // rhumatismales. Suivez le mode d'emploi sur le fond de la boite."

Permanent Location: Storage Room 0010  
0010-A2-4 Row G

Dimension Notes: Length 8.1 cm x Width 3.1 cm x Depth 0.6 cm

Condition Remarks: Enamel faded on tin, especially around edges; tablets are brown and crystallized

Copy Type: Original

Reference Types: JPG

Reference Comments: CD #10

Research Facts: Dr Ralph and Mrs Olga Crawford donated their extensive Canadian dental collection to the DCF to create the museum in 1997; further donations were received while Dr Crawford was Curator Emeritus at the Dental Canada Museum until its closure in 2008

### Images





## Lysol Brand Disinfectant

<https://mhc.andornot.com/en/permalink/artifact15220>

Accession Number:	015011004 a-b
Collection:	Tumak Collection
Category:	Home Health Care Hygiene Pharmacy and Drug Artifacts
Classification:	Hygiene Pharmacy, General Home Health Treatment, General
MeSH Heading:	Disinfectant Disinfection First Aid Home Health Hygiene
Description:	Rectangular box (a) for Lysol Brand Disinfectant; the two largest sides of the box are printed to look like the brown bottle with a yellow cap and inverted triangle label which sits inside the box; the smaller sides of the box are yellow, and the directions for use are printed on one them in French on one side and English on the other; the top and bottom of the box are red, and the top contains the product name printed in white, as well as residue from a sticker and the number 89; the bottle (b) is nearly full of a liquid and is brown glass with a yellow metal screw cap; the glass is almost flat on the two largest sides, and contains small decorative ridges in the glass; the smaller sides of the bottle are more rounded and the bottle tapers inward so that it is thinner in the middle than at the top and bottom; the bottom of the bottle contains three raised symbols; the bottle's label is an inverted triangle, printed in French on one side of the bottle and in English on the other; the label contains the product name, its purpose, usage directions, amount, warnings, and manufacturing information.
Number Of Parts:	2
Part Names:	a - box - Length 5.4 cm X Width 2.9 cm X Height 11.4 cm b - bottle - Length 4.9 cm X Width 2.5 cm X Height 11.2 cm
Provenance:	Belonged to donor.
Maker:	Sterling Drug Ltd.
Site Made (City):	Aurora
Site Made (State):	Ontario
Site Made (Country):	Canada
Dates:	1967 1985 circa 1960-1985
Date Remarks:	Date based on advertisement on December 17, 1975 in The Chilliwack Progress from Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada, Page 32, and when Sterling Drugs acquired Lysol.
Material:	paper: tan glass: brown ink: red, white, black, yellow metal: yellow

Inscriptions: Printed on front of box (a): "Lysol\* // BRAND // DISINFECTANT // KILLS GERMS // DEODORIZES // PREVENTS MOULD & MILDEW // DEEP CLEANS // Walls · Floors · Kitchens // · Sickrooms · Baby's room // · Porcelain · Linoleum // · Bathrooms · Woodwork // · Floor tiles · Refuse // pails · Diaper pails // 2 OUNCES // CONCENTRATED // MAKES // MORE THAN // 1 // GALLON // OF CLEANING // SOLUTION // \*TRADE MARK REG."; printed on side of box. "Lysol // TRADE MARK REG. // BRAND // DISINFECTANT // DESTROYS DISEASE // GERMS AND ODOUR- // CAUSING BACTERIA // DIRECTIONS // HOME DISINFECTION — To- // lets, Floors, Walls, etc. Add // 3 tablespoonfuls to each // gallon of water. // DIAPERS — Soak diapers in // solution of 3 tablespoonfuls // to each gallon of water. // FIRST AID — Cuts, scratches // — Add 1 teaspoonful to 1 // cup of water and apply. // PHENOL COEFFICIENT 5 // CONTAINS PHENOL .015% // Distributed by // Sterling Products // Division of Sterling Drug Ltd., Aurora, Ont. // C82B"; printed on label of bottle: "L46B // Lysol\* // BRAND // DISINFECTANT // KILLS GERMS // DEODORIZES // PREVENTS MOULD & MILDEW // \*Trade Mark Reg. // DIRECTIONS // HOME DISINFECTION: Toilets, Floors, Walls, etc. // Add 3 tablespoonfuls to each gallon of water. // DIAPERS- Soak diapers in solution of 3 table- // spoonfuls to each gallon of water. // FIRST AID- Cuts, scratches- Add 1 teaspoonful // to 1 cup of water and apply. // PHENOL COEFFICIENT 5 // CONTAINS PHENOL .015% // Distributed by // Sterling Products // Division of Sterling Drug Ltd. // Aurora, Ont. // 2 FLUID OUNCES // NEVER USE UNDILUTED // CONCENTRATED // MAKES MORE THAN // 1 GALLON // OF CLEANING // SOLUTION"

Permanent Location: Storage Room 0010  
0010-A5-6 Box 3 Row D

Unit Of Measure: centimeters

Condition Remarks: Minor sticker residue and scratching on top of box; minor scratching and liquid damage on bottom of box.

Copy Type: original

Reference Types: Websites, newspapers

Reference Advertisement on December 17, 1975 in The Chilliwack Progress from Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada,  
Comments: 32: <https://www.newspapers.com/newspage/77091686/>  
<https://timeline.com/sexist-history-douching-bcc39f3d216c>  
<https://www.motherjones.com/media/2012/03/when-women-used-lysol-birth-control/>  
<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/21724/21724-h/21724-h.htm>  
<https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/11644980>  
<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/lysols-vintage-ads-subtly-pushed-women-to-use-its-disinfectant-birth-control-218734/>  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/mrbill/albums/834100/with/37387729/>  
<http://magic.msu.edu/search~S39?/chq766%20.S32%201917%20Online/chq%20%20766%20s32%201917%203,-1,0,B/frameset&FF=chq%20%20766%20s32%201917%20online&1,1>  
<https://inews.co.uk/opinion/comment/a-brief-history-of-vaginal-douching-and-women-cleaning-themselves-wit-disinfectants/>  
<https://www.encyclopedia.com/books/politics-and-business-magazines/sterling-drug-inc>  
"Fight Spanish Influenza With Daily Disinfection" (advertisement). The New York Times. 30 October 1918, p. (Accessed via ProQuest, New York Times (1857–Current file), Document ID 97039401)

Research Facts: Beginning in the early 20th century, women would often use Lysol, a household disinfectant, as a douche. Lysol advertised this purpose, claiming that it would guard against odors (believed to be a euphemism for birth control). Before 1911, there were a reported 193 poisonings and five deaths from Lysol douching, and women often complained of burning and blisters. In 1952, Lysol's formula was changed from cresol to become a quarter as toxic as before. The Lysol used in homes today is not the same as the one historically used for douching, and is no longer owned by the same company. Advertisements for Lysol as a feminine hygiene product often targeted women's insecurities about their bodies and caused them to feel badly about them and feel the need to use a douche to remain clean and fresh. Lines used in different 20th century Lysol advertisements include: "Often a wife fails to realize that doubts due to one intimate neglect shut her out from happy married love", "Day after heartbreaking day I was held in [...] a web spun by my husband's indifference. [...] Was the fault mine?", "No woman who has a normal foundation of good health can be forgiven for failing to "stay young with her husband."" Lysol was advertised in 1918 as a way to fight the Spanish Flu Pandemic; it was recommended that everything in contact with flu patients, including their rooms, be cleaned with Lysol to prevent the spread of the disease. Lysol contains phenol, another term for carbolic acid, an early disinfectant employed by Joseph Lister.

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