



Puretest Boric Acid B. P.

<https://mhc.andornot.com/en/permalink/artifact15172>

Accession Number: 016023006
 Category: Pharmacy and Drug Artifacts
 Classification: Pharmacy, General
 MeSH Heading: Pharmacy
 Drugs -- Non-Prescription
 MM= Drug Packaging -- container -- bottle
 MM= Drugs -- container -- bottle
 Antisepsis
 MM= Drug Packaging -- container -- tin
 MM= Drugs -- container -- tin
 Powders

Description: Cylindrical metal Puretest Boric Acid, B. P. Powdered Boracic Acid container; full with white powder; printed cream and blue paper label with product information completely covers sides; top and bottom ends are uncovered and have rolled edges; top has rotating disc that opens and closes container openings.

Number Of Parts: 1

Provenance: Belonged to the donor.

Maker: United Drug Co. Limited

Site Made (Country): Canada

Dates: 1920
 1930
 circa 1920 - 1930

Date Remarks: Puretest trademarked in 1920

Material: metal: grey, rust
 paper: cream
 ink: blue
 paint: cream

Inscriptions: Printed on front of label: "Puretest // Boric Acid B. P. // Powdered Boracic Acid // We guarantee // the purity of this product to be of // government standard as required by the British Pharmacopoeia. // The Rexall Drug Stores // United Drug Co. Limited // Toronto, Canada"; printed on back of label: "2 OZ. // Puretest Boric Acid // As a safe antiseptic wash, gargle, spray // or douche, dissolve one tablespoonful in a // pint of warm water. This solution may be // freely used for Cuts, Sores, Burns, and in // inflammatory conditions of the Eye, Ear, // Nose or Throat // United Drug Co. Limited // Toronto, Canada"; stamped on back of label: "16734 126"

Permanent Location: Storage Room 0010
 0010-A1-6 Row B

Length: 7.6 cm

Diameter: 5.0 cm

Unit Of Measure: centimeters

Condition Remarks: Minor soiling all over label; small amount of cream paint on front along top edge; minor rust on bottom edge; major rust all over top; minor discolouration all over label

Copy Type: original

Reference Types: Website

Reference Comments: "Boric Acid." The Free Dictionary, 2019. Accessed 30 May 2019.
 "PURETEST Trademark Information." Trademarkia, 2019. Accessed 30 May 2019.

Research Facts:

Boric acid was used as an antiseptic for minor injuries.

The United Drug Co. Limited and Rexall Drug were dominant in the retail pharmaceutical industry for much of the twentieth century in Canada; the Puretest trademark was registered in 1920 and appeared on many of their products.

Images



