



Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup

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Accession Number:	014005034
Collection:	Vechter Collection
Category:	Pharmacy and Drug Artifacts
Classification:	Pharmacy, General
MeSH Heading:	Drugs, Non-Prescription MM= Drugs -- patent, proprietary, over-the-counter -- container -- bottle
Description:	Transparent cylindrical green glass bottle with long straight neck; embossed product name on the side; missing cork closure; mould lines visible.
Number Of Parts:	1
Provenance:	Items belonged to donor, a physician from Ottawa.
Maker:	Curtis & Perkins
Site Made (City):	Bridge Banger
Site Made (State):	Maine
Site Made (Country):	United States of America
Dates:	1849 1865 circa 1849 - 1865
Date Remarks:	Online research
Material:	glass: green
Inscriptions:	Embossed on side: "MRS WINSLOW'S // SOOTHING SYRUP // CURTIS & PERKINS // PROPRIETORS"
Permanent Location:	Storage Room 0010 0010-A4-8 Box 1 Row D
Temporary Location:	On exhibit "Quack: The Exhibit that cures all" at Museum of Health Care, 29 June 2017.
Length:	12.5
Diameter:	3.3
Unit Of Measure:	centimeters
Condition Remarks:	Overall cloudy surface; minor residue inside
Copy Type:	original
Reference Types:	Internet
Reference Comments:	Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup; Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology.
Research Facts:	The original formula was made by Mrs. Charlotte Winslow, the mother-in-law of Curtis; while she was a nurse caring for infants; many children died from this product from either designated or over dosage; contained morphine. Exact card found on p. 19 of "American Health Quackery" by James Harvey Young; started in 1830's; in 1906 dropped "soothing" from the name and eliminated the morphine, and was a mixture of carminatives and laxatives, previously also had alcohol, morphin sulphate, aniseed, caraway, etc.; original "recipe" was: sassafrass, cedar, opium, guaiac, capsicum, ammonia, camphor, turpentine, chloroform, alcohol. The dangers of unregulated patent medicines prompted the Canadian government to adopt drug control laws in the early 20th century.

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Accession Number:	1991.17.17
Collection:	University Health Network - Academy of Medicine Collection
Category:	Pharmacy and Drug Artifacts
Classification:	Pharmacy, General
MeSH Heading:	Drugs, Non-Prescription
Description:	Transparent cylindrical green glass bottle with long straight neck; embossed product name on the side; missing cork closure; mould lines visible.
Number Of Parts:	1
Provenance:	Acquired from the Academy of Medicine; source: Dr. R. Josephson of Toronto.
Maker:	Curtis & Perkins
Site Made (City):	Bridge Banger
Site Made (State):	Maine
Site Made (Country):	United States of America
Dates:	1849 1865 circa 1849-1865
Material:	glass: green
Inscriptions:	Embossed on side: "MRS WINSLOW'S // SOOTHING SYRUP // CURTIS & PERKINS // PROPRIETORS // 8"
Permanent Location:	Storage Room 0010 0010-A4-7 Box 1 Row B

Length: 13.0 cm
Diameter: 3.0 cm
Unit Of Measure: centimeters
Condition Remarks: Overall cloudy surface; minor crack at lip goes to outside
Copy Type: original
Reference Types: Internet
Reference Comments: Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup; Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology.
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