

# Some History of the Site and The Upjohn Company



# My Time at the Portage Site

- Started in May 1980 in the Quality Group
- Had 9 different assignments/experiences
- Retired in October 2017 after 37 years
- I was never bored



STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND REDUCTIONS

**Upjohn**

UNIT	NAME		SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	PERIOD ENDING			
7832	JEREMY M WINKWORTH			800515	Year to Date Gross Earnings	65455	
					Year to Date F.I.C.A.	4012	
					Year to Date Fed. With. Tax	9183	
					Year to Date City/State Tax	2723	
					Federal Dependents	1	
					City - State Dep	1	
					Purchased Savings Bonds		
					Accumulation		
					Credit Mrs. Avail.		
					Vacation Mrs. Avail.		
					Vac. Adv. Bal.		
<b>GROSS EARNINGS</b>					65455	<b>NET</b>	49537
<b>NEW 5-5 DED 2 DAS PE 5-15</b>							
<b>COMMENT TYPES</b>							
1. YOUR RATE HAS CHANGED TO ABOVE AMOUNT							
2. ADV. VAC. BALANCE IS DUE UPJOHN							
3. ADV. VAC. BALANCE IS DUE EMPLOYEE							
4. NO ADV. VAC. BALANCE REMAINING							
5. E.I.C. ADDED TO NET PAY							
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# Timeline of The Portage Site

**Upjohn**

1946 to 1995



**Pharmacia  
& Upjohn**

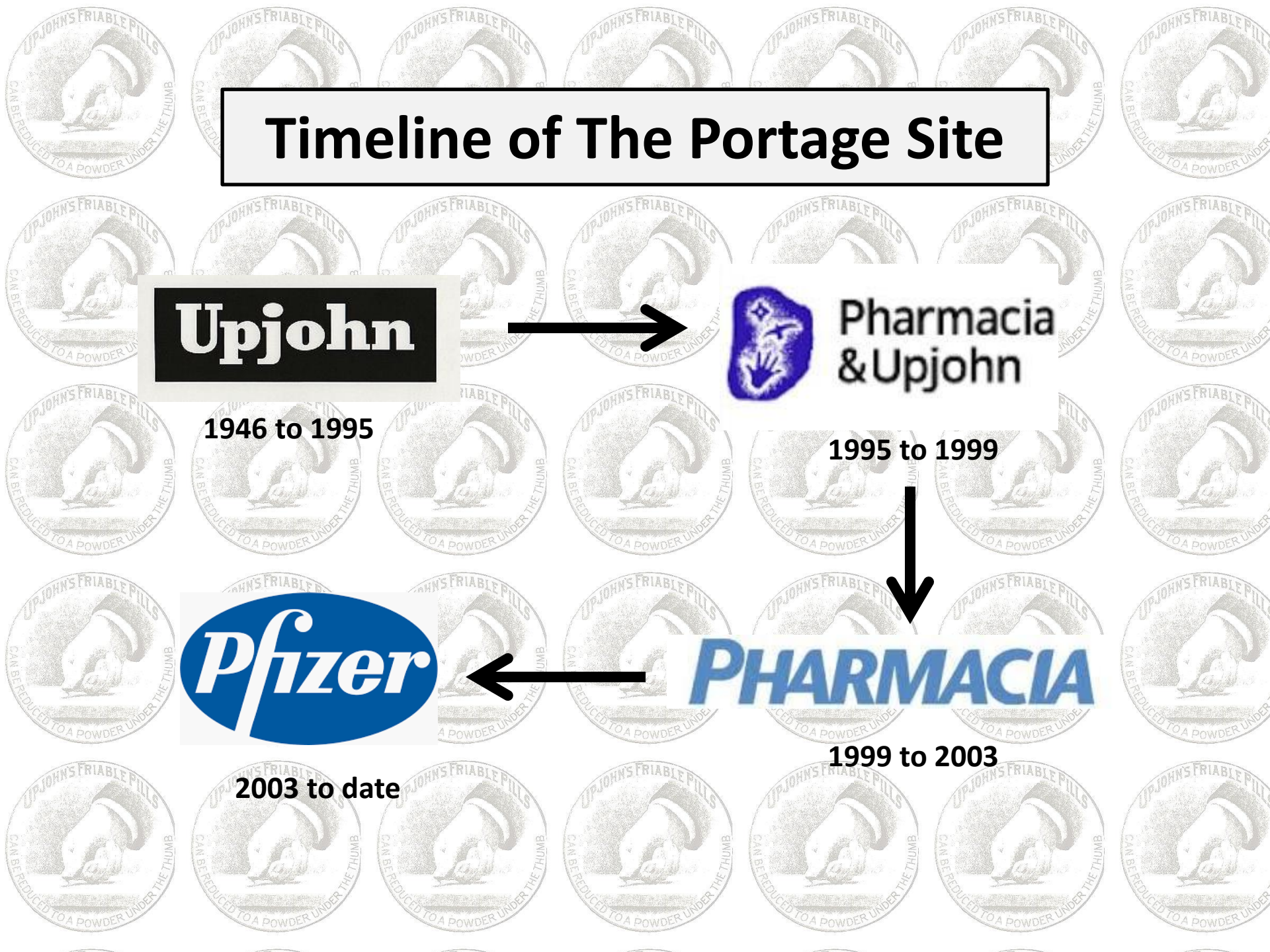
1995 to 1999

**Pfizer**

**PHARMACIA**

1999 to 2003

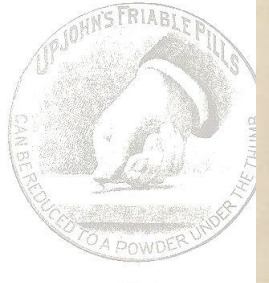
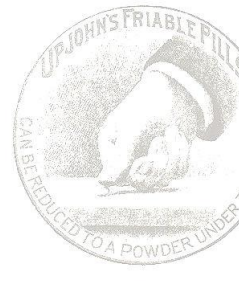
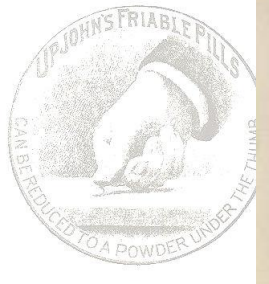
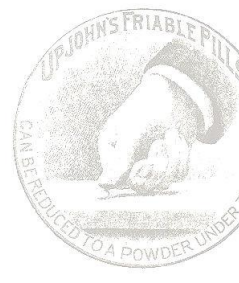
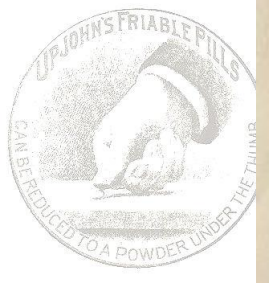
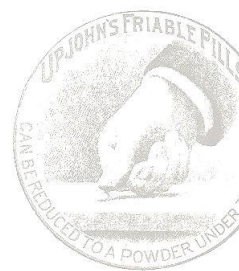
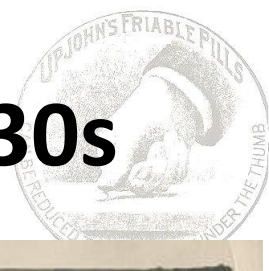
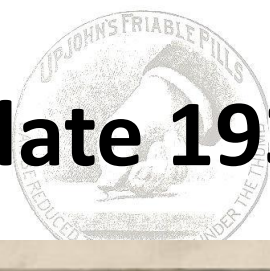
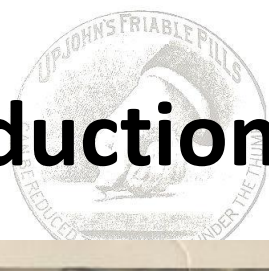
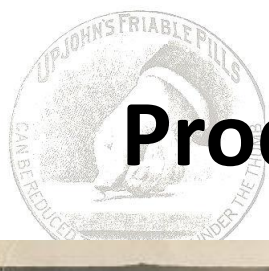
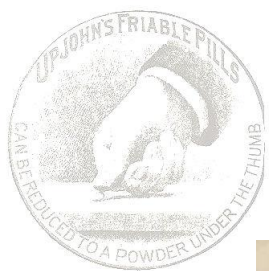
2003 to date



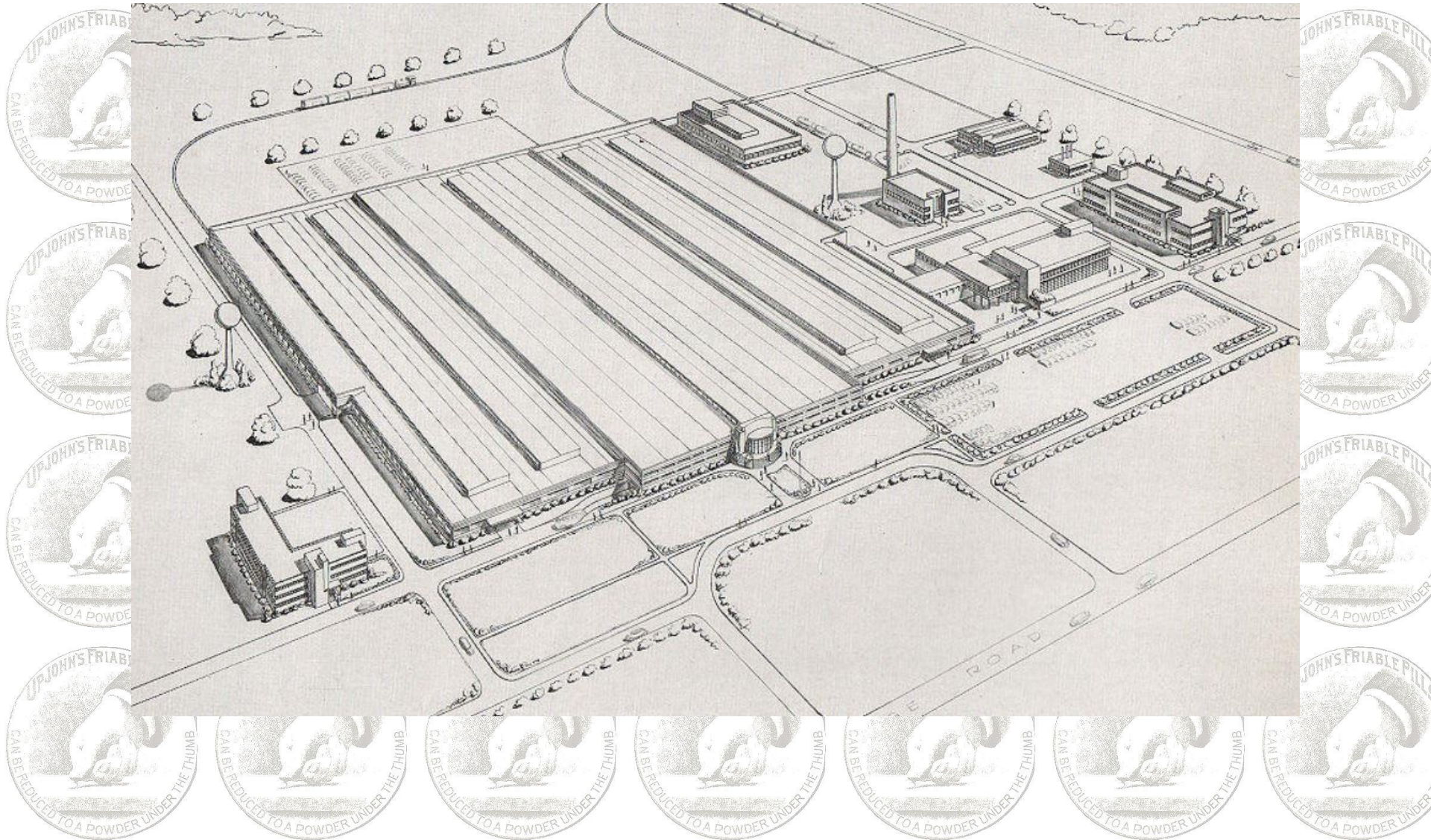
# Downtown Kalamazoo Manufacturing Complex



# Production in the late 1930s



# Building of the Portage Site



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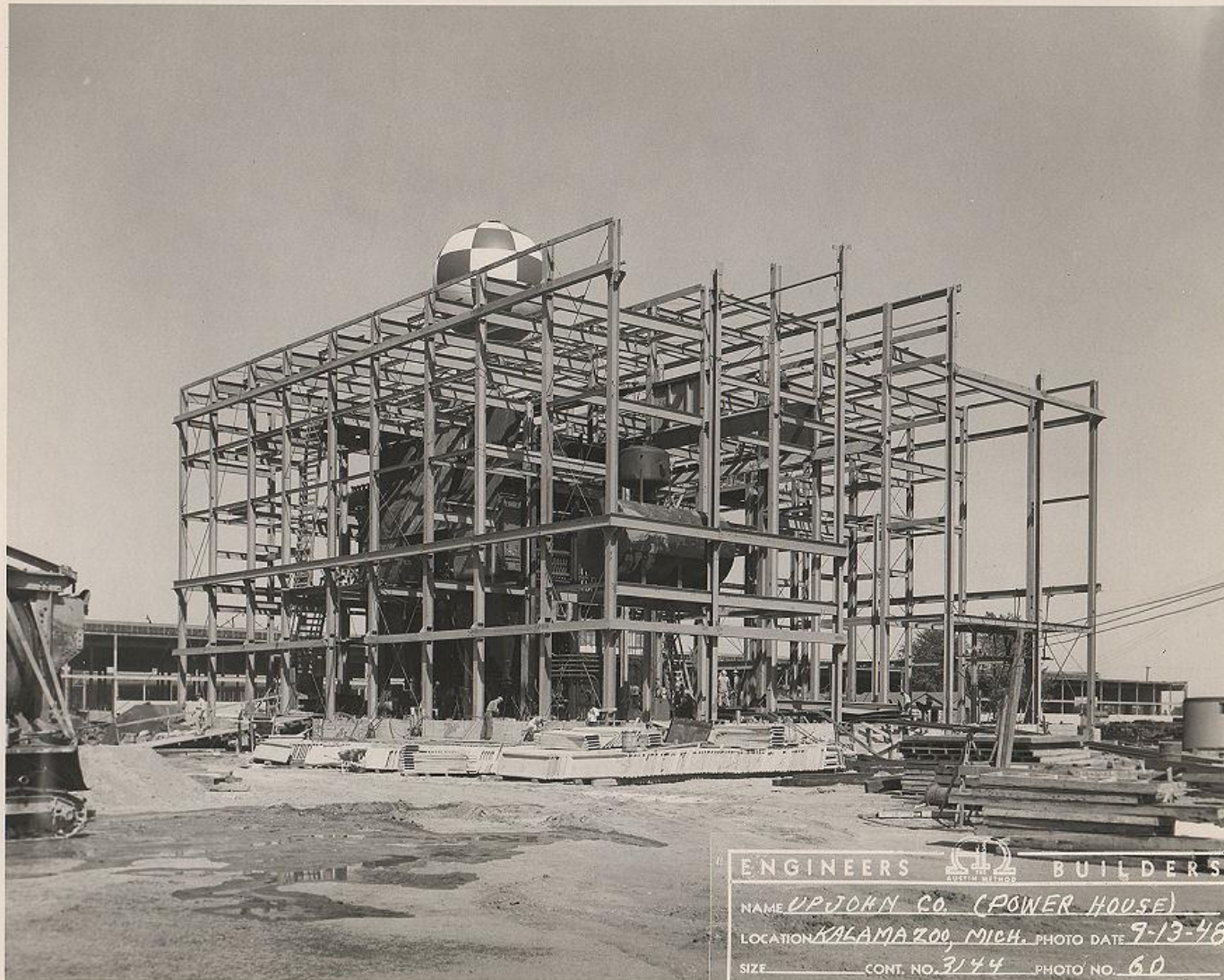
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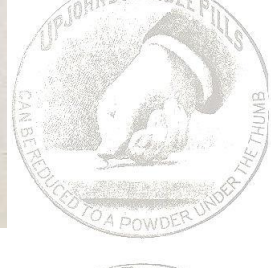
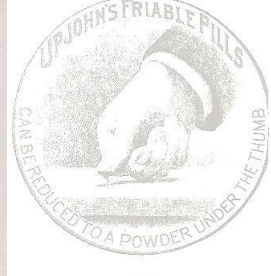
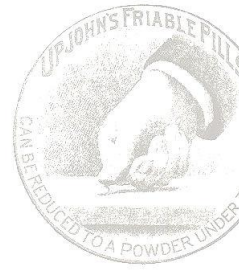
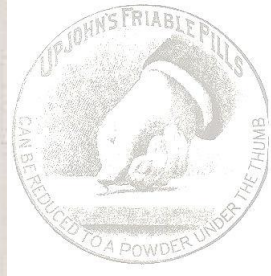
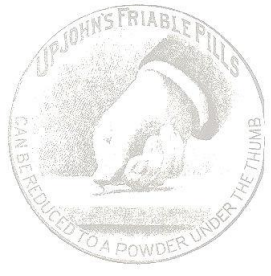
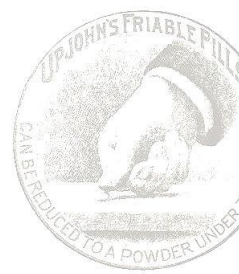
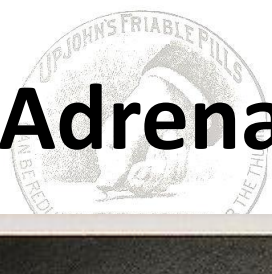
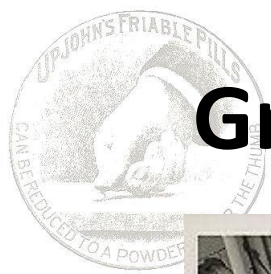
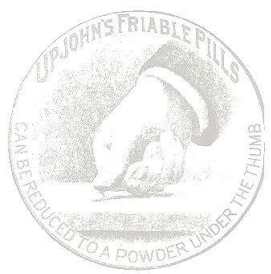


ENGINEERS  BUILDERS  
NAME UPJOHN CO. (POWER HOUSE)  
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# Building of the Portage Site



# Grinding Adrenal Glands



# Company Buses to the Portage Plant



# The Barbers Shop in Building 41



# W.E.Upjohn (1853 to 1932) Founder of The Upjohn Company in 1886



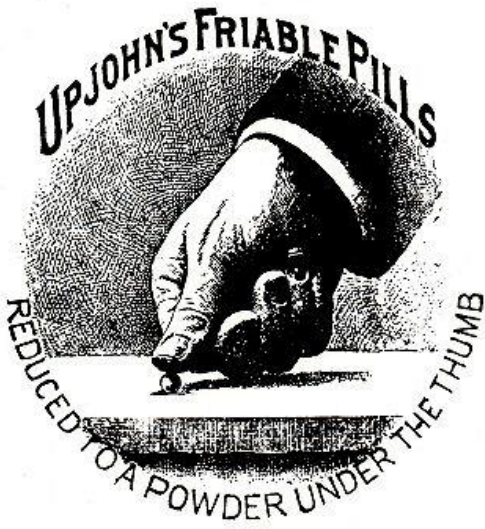
**Dr. Wm. E. Upjohn, at the time he founded The Upjohn Company, then known as The Upjohn Pill and Granule Company**





# His Big Invention was the Friable Pill

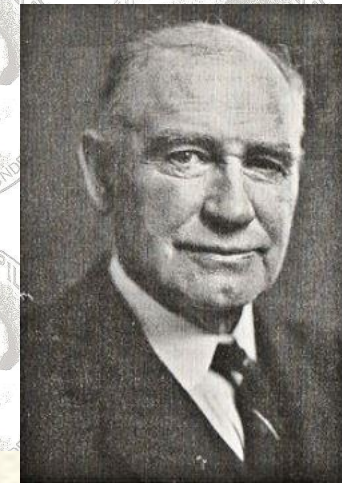
Definition of Friable  
Easily crumbled



# W.E.Upjohn – Not Just a Businessman

- Wrote the charter for Kalamazoo city government
- Was the first mayor of the city
- Funded the building of the Civic Auditorium
- Funded the Upjohn Park, other parks and exercise fields
- Was a nationally-known peony grower
- Bought a 2,000 acre farm in Richland to keep people employed during the Great Depression

# A W.E. Upjohn Story



W.E.'s nephew, L.N., recalled, "... he was very considerate of employees, especially the older ones, and wanted them looked after."<sup>7</sup> On one occasion, L.N. recalled encountering a janitor who had continued working well past the usual retirement age. W.E. had assigned the elderly man two important duties: the first was to wind the Doctor's clock every morning, and the second was to watch the women employees descend the stairs to see that none were hurt.<sup>8</sup> W.E. recognized his employee's need to work, probably to provide for his family and maintain his dignity, so he made sure that the man continued to feel useful and needed. Mutual respect and loyalty pervaded the company.

# Upjohn's Earliest Products Contained...

**Antimony**

**Arsenic**

**Assafetida**

**Belladonna**

**Calomel**

**Cannabis**

**Cantharides**

**Capsicum**

**Cinchona**

**Cocaine**

**Creosote**

**Digitalis**

**Gamboge**

**Ginger**

**Henbane**

**Heroin**

**Ipecac**

**Iron**

**Jalap**

**Liver**

**Mercury**

**Morphine**

**Myrrh**

**Nux Vomica**

**Opium**

**Potassium Bromide**

**Potassium Chlorate**

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**Santonin**

**Squills**

**Strontium**

**Strychnine**

**Turpentine**

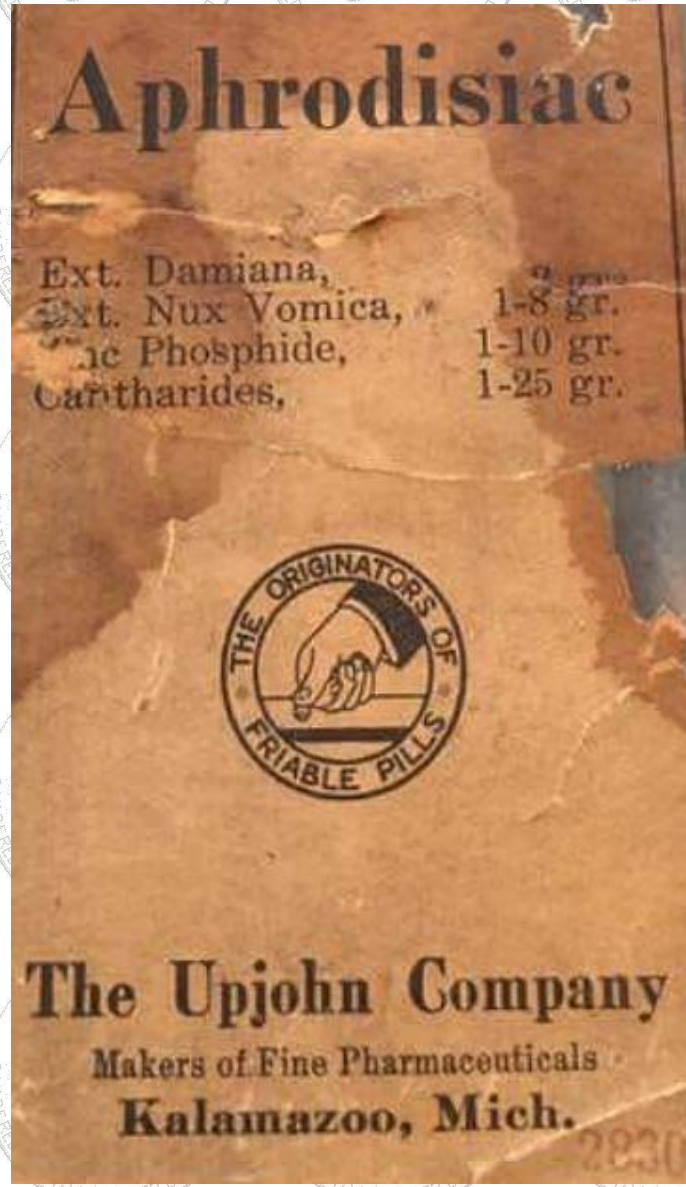
# Cannabis Tablets



# Cocaine, Heroin, Morphine and Opium



# Aphrodisiac Tablets



# Blue Mass (1886 to 1925)



**Blue Mass is a formulation that contains 33% mercury in elemental form or mercury chloride.**

**1 grain = 65mg so 3 grains of Blue Mass per pill in this 1890s bottle amounts to 65mg of mercury per pill.**

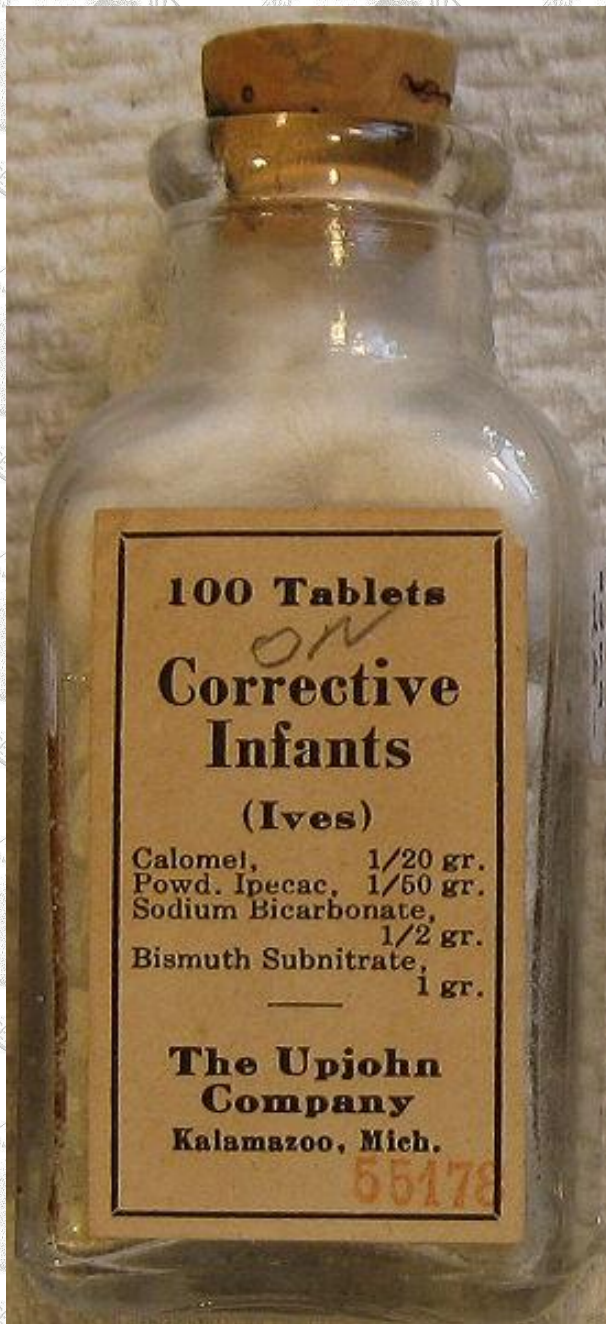
**The World Health Organization currently recommends that mercury exposure in food be no more than 2 micrograms per kg of body weight per week.**

**So a 175 pound person who took two pills per day of this Upjohn Blue Mass would have a mercury level 1000 times higher than today's safe limit!**



# More Mercury Products

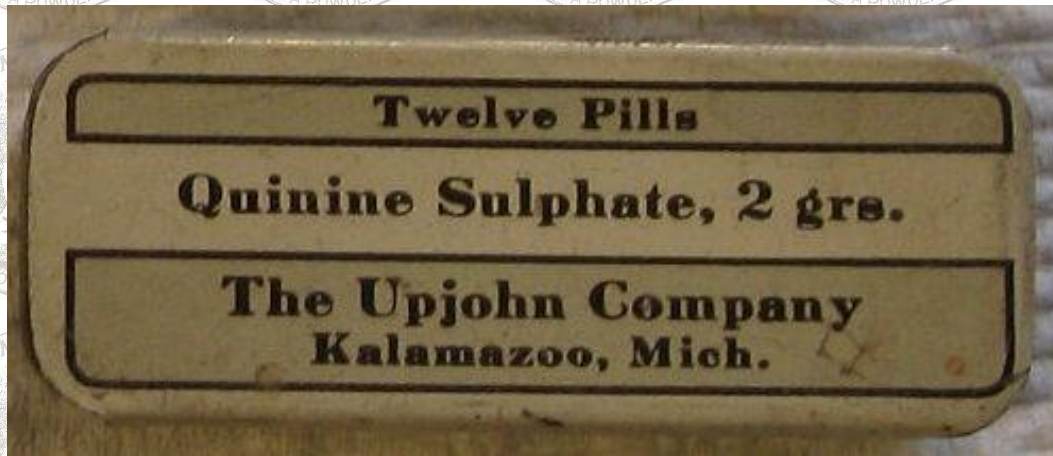




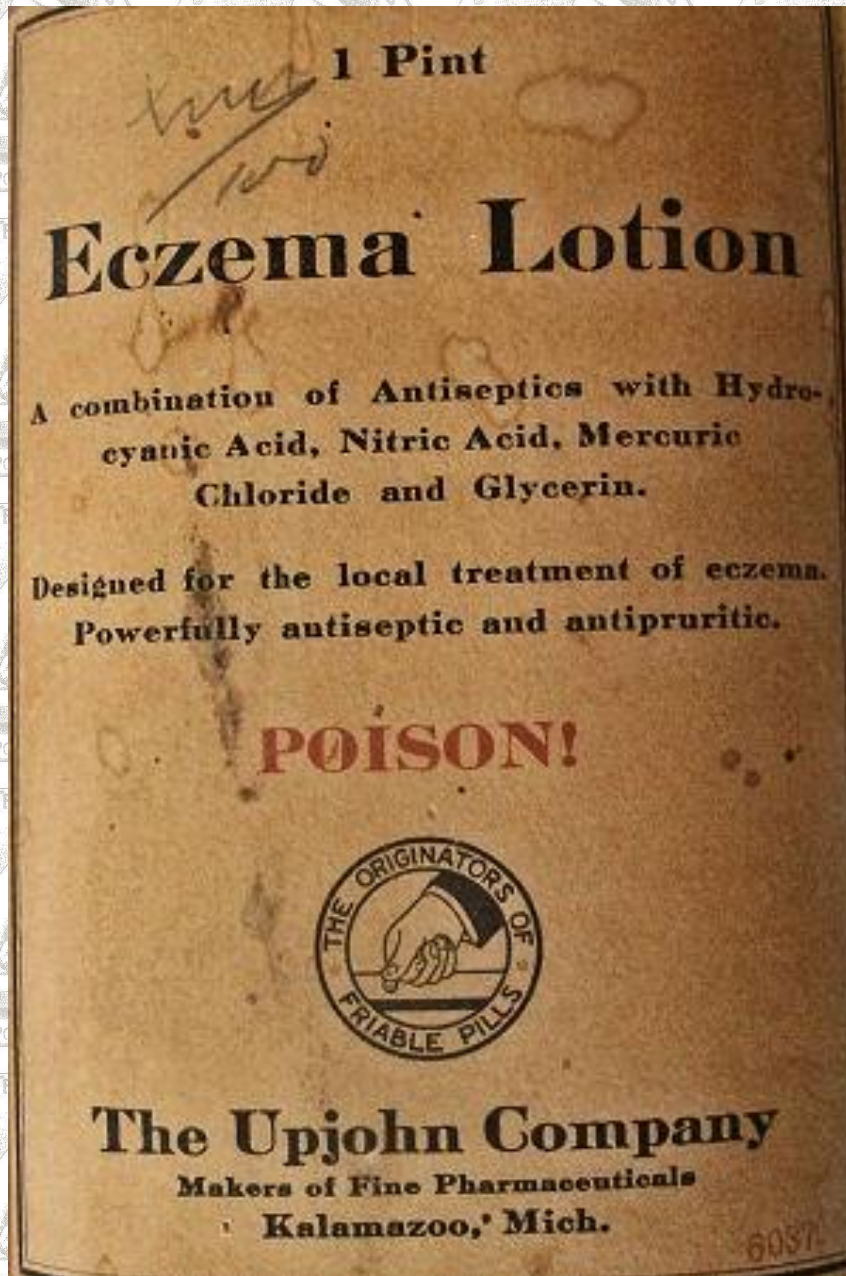
# Mercury for Infants



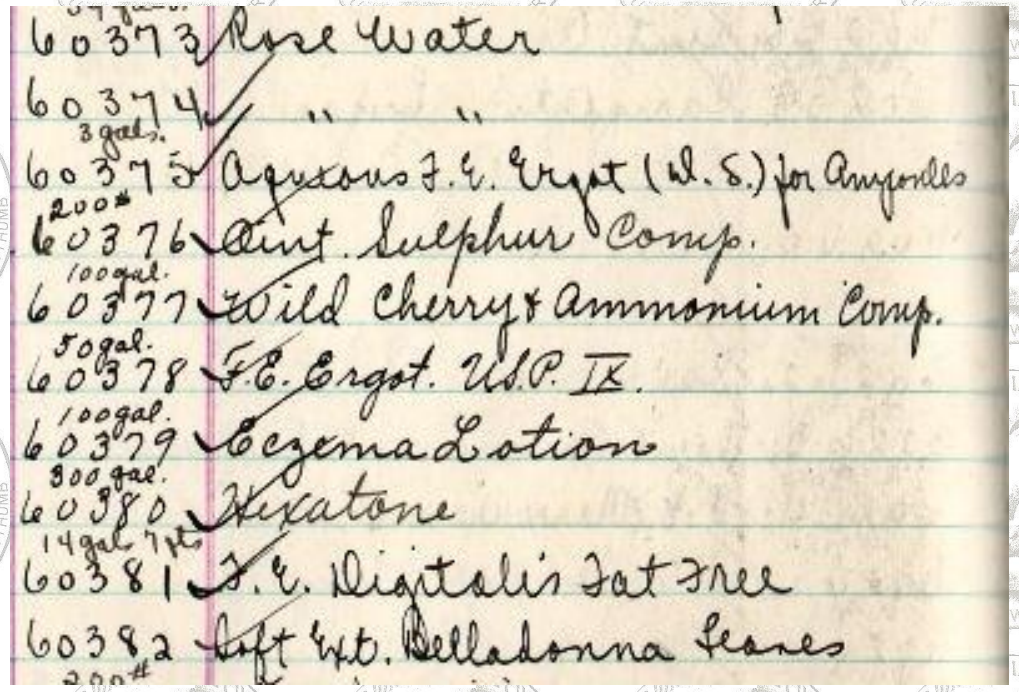
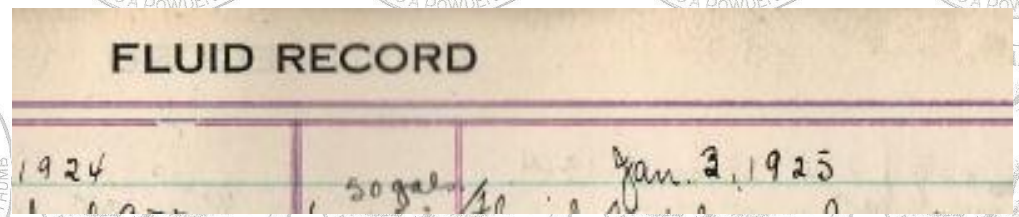
# Quinine Pills



# Eczema Lotion



# Date of Eczema Lotion



# Hematic Tonic Pills



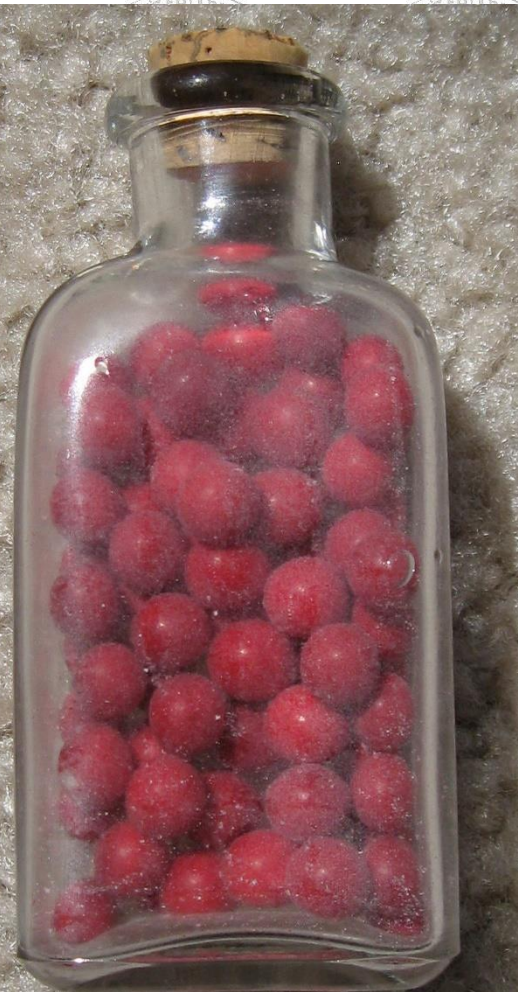
**100 Pills  
Coated Red  
Hematic Tonic  
(Upjohn)**

Each pill represents:  
Blaud-Upjohn,\* 3 grs.  
Manganese Dioxide, 1/4 gr.  
Strychnine Sulphate, 1/60 gr.  
Arsenous Acid, 1/100 gr.  
Mercuric Chloride, 1/80 gr.  
Aloin, 1/20 gr.  
Zinc Phosphide, 1/16 gr.

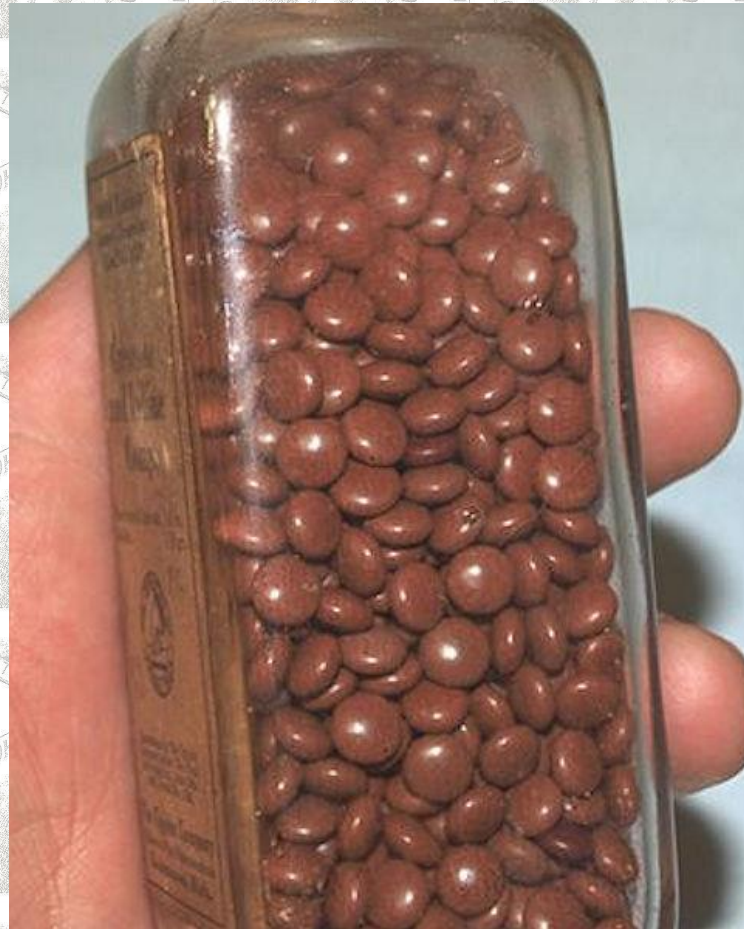
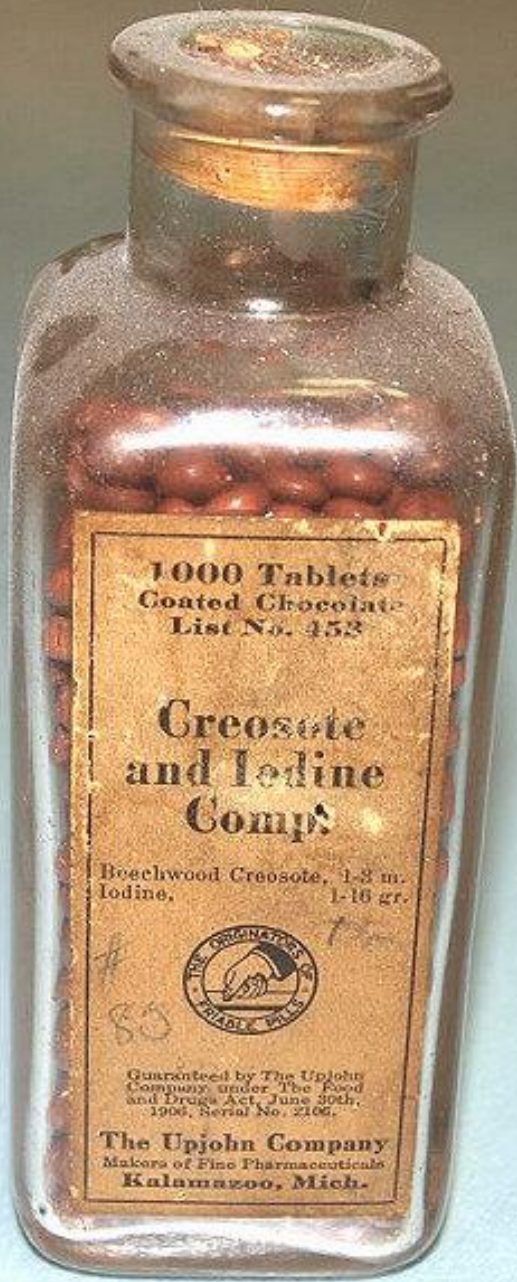
\*Blaud-Upjohn contains in permanent form 75% more available Ferrous Carbonate than is found in freshly prepared Blaud's Mass.

Dose--1 or 2 pills after each meal.

**The Upjohn Company**  
Makers of Fine Pharmaceuticals  
**Kalamazoo, Mich.**  
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# Chocolate Coated Tablets

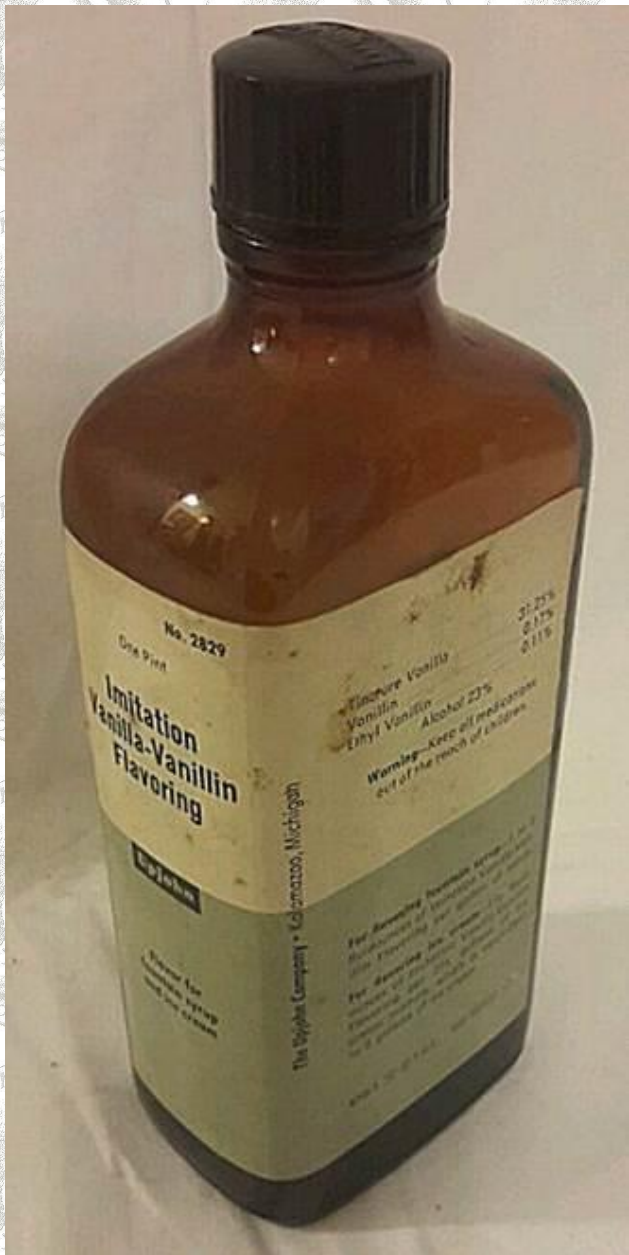


# Pantomime Candies





# Vanilla



**For flavoring fountain syrup**—1 to 2 fluidounces of Imitation Vanilla-Vanillin Flavoring per gallon of syrup.

**For flavoring ice cream**—1½ fluidounces of Imitation Vanilla-Vanillin Flavoring per 2½ gallons of ice cream mixture, which is equivalent to 5 gallons of ice cream.

**Warning**—Keep all medications out of the reach of children.

**Store at room temperature**

Tincture Vanilla	.....	31.25%
Vanillin	.....	0.17%
Ethyl Vanillin	.....	0.11%
Alcohol		23%

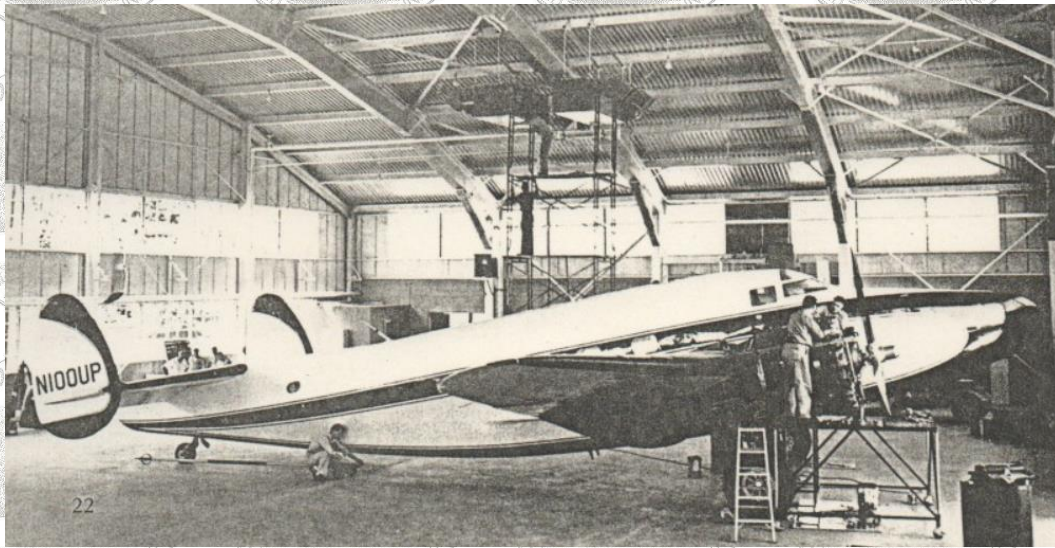
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**The Upjohn Company**  
Kalamazoo, MI 49001, USA

# Rennet



# The Upjohn Airforce



# Public Tours of Building 41

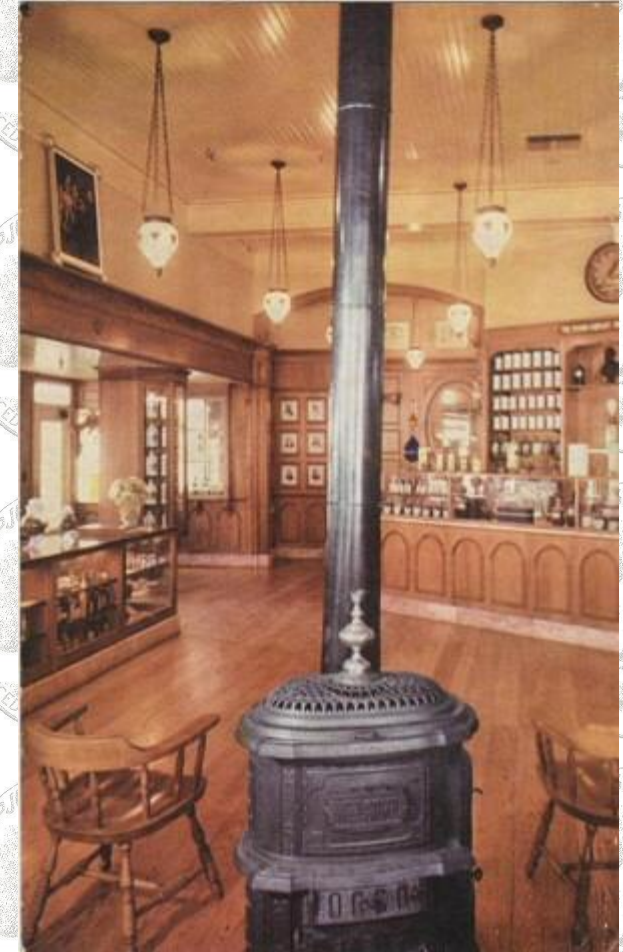
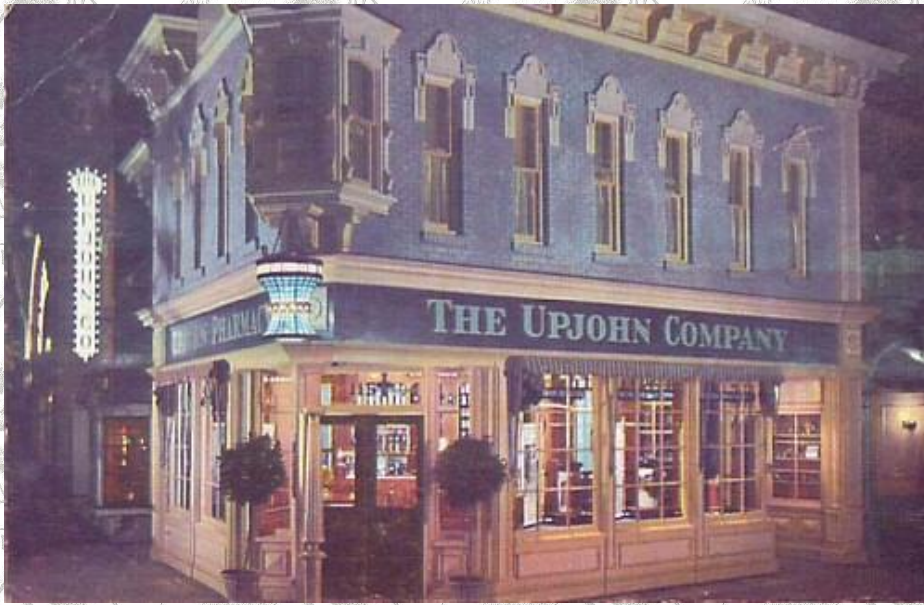


Upjohn

*These Upjohn escorts are carefully selected and trained to make the visitors' plant tour both pleasant and worthwhile.*



# Upjohn in Disneyland



[www.upjohn.net](http://www.upjohn.net)

## *Memories of The Upjohn Company*

Welcome to [upjohn.net](http://upjohn.net), a place to browse photos and information about The Upjohn Company of Kalamazoo, Michigan (1886-1995) **\*\* What's New on Upjohn.net \*\***

[Upjohn Fun Fact](#)

### ----- News -----

**May 2019** - The American Chemical Society has granted National Historic Chemical Landmark Status to Kalamazoo for steroid chemistry achievements of scientists who worked at The Upjohn Company during the years 1950-1990. [Click here for details.](#)

**January 2019** - Upjohn Company "Keep The Quality Up" T-shirts can be ordered online at Kalamazoo Sportswear. Sizes are from small to XX large. [Click here](#) to go to the website.

**December 2018** - Pfizer has created an Upjohn Division - [click here for details.](#)

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