

Some History of The Upjohn Company



Jeremy Winkworth

My Time at Upjohn

- 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 DEDUCTIONS

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
					Savings Bonds Purchased	
					Accumulation	
					Credit Mrs. Avail.	
					Vacation Mrs. Avail.	
					Vac. Adv. Bal.	
GROSS EARNINGS					65455	COMMENTS 1.
					\$800.00	\$800.00
NET					49537	
NEW 5-5 DED 2 DAS PE 5-15						
COMMENT TYPES						
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 * ADDED TO NET PAY						

www.upjohn.net

Memories of The Upjohn Company

Welcome to 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 -----

September 2023 - Pfizer is celebrating 75 years of the opening of the Portage site by Upjohn. The two major buildings opened in 1948 were Building 38, Fermentation Production, and Building 39, Biological Extracts. It took until 1951 to fully complete the site.

July 2023 - Ten years ago, on July 1st, 2013, the upjohn.net website was launched. It was been updated regularly since then and now contains over 850 web pages, 18,000 images and 22 historic movies.

February 2023 - The 1935-built Upjohn headquarters building in Downtown Kalamazoo has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, which is the nation's official list of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that have been deemed worthy of preservation for their historical significance. [Here's a link to the WWMT article giving more information.](#)

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**THE UPJOHN PILL & GRANULE
COMPANY**

**Company
Names**

1886 to 1902

Upjohn



**Pharmacia
& Upjohn**

1902 to 1995

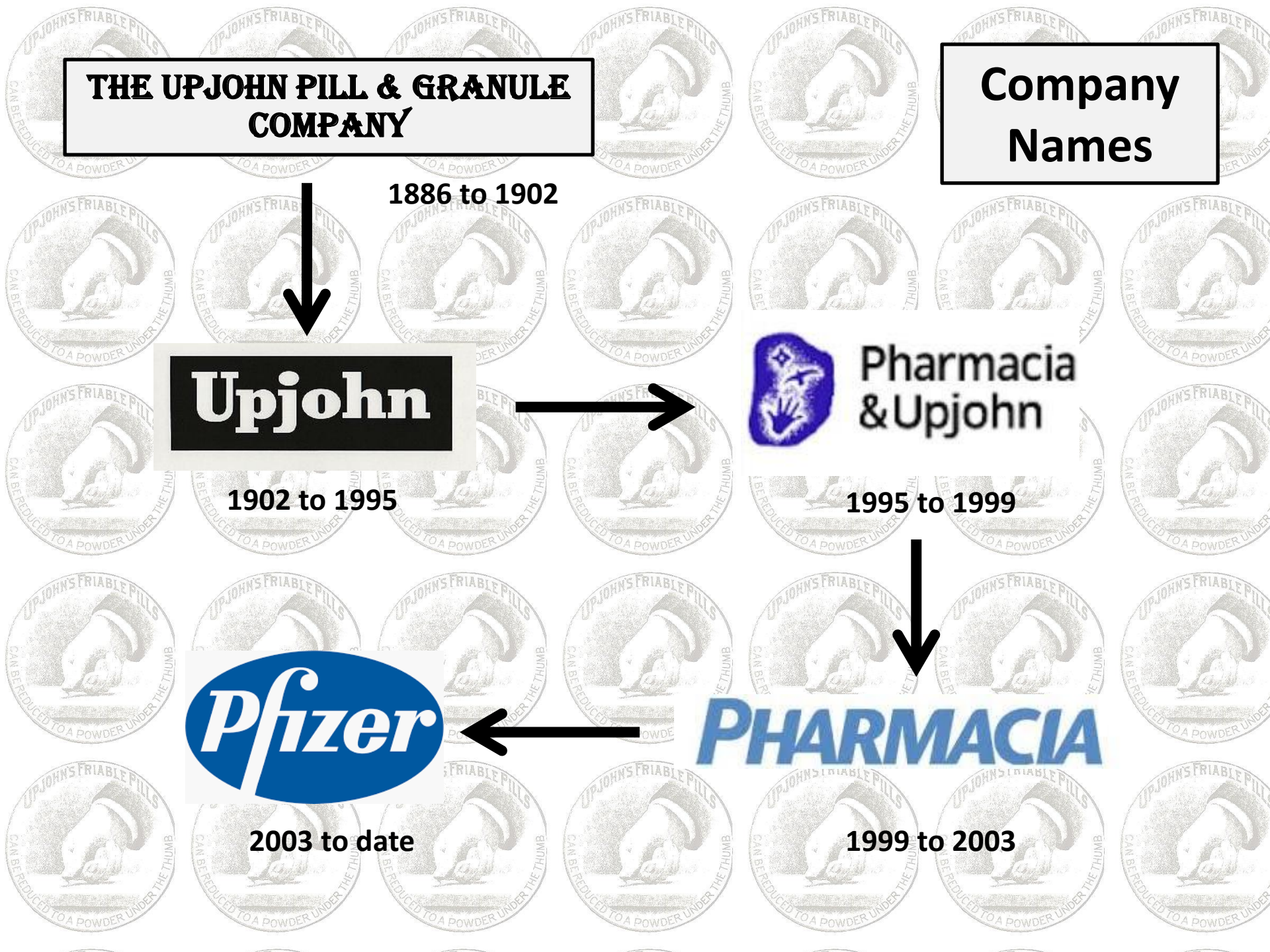
1995 to 1999



2003 to date

PHARMACIA

1999 to 2003



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

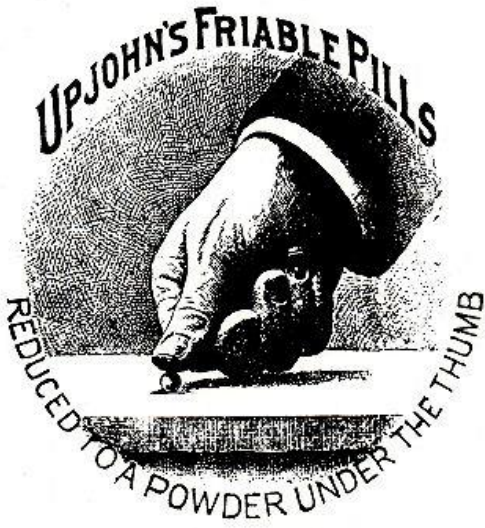


Dr. Wm. E. Upjohn, at the time he founded The Upjohn Company, then known as The Upjohn Pill and Granule Company



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 his employees employed during the Great Depression

Good Article on the Early Days

- Kalamazoo College History Seminar
- Author: Richard Broholm
- Title: The Upjohn Company 1884 – 1932
- It's on the Upjohn Company website

----- Pre-1950s Memories -----

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Downtown Kalamazoo Manufacturing Complex



Production in the late 1930s



The New Upjohn Portage Site

- During late 1945, 1500 acres of farmland were quietly purchased in Portage. Building construction started in 1946.
- Dynamite was used to blow up the trees and old building foundations that needed to be removed.
- The first power house boilers used at the site were from decommissioned World War II navy ships.
- Production of antibiotics started in 1948. For the workers, an old farmhouse on the west side of Portage Road was converted to a cafeteria.
- In September 1949 a bus service from Kalamazoo started, using company-owned buses and driven by regular company employees.
- The site was fully opened by 1951.
- The \$31M cost of the new Portage Plant was entirely covered by company earnings. No loans were needed.

Building of the Portage Site



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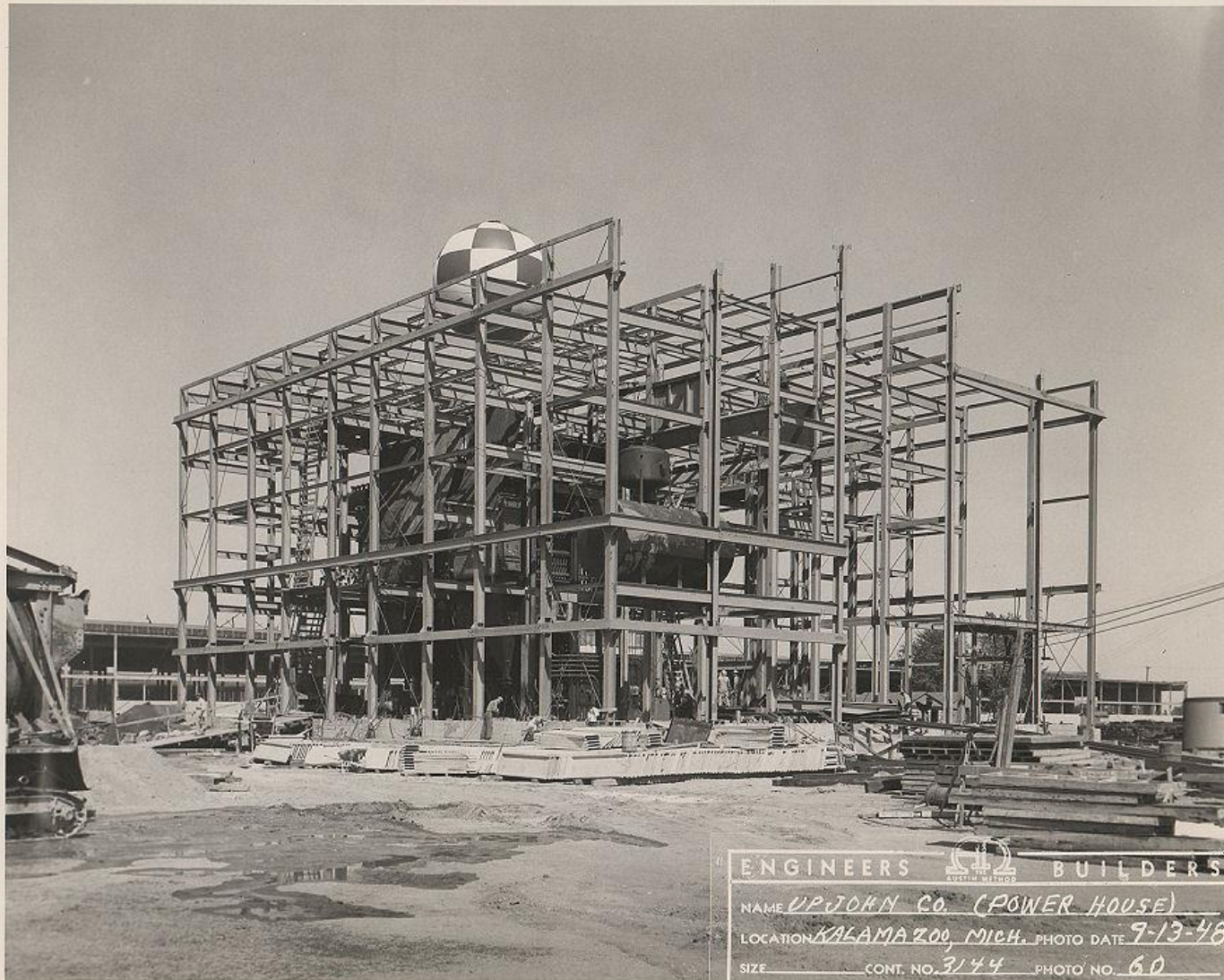
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ENGINEERS  BUILDERS
NAME UPJOHN CO. (POWER HOUSE)
LOCATION KALAMAZOO, MICH. PHOTO DATE 9-13-48
SIZE _____ CONT. NO. 3144 PHOTO NO. 60

Company Buses to the Portage Plant



The Barbers Shop in Building 41



Cannabis Tablets



100 Tablets
Coated Brown
List No. 334

Each tablet contains
Cannabis
Extract

1-4 Grain
POISON!

The Upjohn Co.
Kalamazoo, Mich.

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Coated Brown
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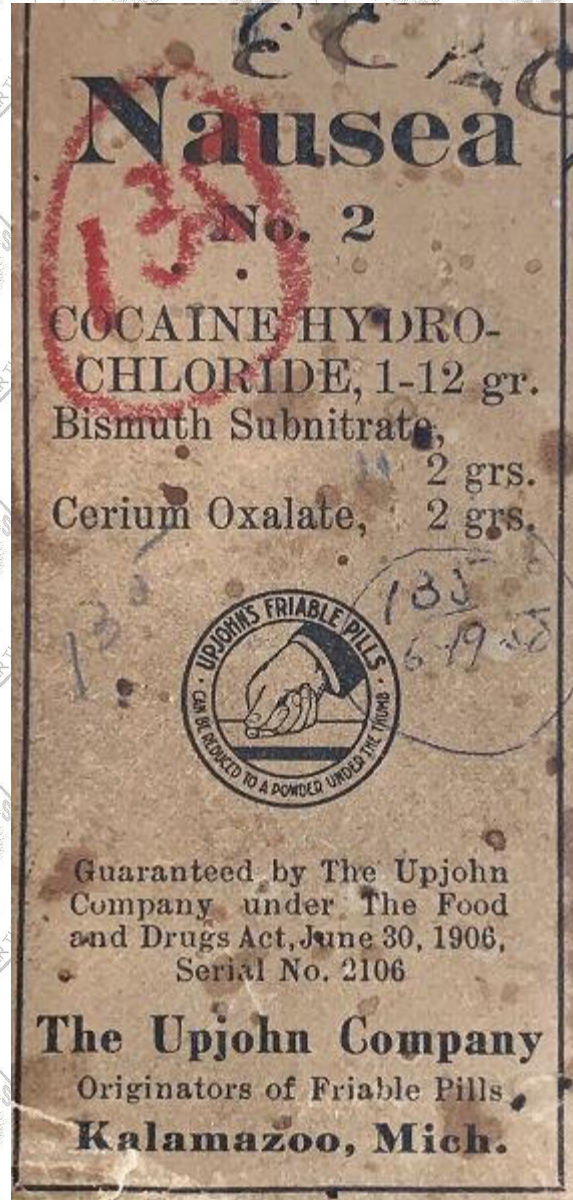
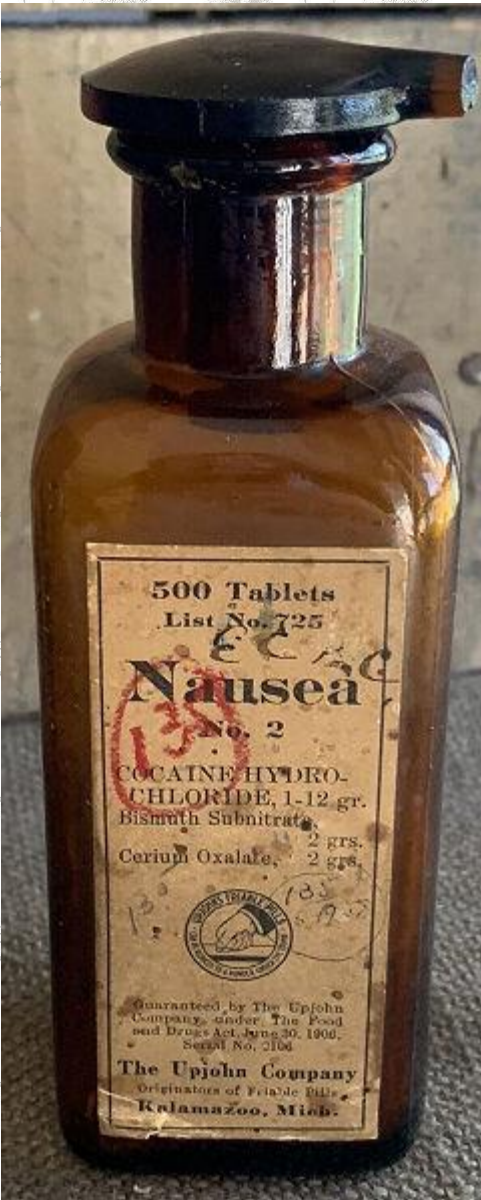
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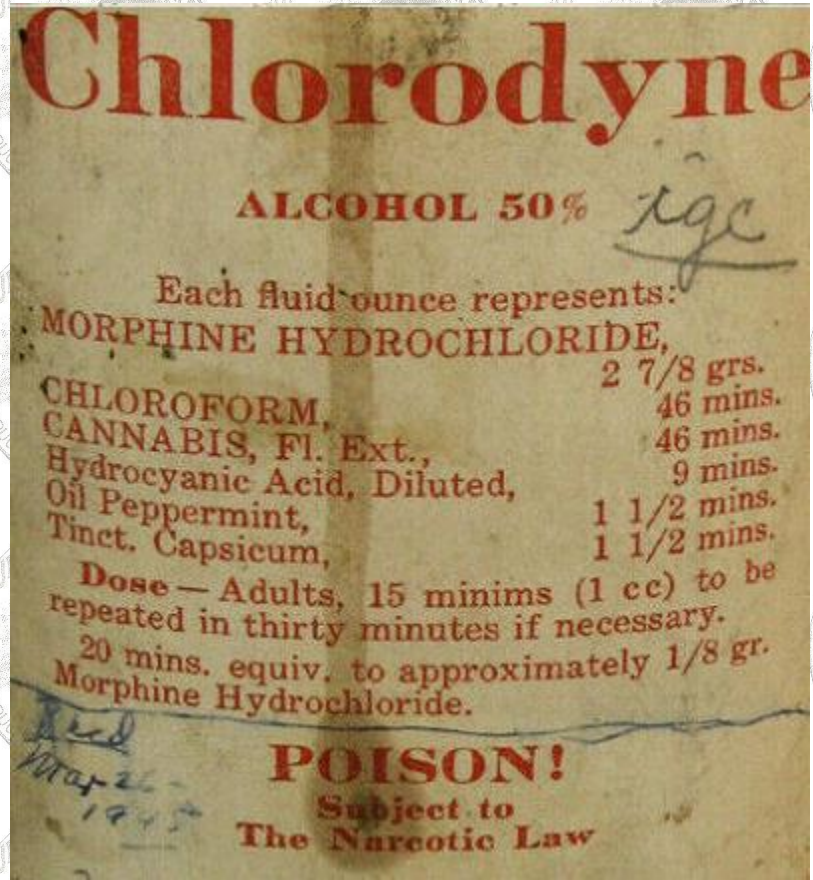
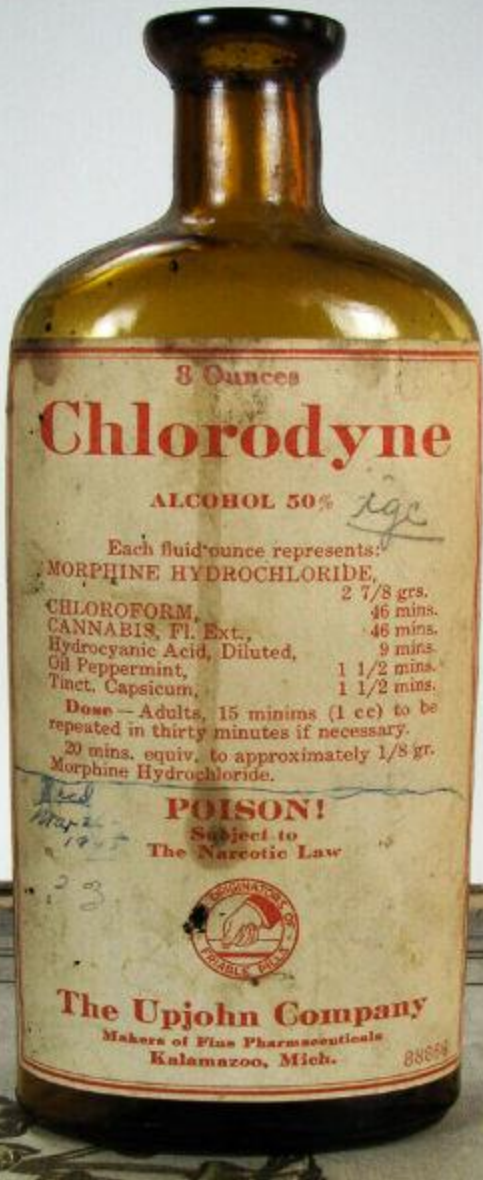
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Nausea Tablets

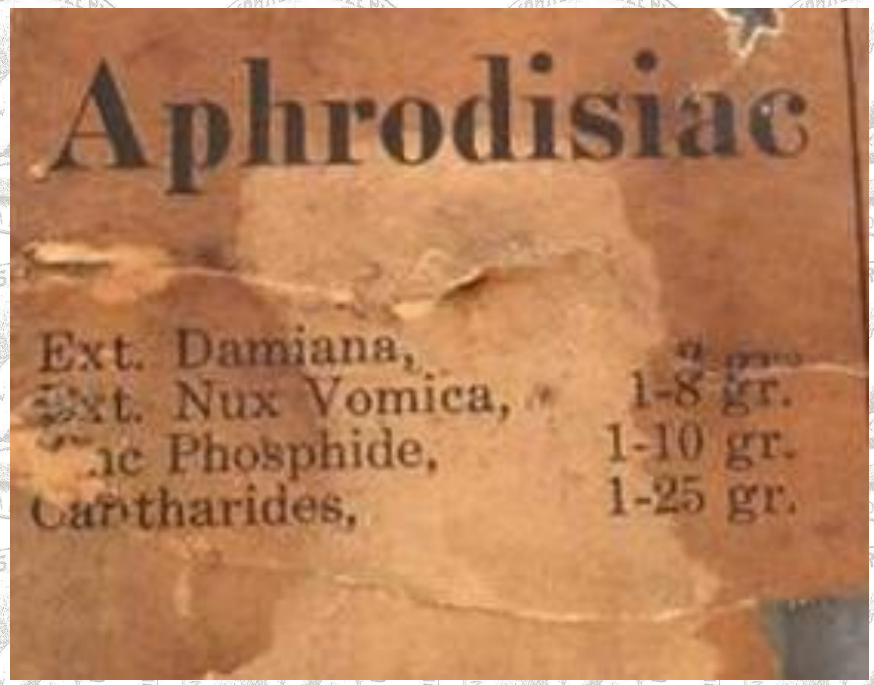


Chlorodyne





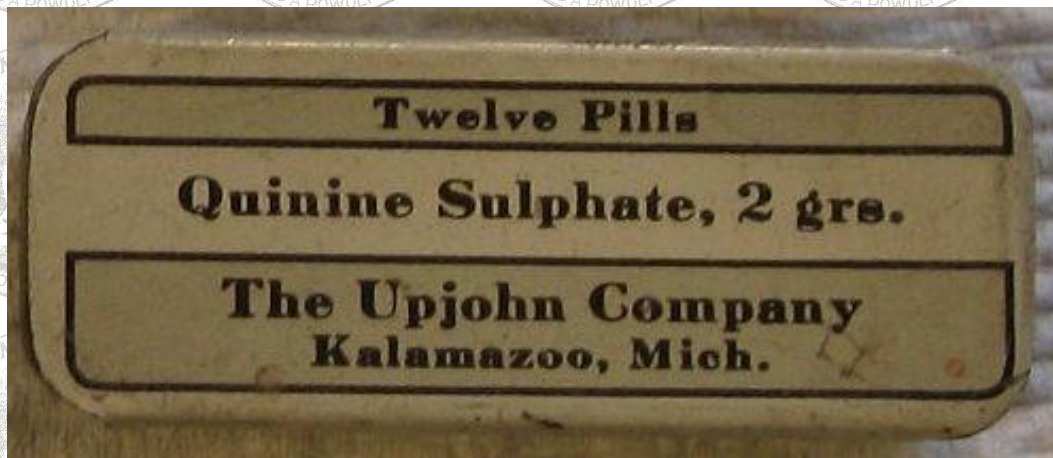
Aphrodisiac Tablets



Caverject Injection



Quinine Pills



Eczema Lotion



FLUID RECORD

1924

50 gal. 10

Jan. 2, 1925

60373 Rose Water

60374 " "

3 gal.

60375 Aqueous F.C. Ergot (U.S.) for Ampoules

200#

60376 Aint. Sulphur Comp.

100 gal.

60377 Wild Cherry & Ammonium Comp.

50 gal.

60378 F.C. Ergot. U.S.P. IX.

100 gal.

60379 Eczema Lotion

800 gal.

60380 Hexatone

14 gal 7 1/2

60381 F.C. Digitalis Fat Free

60382 Left 4 1/2. Belladonna Leaves

200#

60379

Hematic Tonic Pills



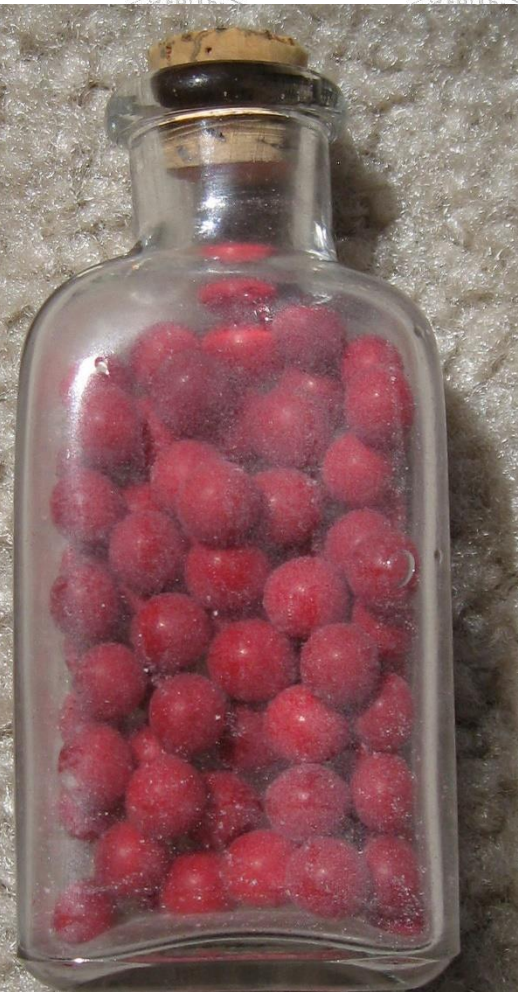
**100 Pills
Coated Red
Hematic Tonic
(Upjohn)**

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.

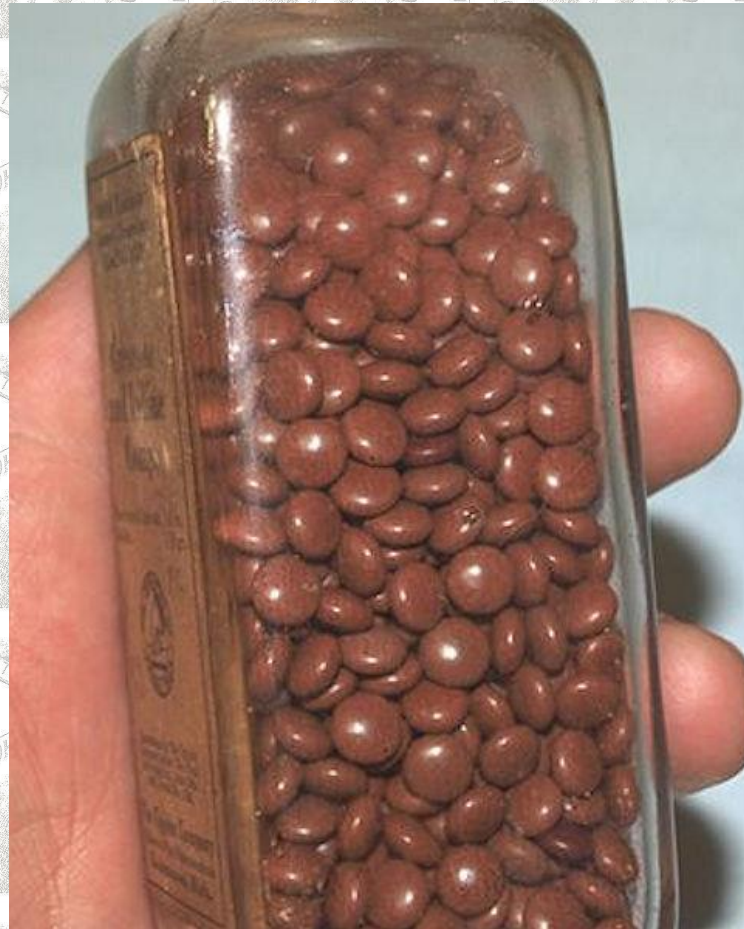
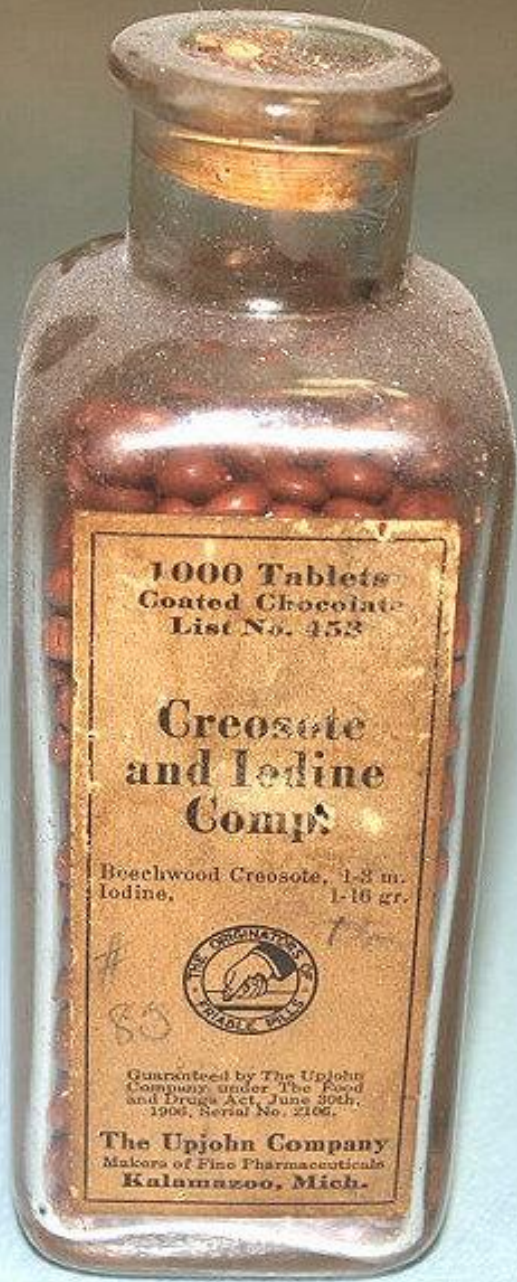
*Blaud-Upjohn contains in permanent form 75% more available Ferrous Carbonate than is found in freshly prepared Blaud's Mass.

Dose--1 or 2 pills after each meal.

The Upjohn Company
Makers of Fine Pharmaceuticals
Kalamazoo, Mich.
39275



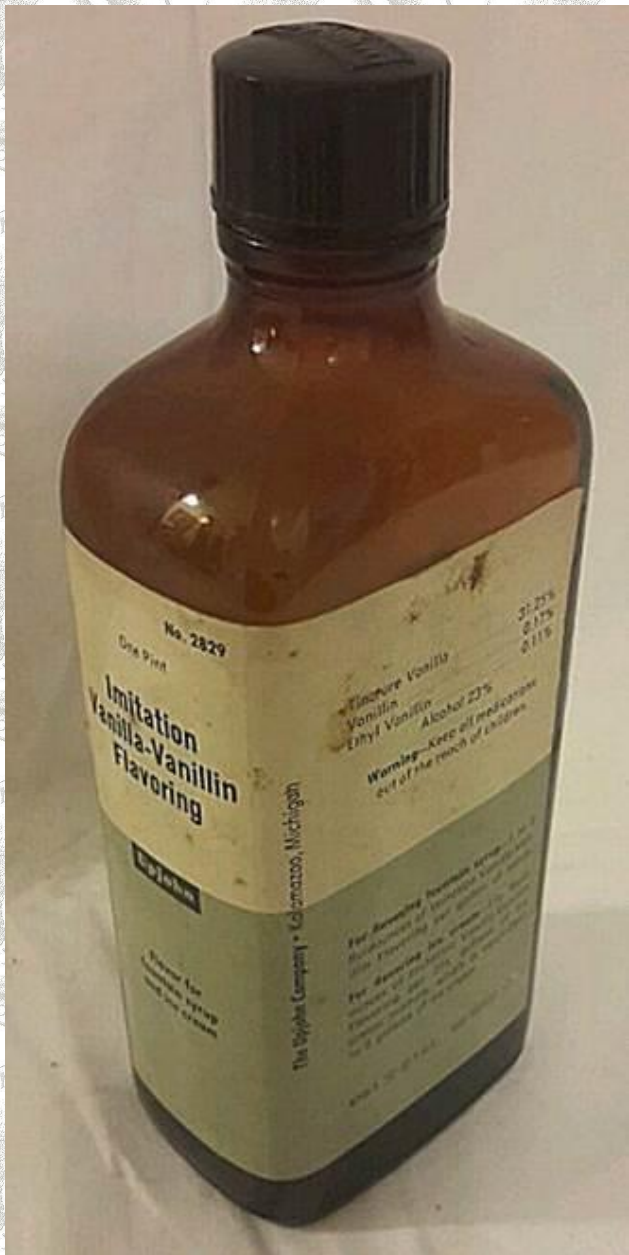
Chocolate Coated Tablets



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.

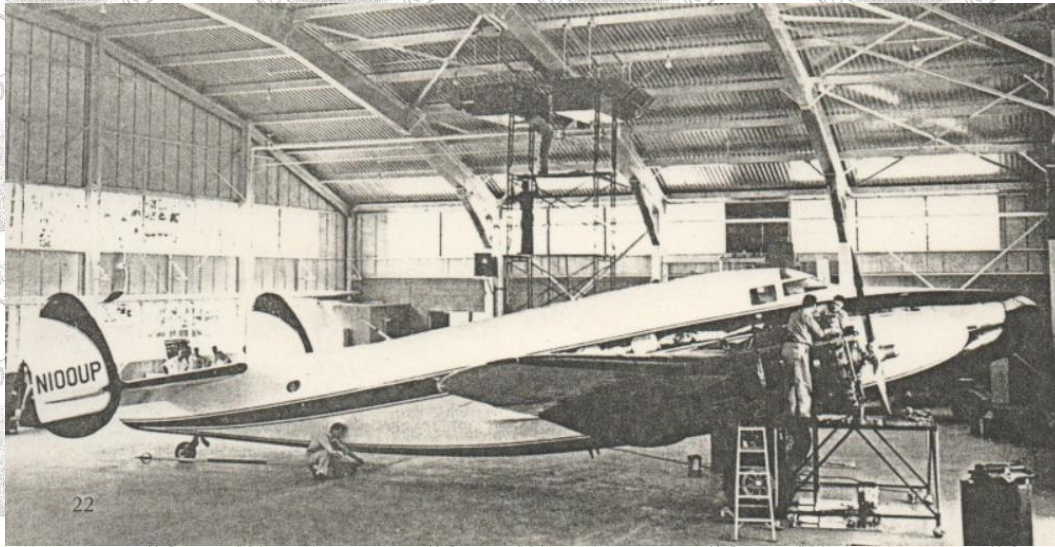
Store at room temperature

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

812 073 002 LOT 182 CX
EXP 8/93

Manufactured for
The Upjohn Company
Kalamazoo, MI 49001, USA

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

