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**J. C. WHITLOCK & CO.,
SOLE PROPRIETORS.**

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ADDENDA

J. C. Ayer & Co.

(die cut)

4 C.
RED or PURPLE

(RS8a or RS11a)

Brandreth

(perf.)

1 C.
BLACK
(RS32a, b)

J. C. Ayer & Co.

(die cut)

4 C.
GREEN or VERMILION

(RS12a or RS13a)

J. C. Ayer & Co.
(imperf.)

1 C. BROWN, CARMINE, GREEN, BLUE, ORANGE or GRAY LILAC
(RS2a, RS3a, RS5a, RS6a or RS7a)

Perry Davis
& Son

2 C.
BROWN

(RS90b)

P. H. Drake & Co.

2 C. BLACK
(RS82a)

Caterson Brotz
& Co.

(never placed
in use)

5 C. BROWN
(RU1d)



Thos. E. Wilson

4 C.
BLACK
(RS271a)



T. W. Marsden

2 C. BLUE
(RS175a)

X. Bazin
(die cut)
(never placed in use)
2 C. BLUE
(RT1a)

Mercado & Seully
(imperf.)
2 C. BLACK
(RS177a)

Fleming Bros.
(imperf.)
1 C. BLACK
(RS89a)

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MEDICINE STAMPS

1898-1900 Issue — Rouletted 5½ (r) or Hyphen Hole Perf. 7 (p)



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Facsimile Labels



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PERFUMERY STAMPS



R. & G. A. Wright
3 C
LAKE
(RT24a, b, d)

R. & G. A. Wright
4 C
GREEN
(RT25a, b, d)



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PERFUMERY STAMPS

Corning
& Tappan
Imperf.
or die cut
1 C BLACK
(RT2d)

Corning
& Tappan
1 C
BLACK
(RT3d)



Fetridge & Co.
(cut to shape)
2 C
VERMILION
(RT5a)



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Essay: Proposed Private-die Proprietary Stamp that was disapproved and, therefore, never actually printed and issued. (Kidder & Laird Perfume Company)



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Reproduction of Private-die Proprietary Stamp: This was printed on the cover of an almanac. The government confiscated and burned most of the almanacs before they could be given away. (The back of this "stamp" bears the printing from the second page of the almanac.)



Reproduction of the rarest of the Private-die Proprietary Medicine Stamps: There is only one original in existence.



Essay: Proposed Private-die Proprietary Stamp that was disapproved and, therefore, never actually printed and issued.

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Proof: Proposed Private-die Proprietary Stamp that was approved and issued as RS 153 (Kelly's Old Cabin Bitters)



Proof: Proposed Private-die Proprietary Stamp that was approved and issued as RS 187 (N. Y. Pharmacal Assn.)



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John L. Thompson, Sons & Co.

JOHN L. THOMPSON
DAVID COWEE

Wholesale Druggists

J. L. THOMPSON
W. A. THOMPSON

Nos 159, 161 & 163 REX ST

Troy, N.Y. *Aug 2* 1869

McN Williams
Dr
Cash on hand, paid note
John L. Thompson & Co

Rumford Chemical Works.



GEO. F. WILSON, Treas.

ARTICLES MANUFACTURED.

Prof. Horsford's Pat. Cream of Tartar,	Wilson's Super-Phosphate of Lime,
Horsford's Self-Raising Bread Prep'n,	Wilson's Tobacco Grower,
Rumford Yeast Powder,	Horsford's Pat. Anti-Chloride of Lime,
Horsford's Acid Phosphate,	Wilson's Anti-Bleach Crystals,
Rumford Blueing,	Roseoline, a substitute for Rose Pink,
Rumford Blacking,	Lazuline,
Rumford Ink,	Nitric Acid,
Bone Coal,	Muriatic Acid,
Muriate and Oxy-Muriate of Tin,	Aqua Fortis.
Tin Crystals,	

Office and Store, 58, 59 & 60 South Water St.

Providence, R. I.,

Oct 1 1870

Prof. C. N. Horsford

Cambridge Mass

Dear Sir

I sent last night a copy of the testimony to each of the following - viz. Dr Gent & Pufferhanden, Draper, Doremus & Dr Loew, and three copies to yourself. There was not time to stitch them unless I missed that mail and so they went without.

This gives each of the witnesses a complete copy and 3 to you. (1 for Edward 1 for Whiting & 1 for yourself) Now do I understand that each of the counsel and yourself want 5 copies each in addition.

I notice in Place evidence the mention of his memo, to be attached to the manuscript. This should follow his evidence, should it not. I have not got a copy

of it or should have put it in.

Yours Respy

Geo F. Wilson Treas
Arnold

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Fig. 1.

Fig. 1 is an apparent quarter size facsimile view of "Warner's SAFE Cure" bottle, dark amber glass. The *Caution* under the Title is in *Red Ink*, the rest is Black on White. This bottle should have a *Perfect Private Stamp* over the Cork. If the stamp looks as if it had been in any way tampered with, do not take the medicine as it is probably spurious.

Fig. 2 is an apparent quarter-size facsimile of "Warner's TIPPECANOE, The Best," for Dyspepsia and General Digestive Disorders. The bottle is a dark amber glass imitation of a Log of Wood, and the Label, of Birch Bark. One of the Trade Marks is a Canoe, printed on the label and blown in the bottle. See that a *Perfect Private Stamp* is affixed over the *Cork* of every bottle. We also put up "Warner's TIPPECANOE, XXX," having a green and gold label.



Fig. 2.

TO PURCHASERS.

Under no circumstances is any dealer authorized to remove the Stamps over the Cork of "Warner's SAFE Cure," nor is he authorized to repurchase our bottles, wrappers or boxes! If he offers to do this, we will be obliged if our patrons will report the case to us. The proceeding is Criminal, and we shall prosecute Rigorously! Take no bottle of "Warner's SAFE Cure" (or other liquid SAFE Remedies) unless it has the following chocolate-tinted Private Stamp affixed over the Cork, as shown in Fig. 4.

FAC-SIMILE

PRIVATE STAMP.



Fig. 3.

The Stamp of "Warner's TIPPECANOE, The Best," is round, light chocolate tint. See Fig. 5, which gives a full view of it as it is found on all genuine bottles.

The Stamp of "Warner's SAFE PILLS" is round, dark chocolate colored, with pictures of Safe and Negro gathering herbs. It is affixed to the ends of the outside wrapper, as shown in Fig. 6.



Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.

Advertisement discussing H. H. Warner Co. facsimile label.

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12 1/2
11
12
12 1/2
11 3/4

Mess. Abijah Muzzey & Son.
Jamaica.
Vt.

Envelope used by the J. C. Ayer Co. in
1887. This firm had its own Private-die
Proprietary Stamps.

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MERCHANT'S GARGLING OIL LINIMENT
ESTABLISHED 1833

Cures
Burns and Scalds,
Chilblains, Frost Bites,
Scratches or Grease, Chapped
Hands, Flesh Wounds, External
Poisons, Sand Cracks, Galls of All Kinds,
Sittast, Ringbone, Pail Evil, Swellings, Tumors,

FOR MAN
Garget in Cows, Calious, Lameness, Horn
Distemper, Crounsab, Quittor, Foul
Ulcers, Farcy, Abscess of the
Udder, Swelled Legs, Thrush,
Sprains and Bruises,
Toothache, Foot
Rot in Sheep.

FOR ANIMAL
Foundered
Feet, Roup in
Poultry, Cracked Heels,
Epistaxis, Stranguria, Wind-
galls, Spavins, Sweeney, Rheuma-
tism, Lame Back, Hemorrhoids or Piles,

& BEAST.
Fistula, Mergs, Caked Breasts, Sore
Nipples, Curb, Old Sores, Corns,
Whitlows, Cramps, Boils,
Weakness of the Joints,
Contractions of
Muscles.

MERCHANT'S GARGLING OIL
IS THE OLDEST AND BEST LINIMENT
NOW IN USE IN THE UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURED AT
LOCKPORT, N.Y., U.S.A.
BY MERCHANT'S GARGLING OIL CO.
JOHN HODGE, SECRETARY

GARGLING OIL, LARGE SIZE, \$1.00.
MEDIUM SIZE, 50 CTS. SMALL SIZE - TWO KIDS, 25 CTS.

MERCHANT'S VEGETABLE WORM-
TABLETS, 25 CENTS PER BOX.

Envelope used in 1889 by the Merchant's
Gargling Oil Co. This firm had its own
Private-die Proprietary Stamp.

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Envelope used in 1892 by the Charles N. Crittenton Medicine Co. of New York. This firm had its own Private-die Proprietary Stamp.



Post card sent to customers in 1899 by The Antikamnia Chemical Company of St. Louis, Mo. Customers who filled out and returned these cards received samples of the products advertised.

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Post Card: Sent by John L. Thompson
Sons & Co. (February 15, 1889). This
firm had Private-die Proprietary Stamp
number RS 242.

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Trade Card: illustrates actual use
of Private-die Proprietary Stamps

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“1998 U. S. Postage Stamp commemorating the 1906 Pure Food and Drug legislation.”

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