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Medical and Pharmaceutical Ephemera

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	William H. Helfand Collection of Medical and Pharmaceutical Ephemera
<b>Date:</b>	circa 1880s-1960s
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.1638
<b>Creator:</b>	Helfand, William
<b>Source:</b>	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Medicine and Science (Collector)
<b>Extent:</b>	19 Cubic feet (19 boxes)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center by the Division of Medicine and Science, 2024.

### Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

### Preferred Citation

William H. Helfand Collection of Medical and Pharmaceutical Ephemera, Archives Center, National Museum of American History

### Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

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## Content Description

Collection consists of medical and pharmaceutical-related ephemera.

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## Arrangement

Collection is unarranged.

## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Medicine
- Patent medicines
- Pharmaceutical industry -- 1900-1950

### Types of Materials:

- Advertisements
- Almanacs
- Blotters (writing equipment)
- Booklets
- Engravings
- Envelopes
- Ephemera
- Greeting cards
- Illustrations
- Invoices
- Labels
- Pamphlets -- 20th century
- Picture postcards
- Prints
- Receipts
- Stock certificates
- Trade cards

### Names:

- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Medicine and Science

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## Container Listing

Box 1	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 2	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 3	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 4	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 5	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 6	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 7	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 8	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 9	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 10	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 11	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 12	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 13	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 14	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 15	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 16	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 17	Unprocessed material, undated
Box 18	Unprocessed material
Box 19	Unprocessed material