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## Virtual Pharmacy Museum

Compiled by Elaine Seychell as part of her undergraduate project entitled "Setting up a Museum related to the healthcare professions", submitted in partial fulfillment for the degree of Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours). The project was carried out under the supervision of Professor Anthony Serracino-Inglott.

This historical collection can be found at the Department of Pharmacy, University of Malta, Msida Campus.

## Preparation and Dispensing Equipment



**Pestle and Mortar**

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**Nest of sieves**

*Two sieves put onto each other with a lid at the top*

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**Ointment jar with porcelain lid**

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**Glass graduates**

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### Pill-making

- A. *Top part of the pill machine (upper cutter)*
- B. *Pill rounders*
- C. *Pill boxes*

A & B donated by: Department of Pharmacy, University of Malta  
C donated by: Ms. Catherine Abela



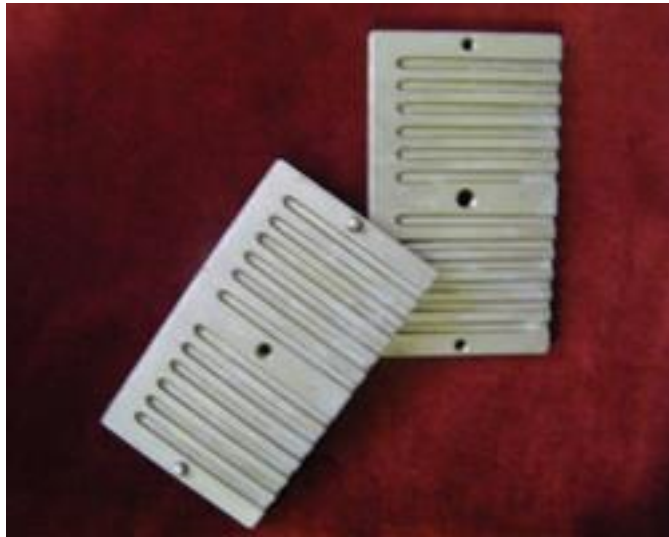
### Cachet machine

- A. *Metal plate with holes of different diameters*
- B. *Funnels*
- C. *Roller*

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**Moulds for conical suppositories**  
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**Bougie Moulds**

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**Enema bulb**  
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**A record of Analytical and Bacteriological Laboratories**  
*It explains the examination of a sample of urine dating back to 1940.*

Donated by: Mr. Adrian Camilleri



**A. Glass test tube**  
**B. Spirit lamp**

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**Urethral irrigator**

Donated by: Ms. Celia Borg Cardona





**Measuring scales by COBOS with a wooden drawer holding:**

- A. a pair of tweezers for picking any weights due to their small size*
- B. apothecaries weights (on the right) versus newer weights (on the left)*

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# Drug Containers

Cardiovascular and Respiratory System  
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**Anacardone (diethylnicotinamide) and Coramine (nikethamide)**  
as potent cardiac and respiratory stimulants



**Glass capsules containing nitrite of amyl** to induce coronary vasodilatation and hence treat angina pectoris. The glass capsule used to be snapped and inhaled.



**Coagulen-Ciba** is derived from normal bovine blood. It contains the natural elements necessary for the clotting of blood.

### Gynaecology

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**Gestone** and **Luteomensin** containing corpus luteum to increase the production of progesterin

### **Sore Throat**

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**Evans Antiseptic Throat Pastilles** to soothe the throat and protect against infections

**Analgesia**

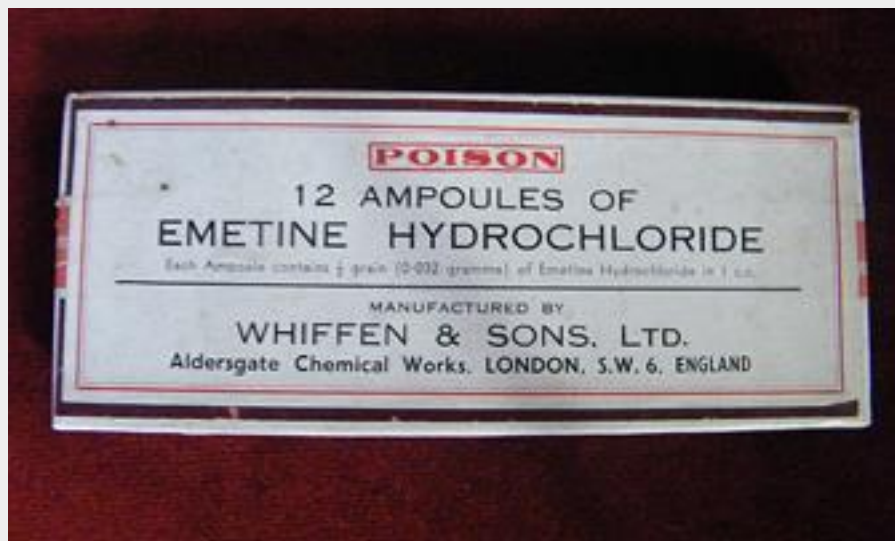
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Saridone (propyphenazone, phenacetin (acetphenetidine), and caffeine) to produce analgesia

### Anti-protozoal

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Emetine hydrochloride to treat infection caused by amoeba *Entamoeba histolytica* and to induce vomiting

**Musculoskeletal and joint diseases**

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**Myocrisin (sodium aurothiomalate)** to suppress the disease process in rheumatoid arthritis

### **Anaesthesia**

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**Pentothal** to induce general anaesthesia.  
A very short-acting barbiturate.



**Benzocaina** to induce local anaesthesia.  
A topical pain reliever.

### Nutrition – Vitamins

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**Adexolin liquid (containing Vitamins A and D)** to create resistance against infections and promote growth and build up of strong bones and teeth in children.

### **Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics**

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**Lysolats** tablets to disinfect solutions

# Dispensary Bottles

Bottles for powders and granular substances



## **Rhubarb in powder**

*Pulvis Rhei (Pulv. Rhei)*

Used as a stomachic and as a laxative

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## **Compound powder of Rhubarb**

*Pulvis Rhei Compositus (Pulv. Rhei Co.)*

Used as a laxative for delicate persons and children

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**Ginger in powder**

*Pulvis Zingiberis (Pulv. Zingib.)*

Used mainly as a stomachic  
and as a flavouring agent

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**Bottle for liquid preparations**



**Powdered Nux Vomica**

*Nux Vomica Pulverata (Nux. Vom. Pulverata)*

Used in atonic dyspepsia and administered in  
cachets or capsules, often with bismuth compounds  
or pepsin

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**Poison bottle**



A lip at the top of the narrow neck aids pouring of liquids.



Available in different colours: blue, brown and green

**Bottle for oils**



A hole in the stopper allows any spilt oil to return back to the bottle.

**Amber bottle**



Provides protection against exposure to light