

**Narcotic  
Tax  
Stamps  
Update  
Kit #1**

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## How to Use This Kit

Most of the pages in this kit are designed to replace several of the existing pages in *Narcotic Tax Stamps*. Some pages are meant to be added by themselves (i. e. nothing is replaced).

If you received this document as a PDF document, simply print out the pages on a color printer, and use a three-hole punch. If you received this document as pre-printed and pre-punched pages, just continue reading.

Please replace the following pages in your book with the new pages (the new pages are all in order).

221-222; 231-232; 239-240; 275-276; 309-310; 315-316; 325-326; 335-336; 357-358; 369-370; 379-380; 383-384; 423-424; 467-468.

Insert the U. S. D. Co. (United States Drug Company) page before page 371.

You can discard the above old pages as they are now obsolete.

You may want to include *this* page somewhere near the front of the book, in order to indicate for future reference that this update kit was installed.

Please note that the new pages are without page numbers. Also note that some sections have been considerably changed, and some catalog numbers have been added or changed.

This project is an ongoing effort, and additional updates may be released in the future.

I hope that you will enjoy your updated *Narcotic Tax Stamps* pages.

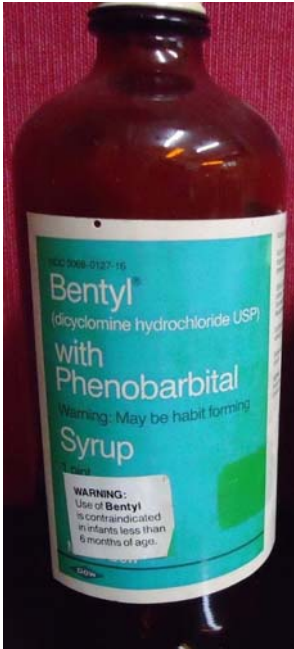
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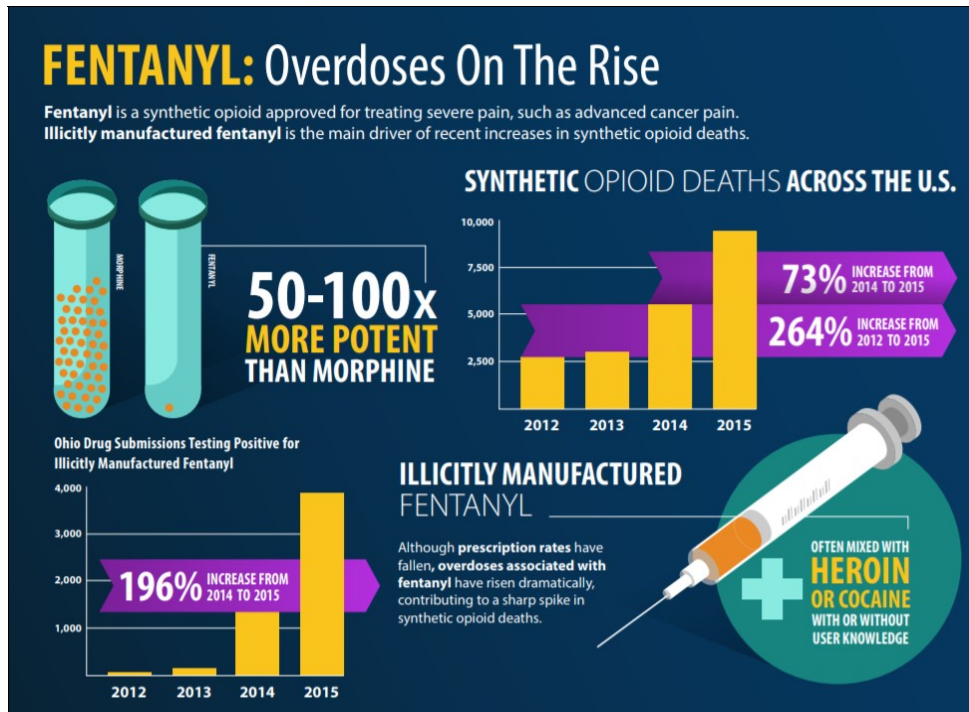
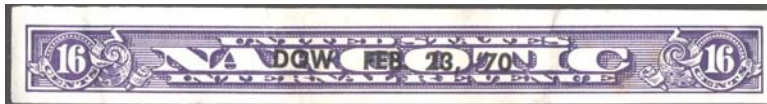
**DOW (Dow Chemical Company)**



The Dow logo.

Herbert Henry Dow founded his company in 1897 in Midland, Michigan. They initially only made bleach and potassium bromide, but soon they began to diversify their product line.<sup>1</sup>

They merged with DuPont on September 1, 2017, forming the world's largest company in terms of sales.



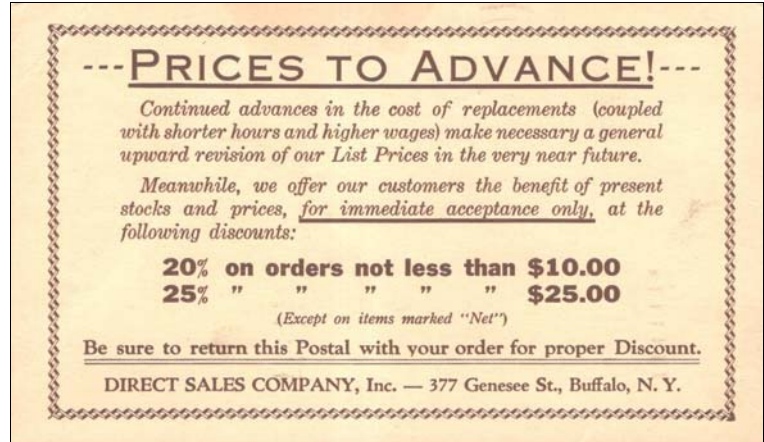
<sup>1</sup> Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dow\\_Chemical\\_Company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dow_Chemical_Company).

**D. S. Co. Inc. (Direct Sales Company, Incorporated)**

This company was a nationwide mail-order distributor of drugs, including narcotic products. They sold their products directly to doctors. They were located at 54 East North Street, in Buffalo, New York.

Dr. John Victor Tate from Calhoun Falls, South Carolina, George C. Johnson, Clyde A. Foster and Reel B. Black were all convicted of conspiring to violate the Harrison Narcotic Act. They illegally distributed morphine to addicts and sellers from 1933 to 1940.<sup>2</sup>

The company held registration number 3,897.



This postal card is dated 1933.

**Type 1: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Name and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

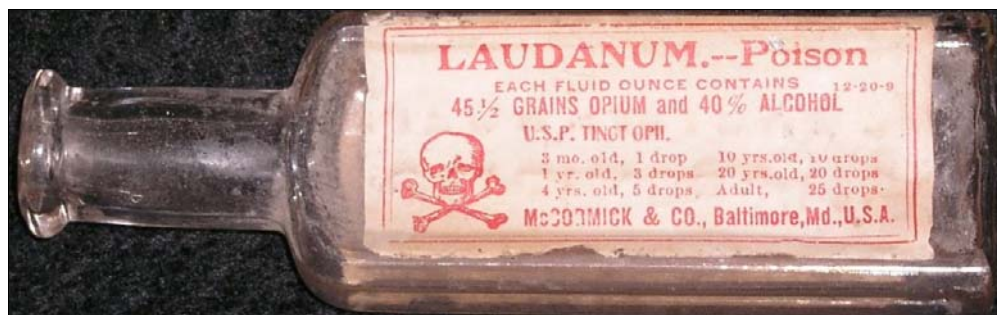
<sup>2</sup> Source: <https://casetext.com/case/united-states-v-direct-sales-co-2>.

**Type 2: Handstamped Name or Registration Number**



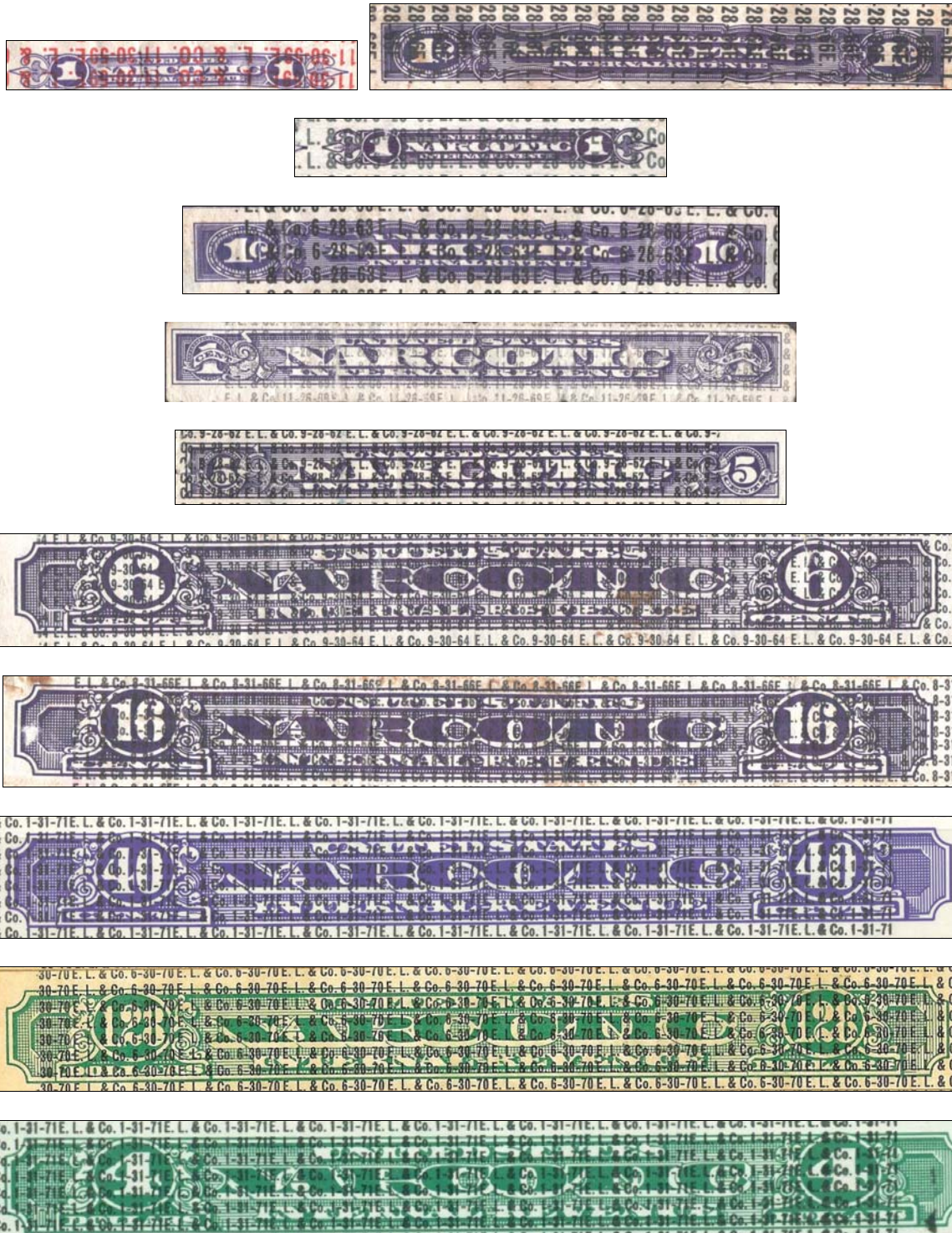


**Type 11b: Printed Name and Date In Red**



**Type 12a: Printed Multiple Tiny Name and Date In Black**

*The following two cancels are known inverted, and reading vertically:*



*The most common Lilly dated precancel on this \$4 stamp is January 31, 1971 (“1-31-71”).*



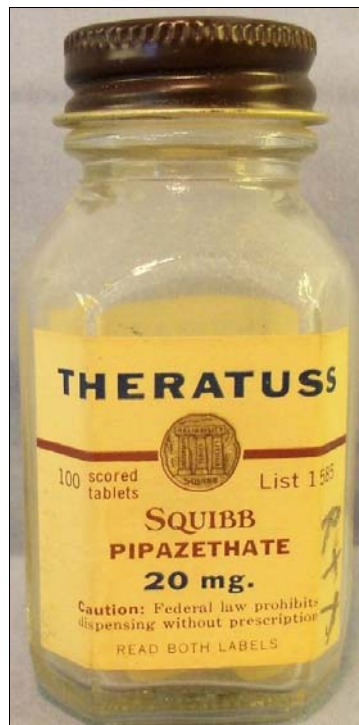
## E. R. S. (E. R. Squibb and Sons, Incorporated)



Edward Robinson Squibb (b. July 4, 1819; d. October 25, 1900) began his pharmaceutical manufacturing business in Brooklyn, New York in 1858. In 1892 his two sons, Dr. Edward H. Squibb and Charles F. Squibb, became partners in his firm, and the company was then called E. R. Squibb and Sons. Today the company is part of Bristol-Myers Squibb.<sup>3</sup>

The company had registration number 6,315.

The above set of five syrettes of morphine tartrate was carried in most medic's medical bag during WWII.<sup>4</sup>



<sup>3</sup> Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/E.\\_R.\\_Squibb](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/E._R._Squibb).

<sup>4</sup> Image source: <http://bob.qmdepot.com/morphine-tartrate-5-tubes-medical-item-9115500>.

**Type 1: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Date and Registration Number (6,315)**



N2.01



N2.04



N2.08

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

- N2.01 1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.02 2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.03 3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.04 4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.05 5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.08 8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.10 10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint
- N2.25 25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint

Perf. 11

- \* 10
- \* —
- \* —
- \* 15
- \* —
- \* 30
- \* —
- \* —

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

**Type 2: Handstamped “E. R. S.”**



**Type 3: Handstamped “E. R. Squibb & Sons, Inc.”**



**Type 4: Printed “E. R. S. & S.”**



**Type 1: Handstamped “Narcotic” and Printed “J. W. & B.”**



**N1.02**



**N1.03**



**N1.08**



**N1.50**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N1.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25
<b>N1.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	75
<b>N1.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	45
<b>N1.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.40</b>	40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.50</b>	50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	45
<b>N1.80</b>	80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp. Scott **RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.**

**Type 2: Printed “Narcotic” and Printed “J. W. & B.” (Provisional)**



**N(J)1.01<sup>5</sup>**



**N(J)1.02**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N(J)1.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “J. W. & B. / Narcotic” overprint	*	7,500
<b>N(J)1.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “J. W. & B. / Narcotic” overprint	*	10,000

Stamps printed by offset. The overprint was applied by letterpress. The overprint is 14.5 mm. wide. Alfano **PC-2**, Scott **RJA27 and RJA27A.**

Please see this company’s entry in the Genuine Printed Types: Serif Font section for a census of these stamps.

<sup>5</sup> Image source: [www.americanstampdealer.com/SubMenu/Greatest\\_Revenues\\_IV.aspx?id=378](http://www.americanstampdealer.com/SubMenu/Greatest_Revenues_IV.aspx?id=378).

**Type 3: Printed “Narcotic” and Manuscript Cancel**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

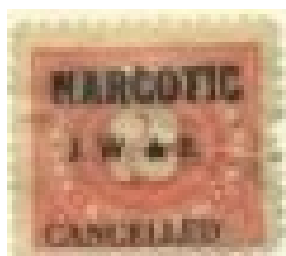
1919			Perf. 11
N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	10
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

**Type 4: Printed “Narcotic” and Printed Cancel with “Canceled”**



N2.01



N2.02



N2.08

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919			Perf. 11
N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	5
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	50
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.



Some printed “J. W. & Bro.” cancels on some proprietary stamps.

**N. B. D. (N. B. Danforth)**



Nathan B. Danforth's Rexall retail drugstore and wholesale drug business was located at Market and Second Streets in Wilmington, Delaware.

Mr. Danforth died on January 21, 1925, but the business continued as N. B. Danforth, Incorporated. Thomas Donaldson became the president. The below article appeared in 1880.<sup>6</sup>

**N. B. DANFORTH.—Druggist, No. 128 Market Street.**

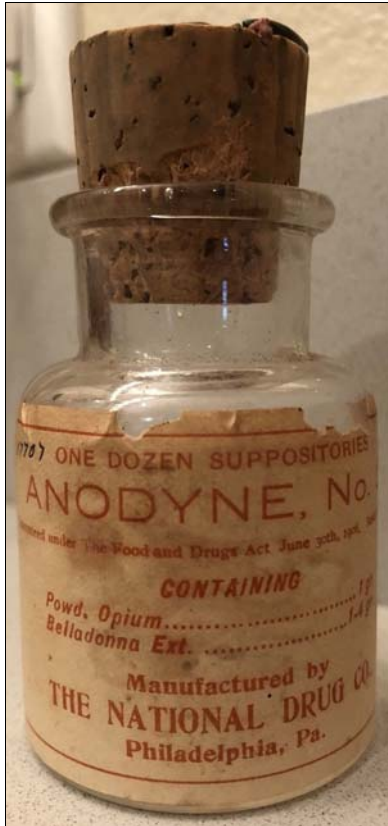
One of the popular Druggists of the city is Mr. N. B. Danforth, the successor of Edward McInall. The business was originally established in 1842, and ranks as among the oldest in Wilmington. A stock of \$15,000 is displayed of pure drugs and medicines, with the usual accompaniment of an assortment of Toilet articles and fancy goods. A specialty being made of Trusses.

N. B. Danforth is a graduate of the College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, and an accurate and careful dispenser, and enjoying to a high degree, the confidence of the profession, has a large Prescription business.



<sup>6</sup> Source: *Industries of Delaware, Historical and Descriptive Review, Cities, Towns and Business Interests*, Richard Edwards, 1880, page 95.  
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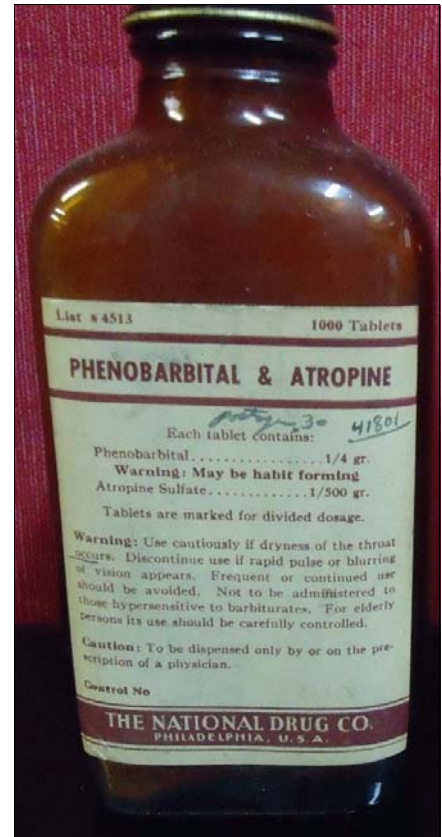
**N. D. Co. (National Drug Company)**



The National Drug Company was located at 4679 to 4685 Stenton Avenue, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The company was later a division of Richardson - Merrell, Incorporated.

The below partial list of their specialties comes from a 1911 invoice.<sup>7</sup>



**N2.01**



**N2.02**



**N2.10**

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	10
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	10
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	25
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

<sup>7</sup> Source: <http://nyheritage.nynl.org/digital/collection/mbl/id/231>.



1919  
N2.100

Design size is 19 X 28 mm.

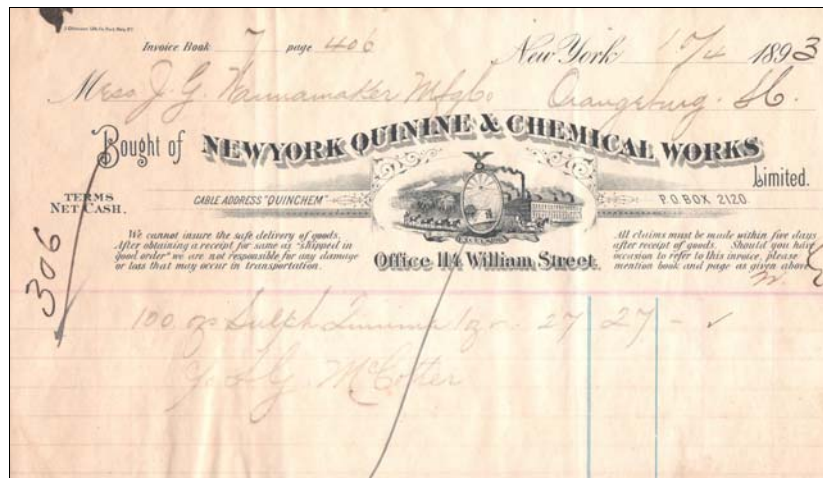
\$1 Green on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint  
Engraved. Alfano PE-9, Scott RJA41.

Perf. 11  
\* 75

**Type 5: Printed Date and Registration Number Only (7,049)**



**Type 6: Handstamped Name ("N. Y. Q."), Date, and Registration Number (10,622)**



## Nysco Laboratories, Inc.

Nysco Laboratories was located at 34-24 Vernon Boulevard in Long Island City, New York.

They made Alba-Natal, Cellulet, Humi-Temp, Isosed, Mebroin, Phoam, Prednal, Pyriladex, Quinispán, and other products. These products were all “time disintegration capsules” or tablets. They called this process “Nyscap timed-release medication.”<sup>8</sup>

The firm was bought by Revlon in the mid-1960s. Shown below is a portion of one of Nysco’s patents.<sup>9</sup>

# United States Patent Office

2,878,160

Patented Mar. 17, 1959

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2,878,160

### TABLET MOLDING PROCESS

Max Smedresman, Long Island City, N. Y., assignor to Nysco Laboratories, Inc., Long Island City, N. Y., a corporation of New York

No Drawing. Application December 30, 1955  
Serial No. 556,416

4 Claims. (Cl. 167—82)

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be employed with materials sensitive to heat and wetting.

5 Another object of the present invention is to provide an improved inexpensive and versatile tablet producing process characterized by its low labor, material and equipment requirements and the use of standard apparatus. Following the general method contemplated by the present invention, a pharmaceutical pill, tablet or the like, is produced by admixing a physiologically active ingredient in a finely divided state with a molten, preferably water soluble binder, solidifying the resultant mixture, comminuting the solidified mixture into granules and forming said granules into tablets.

### Type 1: Printed Cancel



### Type 2: Handstamped Cancel, with “Nysco Laboratories, Inc.”



### Type 3: Handstamped Cancel, with “Nysco Labs, Inc.”



<sup>8</sup> Source: [www.library.hbs.edu/hc/lehman/company.html?company=revlon\\_inc](http://www.library.hbs.edu/hc/lehman/company.html?company=revlon_inc).

<sup>9</sup> Source: [www.google.com/patents/US2878160](http://www.google.com/patents/US2878160).



## **PM – DOW (Pitman Moore, Division of Dow Chemical Company)**

The Dow Chemical Company purchased the Pitman – Moore Company in 1960 (please see the previous entry). Dow closed the facility in 1976.<sup>10</sup>



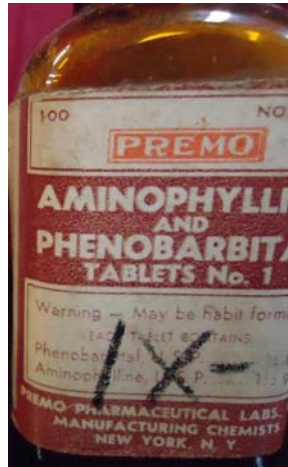
<sup>10</sup> Source: <http://youarecurrent.com/2013/05/31/dow-deal-done>.

## Premo Pharm. Labs, Inc. (Premo Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Incorporated)



This company was located in South Hackensack, New Jersey, but they also had offices in New York, New York.

Their specialty was manufacturing generic drugs.



### Type 1: Handstamped Cancel



### Type 2: Printed Cancel



**Type 11: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped In A 25 mm. Wide Font Initials and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

<i>1919</i>			Perf. 11
<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

**Type 12: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Name Inside of a Circle**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

<i>1919</i>			Perf. 11
<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

These stamps were probably used in Powers – Weightman – Rosengarten’s St. Louis, Missouri facility. See the **Type 6** stamps.

**Type 13: Printed “Narcotic” and Manuscript Initials and Date**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

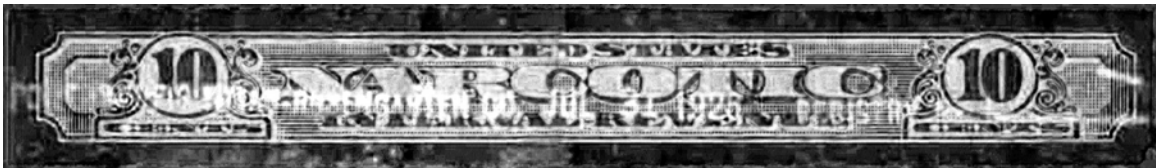
<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

**Type 14: Manuscript Initials and Date**



**Type 15: Handstamped Name Fully Spelled Out**





**Type 2: Printed “Narcotic” and Handstamped Name**



N2.04



N2.05

1919

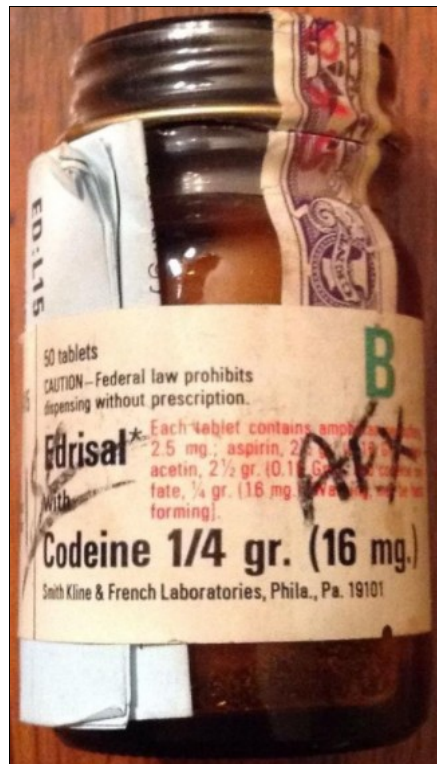
Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

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N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	15
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	20
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.

**Type 3: Handstamped Name and Date**



## S. L. Div. Pennwalt (Strassenburgh Laboratories Division of Pennwalt)

The Wallace and Tiernan firm merged with the Pennsylvania Salt Company in 1966 and formed the Pennwalt Company. “Penn” was from Pennsylvania and “Walt” was from Wallace. Thus Strassenburgh Laboratories became a division of the Pennwalt Company.

This company held registration number 3,252. See the following entry for more information.



The 6¢ stamp has Philatelic Foundation certificate # 543,102: “Genuine **RJA94b**, with a diagonal crease at left.”





**Type 4: Handstamped Date and Registration Number (107)**



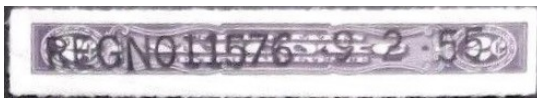
*The tiny one cent and the two cent denominations are also known with a smaller size cancellation, as shown at the right, above.*







**Type 5: Handstamped Date and Registration Number (11,576)**



*The two cent denomination is also known with a smaller size cancellation, as shown at the right, above.*





## U. S. D. Co. (United States Drug Company)

This firm was owned by Edwin L. Leisenring. They were located at 1534 Lawrence Street in Denver, Colorado. They were also trading as the U. S. Drug and Sales Company, and as U. S. Drug Laboratories.

**No. 01746. E. L. Leisenring, trading as U. S. Drug & Sales Co., 1534 Lawrence St., Denver,** will discontinue the assertion that his Special Vitality Tablets are compounded from powerful glandular substances properly balanced with other active ingredients, and that the product is made by registered pharmacists. Leisenring also agrees to stop asserting that his preparation will aid in renewing the entire system, or that its use results in healthy and active glands.

This short article appeared in 1937.<sup>11</sup>



1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	10
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—

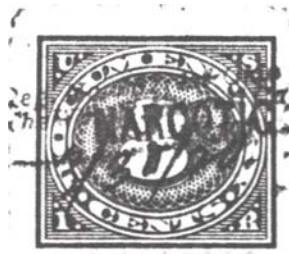
Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

This typewritten cancel is known in two different font sizes, and various typographical errors are also known; examples of both of these varieties are shown above.

<sup>11</sup> Source: *NAB Reports* (The National Association of Broadcasters), Volume 5, Number 28, July 1, 1937, page 2,219.



**Type 1: Handstamped “Narcotic” and Handstamped Cancel**



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

<b>N1.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	25
<b>N1.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.40</b>	40¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.50</b>	50¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—
<b>N1.80</b>	80¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by handstamp.  
 Scott **RJA9, RJA10, RJA11, RJA12, RJA13, RJA14, RJA15, RJA17, RJA18, RJA19, and RJA20.**

**Type 2: Handstamped Cancel**

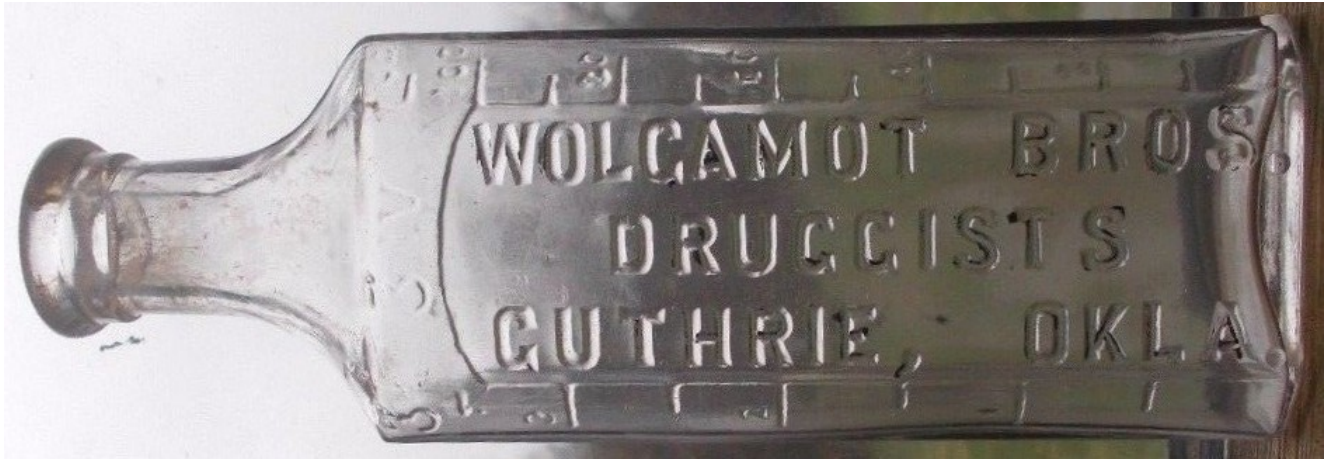


**Type 3: Printed Cancel in Red**



## Wolgamot Brothers

The Wolgamot Brothers, O. M. Wolgamot and R. B. Wolgamot, were located in Guthrie, Oklahoma.



Shown above is a blown bottle from this firm. Interestingly, the “Wolgamot” name was not unique in the druggists trade. Another firm with the same name (though without “Brothers”) was located in Ohio; see below.



Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

1919

		Perf. 11
N2.01	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* 25
N2.02	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
N2.03	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
N2.04	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
N2.05	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
N2.08	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
N2.10	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —
N2.25	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black “Narcotic” overprint	* —

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.



## Wyeth Laboratories Incorporated

For more information about this firm and for earlier cancels, see the entry for J. W. & B. (John Wyeth and Brother).

This company used the following strip stamps prior to using the final series of narcotic stamps, an example of which is shown to the right.



### Type 1: Small Printed Cancel, With “Wyeth Incorporated”



### Type 2: Small Printed Cancel, With “Wyeth Laboratories Inc.”



### Type 3: Large Printed Cancel, With “Wyeth Laboratories Inc.”



Constricted Pupils	Red Eyes	Dilated Pupils
Heroin Morphine Oxycodone Fentanyl Methadone Codeine Hydrocodone	Marijuana Cocaine or Crack Benzodiazepines (i.e. Xanax) Depressants (i.e. Alcohol or Sedatives)	Amphetamines Methamphetamines Cocaine or Crack Hallucinogens (i.e. LSD or mushrooms) Opiates (prescription painkillers) Heroin Marijuana Speed

**Y. & L. D. Co. (Yahr and Lange Drug Company)**



Ferdinand Theodore Yahr was made president of the Charles Baumbach Company in 1893.

In 1898 he became the chief executive and the name was changed to the Yahr and Lange Drug Company. When he died on May 1, 1910, his son, Fred E. Yahr, became the president.<sup>12</sup>

The Yahr and Lange Drug Company was located on North Water Street, between East Erie and East Chicago Streets, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Their building can be seen near the bottom right in the 1909 post card shown to the left. One of their non-narcotic products is shown to the right.



*Image*

*Missing*

1919

Design size is 21 X 18.5 mm.

Perf. 11

<b>N2.01</b>	1¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.02</b>	2¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.03</b>	3¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.04</b>	4¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.05</b>	5¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.08</b>	8¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.10</b>	10¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—
<b>N2.25</b>	25¢ Carmine rose on watermarked white, with a black "Narcotic" overprint	*	—

Stamps printed by offset. The overprints were applied by letterpress. Scott **RJA33, RJA34, RJA35, RJA36, RJA37, RJA38, RJA39, and RJA40.**

<sup>12</sup> Source: [www.watertownhistory.org/articles/Yahr,%20Fred.htm](http://www.watertownhistory.org/articles/Yahr,%20Fred.htm).

Design size is 191 X 255.5 mm.

NOOF	Description	Quantity	Price	Total
1936	Design size is 191 X 255.5 mm.			
NOOF40a	1¢ Black on watermarked white, with "Original," and with a sans serif blue serial number	—		5
NOOF4da	1¢ Red on watermarked white, with "Duplicate," and with a sans serif blue serial number	—		5
	Complete booklet of ten Duplicate forms	*		50
NOOF40b	1¢ Black on tan safety paper with the safety design normal on the front and reversed on the back, with "Original," and with a serif blue serial number	10		5
NOOF4db	1¢ Red on tan safety paper with the safety design normal on the front and reversed on the back, with "Duplicate," and with a serif blue serial number	10		5
	Complete booklet of ten Duplicate forms	*		50
NOOF40c	1¢ Black on tan safety paper with the safety design upside down on the front and upside down and reversed on the back, with "Original," and with a serif blue serial number	—		—
NOOF4dc	1¢ Red on tan safety paper with the safety design upside down on the front and upside down and reversed on the back, with "Duplicate," and with a serif blue serial number	—		25
	Complete booklet of ten Duplicate forms	*		—
	With "Series 1936." Image reduced 50%. Issued in booklets of ten Original and ten Duplicate forms, with sequential serial numbers. The forms are attached to the booklet with three staples in the left margin. Smiley 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7a, and 7b.			

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT—INTERNAL REVENUE**  
**UNITED STATES OFFICIAL ORDER FORM—**  
**OPIUM, COCA LEAVES, OPIATES, ETC.**

Purchaser must be properly registered for fiscal year before using this form.  
Supplier must be properly registered for fiscal year before he may fill it.  
**THIS IS AN ORDER TO SUPPLY THE DRUGS SPECIFIED BELOW.**

NAME, ADDRESS, REGISTRY AND CLASS NUMBERS, AND DISTRICT TO BE  
INSERTED IN COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

KARN & CARPENTER,  
4TH & FREDERICA,  
OWENSBORO, KY.  
U.S. REG. NO. 3139 CLASSES 3-5

No. **A904305**      DATE **June 28, 1950**      ISSUED **MAY 16 1950**      BY *[Signature]*

TO *Mullin & Haynes Co*      COLLECTOR DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY

STREET **601 E. 1st**      CITY **Owensboro**      STATE **Ky**

ITEM	CATALOGUE NUMBER IF ANY	NUMBER OF PACKAGES	SIZE OF PACKAGE NO. OF LBS., OZ., GRAINS, PILLS, TAB., ETC., IN EACH PKG.	TO BE FILLED IN BY PURCHASER		To be filled in by consignor	
				NAME OF ARTICLE NAME OF NARCOTIC DRUG INVOLVED MUST BE STATED		NUMBER OF PACKAGES FURNISHED	DATE FILLED
1		1	100	T.T. Codains Sul 4/2 g.		1	6-28-50
2							
3							
4							
5							

THIS ORDER IS FOR EXACTLY **1** ITEMS.  
NUMBER OF ITEMS MUST BE SPECIFIED BY PURCHASER OR FORM RETURNED

**SERIES 1948**

*Karn & Carpenter*  
NAME OF PERSON OR FIRM IF NOT AN INDIVIDUAL  
*E. J. Carpenter*  
SIGNATURE OF PURCHASER, OR HIS ATTORNEY OR AGENT

<b>1948</b>	Design size is 197 X 122 mm.	Roul. at left and right
<b>NOOF5oa</b>	Nv, Black on tan safety paper, with "Bureau of Engraving and Printing," and with a serif red serial number	10      5
<b>NOOF5da</b>	Nv, Black on tan safety paper, with "Duplicate," with "Bureau of Engraving and Printing," and with a serif red serial number	10      5
<b>NOOF5ta</b>	Nv, Black on tan safety paper, with "Triplicate," with "Bureau of Engraving and Printing," and with a serif red serial number (on the back)	10      5
	Complete "set" of each form	25      *
	Complete booklet of ten Duplicate forms	*      50
<b>NOOF5ob</b>	Nv, Black on tan safety paper, with "Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Litho.," and with a serif red serial number	—      —
<b>NOOF5db</b>	Nv, Black on tan safety paper, with "Duplicate," with "Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Litho.," and with a serif red serial number	—      5
<b>NOOF5tb</b>	Nv, Black on tan safety paper, with "Triplicate," with "Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Litho.," and with a serif red serial number (on the back)	—      —
	Complete "set" of each form	—      *
	Complete booklet of ten Duplicate forms	*      50

With "Series 1948." Image reduced 15%. The safety design is normal on the front and reversed on the back of the above forms. Issued in booklets of ten Original, ten Triplicate, and ten Duplicate forms, with sequential serial numbers. The forms are attached to the booklet with two staples in the left margin. Smiley **8a, 8b, 8c, 9a, 9b, and 9c.**

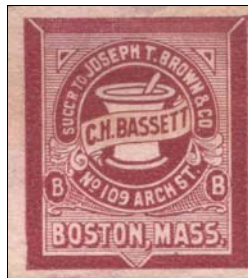
# Narcotic Druggist Labels

*The stamp images in this section have been enlarged to 150%.*

Sometimes, some pharmacists would attach small labels to their preparations, and sometimes these little labels would be soaked off of the bottles and saved by a few collectors, a great many years ago.

Shown below are some of these druggist labels. Note that these are generic labels; the labels don't necessarily indicate that their products contained any narcotics. But they probably did.

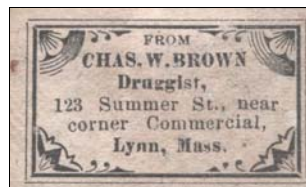
## C. H. Bassett



## C. M. Brown



## Chas. W. Brown



**J. T. Brown and Company**



**Goldaine**



## Narcotic Facsimile Labels



After May 1, 1971, narcotic stamps were no longer needed. However, apparently at least some narcotic manufacturers continued the practice of applying a strip label across the lids of their bottles.

These relatively plain labels, printed in a similar violet ink color as the actual stamps, were probably applied (at least for a time) to convey the fact that the manufacturer's product had not been tampered with, and was thus "officially sealed."

Other than the one example shown on the two bottles above, the author has thus far been unable to locate any other additional designs. These labels perhaps can be considered narcotic facsimile labels, in that they are in a similar color and have the same basic shape, but their designs are clearly otherwise not in any way similar to the government-mandated stamps. So, they are facsimiles in intention of usage (i. e. sealing the bottle), and not in the design itself.

Presumably few were saved while they were in use so the value for such a label, in good condition, might be about five dollars.

