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VENETIAN DRUG BOTTLE c 1700

A study

in pharmaceutical elegance



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This colourful maiolica drug bottle, about 8½ inches high, is designed in the traditional globular shape used by the Apothecaries for medicated waters. The inscription, *Aqua Lactucae*, signifies Wild Lettuce Water prepared from *Lactuca virosa*. *Extractum Lactucae* (B.P.C. 1934) made into pills, and the dried latex *Lactucarium*, Lettuce Opium, made into lozenges, were both prescribed for irritable coughs.

Preparations of the fresh flowering herb were popular on the continent for their sedative and hypnotic properties.

*The original bottle is in the collection of
GEORGE FRANCIS GARBUTT, Pharmacist to The Eastern Hospital, London.*

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Dosage requirements may vary and should be adjusted to the individual needs of the patient.

For sedation

ADULTS: One 25 mg. tablet 2 or 3 times a day.

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As a hypnotic

One 100 mg. tablet 20 minutes before retiring.

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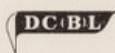
Tablets of 25 mg. in tubes of 24 and bottles of 100 and 500.

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Tablets of 100 mg. in tubes of 12 and bottles of 100.



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