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MASKEW, W

11/14

TOWER LODGE,  
CLACTON-ON-SEA.

C. J. S. Thompson Esq

Weymouth St.

Mar 29 14

Dear Sir

Are you still a buyer of antique  
relics concerning medicine & pharmacy as  
I have a good many objects that I must  
part with as I anticipate leaving Clacton  
having sold my business.

You called upon me one day some 3 years  
ago, but since I resided away from the  
shop I have accumulated many things  
that you did not see.

My collection consists of some 50  
mortars & 70 dry jars about half of  
which are blue & white & the others  
mostly Italian majolica. One ivory  
mortar, about 50 pairs antique Spectacles.

Autograph Letter of Leibniz, Faraday  
Henslow, Duke of Wellington ordering medicines  
for the army etc. also some Engravings &  
concentrations.

Would you like me to call & see you  
as I have a season ticket. Your exhibition  
was really splendid. I visited it twice  
I had hoped to have you in

for antiques exclusively now that  
I have left Pharmacy, ~~and~~ Blacton  
is so far isolated from the  
intelligent community it is difficult  
to get any one to take an interest  
in antiques here.

Abt. \$160 would buy my entire  
collection of Jew & ornaments. some dated

I have also a very fine oil painting  
by J. Cause 1825.

A Visit of Louis XI. to his

Astrologer.

The work is very fine a light from an  
open window illuminating the faces  
of the numerous subjects on the table  
Louis is disguised as a peasant & is  
accompanied by a page in armour

It is about 6 times as large &  
depicts a very different aspect of the  
scene to the one exhibited in your  
Museum, & is framed in a massive  
gilt frame.

I should like you to see it very much,

Yours faithfully

W. Maskew

Pharmaceutical Chemist  
etc

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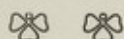
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Oct 26 12

C J S Thompson Esq  
Dear Sir

Some months ago  
you paid me a visit in  
order to view some medical  
antiques. Your visit was a  
short one as you expressed a desire  
to have a day with me, going through  
my collection. I am very interested  
in these things & as our winter  
season is approaching I shall visit  
London frequently during the next  
2 or 3 months. I can either call  
on & see you & shall be happy to  
entertain you here in case you can  
afford the time. I have now a  
large private house on the front  
overlooking the pier & near the Golf  
links viz Tower Lodge Clacton-on-Sea  
& a week end would suit me

in case your working days of the week  
are all occupied.

(This week I acquired a solid Ivory  
mortar from the "Montague" Greek  
collection.

In anticipation of your visit

I am Yours faithfully  
W Maskew

I recently acquired a Batch of  
autographable letters. of Byron Playfair  
Leibig  
Michael Faraday  
Prof Henslow  
(Bancroft)  
Sowerby  
Etc Etc



Jan. 25th, 1912.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your letter of the 24th just to hand, and for your kind invitation for Monday next.

I regret that owing to unforeseen circumstances I shall have to postpone my call upon you from Monday until Thursday, February 1st, when I shall hope to see you some time between 1 and 2 o'clock.

I trust this will be equally convenient for you.

Faithfully yours,

Mr. W. Maskew,  
Chemist,  
26, Electric Parade,  
Clacton-on-Sea.





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PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTS,

AND OPTICIANS.

26 & 27 ELECTRIC PARADE,

CLACTON-ON-SEA.

24/1/12.



C. J. S. Thompson Esq.,

Dear Sir,

I shall be happy to show you my Pharmacy Jars and other relics on Monday next as proposed. The hour 1 o'clock will be convenient, and I hope to have the pleasure of your company at lunch, at or about that time.

Your telegraphic address suggests 'Old Books', so no doubt the little enclosure will prove interesting reading during the monotonous journey down. The subject may be said to be treated in 'Tabloid' form.

Yours faithfully,

*W. Maskeu*



Jan. 23rd, 1912.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of November 13th, which I regret owing to pressure of work I have been unable to attend to before, would Monday next, the 29th inst., be convenient to you for me to call and see your collection of pharmacy jars and mortars, of which you kindly sent me a list some time ago? I expect to be in your district on that day, and could call upon you shortly after 1 o'clock.

I shall be glad if you will kindly let me know by an early post if you could allow me to inspect them.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. W. Maskew,  
Chemist,  
26, Electric Parade,  
Clacton-on-Sea.

Holborn Viaduct.

21st November 1911.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your letter of the 13th inst.  
enclosing me a list of the objects in your collection.

I regret owing to pressure of work I have been unable  
to go into the matter sooner, but as soon as I can arrange it  
in the course of a few weeks, I will make an appointment to  
come to Clacton-on-Sea to inspect them. Just at present  
I am very busy, but will keep the matter before me, and communi-  
cate with you again, and fix a date.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

W. Maskew Esq.,  
26 & 27 Electric Parade,  
Clacton on Sea.





26 & 27, ELECTRIC PARADE,

CLACTON ON SEA.

Nov 18 11

C. S. J. Thompson Esq

Dear Sir

I regret that owing  
to a slight indisposition I have  
not replied sooner Re old  
Mortars & Drugg Jars.

I now append a list but cannot  
very well price them separately  
as I desire to dispose of them  
en bloc. The collection was  
was formed with the object  
of writing a brochure similar  
to the one enclosed on  
old Books. Perhaps you  
are interested in medical  
Bibliography if so I have  
most of the books mentioned  
in the enclosed article for  
sale. I therefore think that  
if you could favour me  
with a

Visit, that I have sufficient  
material in the way of  
Pharmaceutical Antiques  
to make such a visit  
profitable to you.

Enclosed is also a  
short list of other articles  
connected with Pharmacy  
which I happen to have!

Yours faithfully  
To Maskew

I shall be in London on Thursday  
next.



34 mortars = £20  
43 vases = £28  
£38

£40 asks

~~£77~~

£26  
8  
£35  
£44

2 value for  
lot £38  
£38



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CLACTON-ON-SEA.



The following articles may interest you:-

An Autograph letter (signed) from the Duke of Wellington  
ordering medical supplies for the Army, a facsimile and  
page description in the "Chemist and Druggist". Price £2. 10. 0.

A collection of old Shell, Iron, and Silver Spectacles,

2 Back Scratchers etc., in small show case. Price £4. 0. 0.

2 Sets Antique Apothecaries Weights, one from the collection  
of the late ~~Sir~~ Frank. Lockwood.

16 Coloured Prints 1805, Chemical Apparatus.

A few old portraits of Doctors, by Keatings and others.

2 Engravings after Terniers "The Alchemist" *Sto*

Also 1 similar by Van Steen.

And other oddments.



29th. October, 1812.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your kind letter of the 26th. inst.

Owing to pressure of work at the present time I regret it is impossible for me to examine your collection as you are good enough to suggest, but, should I be able to do so at some future time, perhaps early in the year, I will communicate with you again.

I thank you also for your kind invitation, but just now I am so much engaged it is impossible for me to leave town.

Faithfully yours,

C. J. S. T.

Messrs. W. Maskew & Co.,  
26 & 27, Electric Parade,  
Clacton-on-Dea.



26 & 27, ELECTRIC PARADE,  
CLACTON ON SEA.

4/11/11.

C. J. S. Thompson Esq.,

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter.

I am preparing a list of Pharmacy Jars and  
Mortars, and hope to forward same in a day  
or two.

Yours faithfully,

(p.p)

W. Maskew.

D/T.



67 Holborn Via.

2nd November 1911.

Dear Sir,

I regret that owing to absence from town I have been unable to reply sooner to your letter of 27th ult. with respect to your collection of pharmacy vases, mortars, etc. I note the price you value them at.

Will you kindly let me have a detailed and descriptive list of the objects, at your early convenience, and, on receipt of this, if suitable, I will make an appointment to come to Clacton and see your collection at an early opportunity.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

W. Maskew Esq.,  
26 & 27 Electric Parade,  
Clacton-on-Sea.

4 Recent additions



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*Maskew Collection*  
*Mortars*

	Weight.	Decoration.	State.	Period. (Circa)
1 Italian mortar.		Adam and Eve.	rubbed & cracked	Renaissance
2 Dutch "		Scroll & Motto	Good.	1660
3 French "		4 Heads & border Fleur-de-Lys	Good	1600.
4 Italian " Black bronze		Ribbed. 3 heads 4 times repeated one probably Leonardo di Vinci	Good	Renaissance.
5 French "		Face of Bacchus	Good	"
6 French " Bright brass		Ribbed. Equestrian Figure, probably "Joan of Arc"	Good	1750.
7 English "		Head of King Charles <u>II</u> Crowned.	Good	Stuart.
8 North German, Scroll handles		Initialed dated 1624	<u>Fine</u>	1624.
9 Small Brass Mortar		Lions Head	Good.	
10 " " "		4 Cherubs Heads	Good.	
11 English "		Plain. 4 handles 2 square and 2 loop <del>handles</del> .	Good	1500 or earlier

	Weight.	Decoration.	State.	Period (Circa).
12 Cromwellian Mortar		Cromwellian Arms Harp & St. Georges Cross	Very Good.	
13 English "		Plain. Fluted Knobs	Good	1650
14 English "		2 Bands of Flowers	Good	1650
15 Italian "		Ribbed. Fleur-de- Lys Border. Circles & Squares		Renaissance
16 Swiss "		Floral and handles with Deer heads		1750
17 English "		Plain, quaint shape 2 loop handles		Very early 15th cent.
18 English "		Animals Head, hold- ing key in circle	Rubbed.	17th "
19 King, Charles " Small		King Charles mask with Crown		Stuart.
20 Dutch "		Motto	Rubbed	1660
21 English "		Fleur-de-Lys 4 times repeated	Fair.	Stuart.



226			Weight.	Decorations	State	Period (Circa)
22	French	Mortar		4 Heads, Satyr	Good	Renaissance
23	English	"		With crest.	Rubbed	1650
24	"	"		Rings and signs	"	
25	"	"		Square handles and engraved signs lines		1800
26	"	" Small.		Rose and Crown		1630
27	"	" Large		Rose and Crown.		
28	"	" Early		2 handled, attempts at decoration		1550.
29	French	"		Ribbed Border.	Imperfect	
30	English	"		2 Bands of Floral designs		
31	"	"		2 Fleur-de-Lys in relief		
32	"	"		With crest.	Rubbed	

		Weight	Decoration	State	Period (Circa)
33.	English Mortar		Charles II head uncrowned.		
34	" "		4 Religious Emblems	Very much worn.	



O L D P H A R M A C Y J A R S.				Remarks.
BLUE & WHITE.	Labelled	Height.		
1 Blue Delft	Tinct Tamar.	14 inches		Brass Top.
2 Blue & White Delft	Ung. Odorifer.	7 "		" "
3 Bristol/ Fine.	E. Caryocosh	6 "		Delicate Floral Decoration
4 Lambeth Delft.	V. Aregon. I. H. 1659.	8 "		Valuable.
5 Like No. 2.	Ol. Palmae.	12 "		Cherub Decoration, Crude.
6 Cannon Shape Italian Vase	"Citri"			
7 English Delft.	P. Put. Over.	9 "		White, Black & Blue decoration
8 Chevrette. or Syrup Jar.	Chicorei. c. Rhei.	10 "		
9 Lambeth Delft.	Ung. Apostol.			Slightly cracked and repaired.

*Marked*

<u>BLUE &amp; WHITE</u>		<u>OLD PHARMACY JARS.</u>		<u>Remarks.</u>
		<u>labelled.</u>	<u>Height.</u>	
10	Like No. 8.			
11	Lambeth Delft.	Sac. Apertif.		
12	Cannon Shape Italian.	S. Cymin.	12 inches.	
13	Ditto	Gu. Tragac.	12 "	Repaired.
14	Handled & Spouted syrup jar.	Syr. cdrt. Peruvian.	6 "	Plain, no decoration except name
15	Lambeth Delft.	"Cynosbat".	6 "	
16	Delft.	Egyptiac.	6 "	
17	German, Cannon Shape	-----	8 "	Double Eagle decoration.
18 & 19	French Moustiers Pottery	Vase on Stem, no label	10 "	A Pair.



BLUE & WHITE.		OLD PHARMACY	JARS.	Height.		Remarks.
		Labelled.				
20	Cannon Shape Italian or German	Not labelled Cardinals Hat.		11.	inches.	
21	Small Delft Jar.	Diagalm		4	"	
22	Lambeth Delft	Ping. Ursi.		6	"	
23	Delft Syrup Jar	Not labelled but Spouted		9	"	
24	" " "	S. Paralysis.		7	"	Handle Broken
25	Italian, Cannon Shape	Lac. Lupin.		10	"	
26	English Delft	V. Populin.		7	"	
27	Small Delft Jar.	Like No. 21.		4	"	
28	Cannon Shape Jar Italian	Decorated Border. Not labelled.		12	"	
29	Delft.	Like No. 2.		6	"	

<u>BLUE &amp; WHITE.</u>	<u>OLD PHARMACY JARS.</u>		<u>Remarks.</u>
	<u>Labelled.</u>	<u>Height.</u>	
30 Delft	Like No. 2		
31 French Faience.	On stem, not labelled	5 inches.	
32 Leeds Ware, syrup jar.	on foot, Syr. Rhei.	9 "	Pink Ribbed Ribbon Scroll
33 Nevers Ware, Polychrome.	Not labelled.	8 "	
34 Cannon Shape, Italian	Labelled No. 54, in Floral wreath	11 "	
35 Cannon Shape, Italian.	Labelled 41, in Floral wreath.	11 "	
36 Italian Majolica Polychrome.	Elec. Diatar, with figure.	8 "	
37 Italian Majolica.	With Figures of Saints	5 "	A Pair.
38 " "	" " "	" "	
39 Cannon Shape. Cadrooned Edge. Polychrome.	Diacatholica.	9 "	Fine, Valuable



O L D P H A R M A C Y J A R S.			
<u>BLUE &amp; WHITE.</u>	<u>Labelled.</u>	<u>Height.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
40 Italian Majolica Polychrome.	With Landscape.	9 inches.	
41 Cannon Shape.	Blue ground, crest in yellow	4 "	
42 Funnel Shape.	Quaint Yellow and Cream.	5 "	Metal cover.
43 Rouen Vase. Fine & Old.	Labelled Aq. Rosa. Bottle Shaped.	9 "	Has been repaired.
44			



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PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMISTS,  
AND OPTICIANS.

26 & 27 ELECTRIC PARADE,  
CLACTON-ON-SEA.



C. S. J. Thompson Esq  
Dear Sir

Oct 27. 11

About June last I corresponded with  
you concerning my collection of Mortars  
& Jars, which I desire to dispose of.  
The collection has taken several years to  
get together & numbers about 46 decorated  
Jars & 34 Mortars all embossed.

You asked me at that time to state  
a price but as our season approached  
so rapidly I had not an available  
opportunity. I do not require a  
fancy price especially if taken in  
one lot. I estimate that they will  
bring £125 & £150 if sold in a  
London sale Room, as I have  
refused offers of £7 & £8 for some  
of the specimens. One of my jars  
of very old Italian Faience might  
thus realise £20 alone. But of course  
there are Delft, Lambeth & Bristol  
ware pottery amongst them & these  
are not so valuable.



Yesterday I returned from a 3 weeks  
tour in South Brittany & Western France  
but there found the country had  
been ransacked & the trip added  
three specimens to my collection.

You might deem it advisable to  
come & see what I have or  
depute some one else who under-  
stands such articles. I may  
possibly have a few other lines  
of interest such as old Shell  
Spectacles, Roman Pots. Prints  
of Doctors & Chemical Apparatus

Hoping to hear further from

Y<sup>r</sup>s Yours very faithfully

D Maskew

67 Holborn Via.

30th June 1911.

Dear Sir,

I regret owing to pressure of work the delay in replying to yours of the 16th inst., in which you kindly enclose some photographs of objects connected with ancient pharmacy.

If you would be good enough to make me out a full and detailed list of the various objects in your collection, together with the price required for the same, either separately or en bloc, I will give the matter my early and careful consideration. I am returning the photographs herewith.

Thanking you for your kind letter, and the offer of the objects,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

W. Maskew Esq.,

26 & 27, Electric Parade,

Glaston on Sea.

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30th June 1911



30th June 1911.

Miss Ellis.  
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Maskew





26 & 27, ELECTRIC PARADE,  
CLACTON ON SEA.

June 16 11

C. S. J. Thompson Esq

Dear Sir

Your name was given to me by Mr Bourne after a sale at Gravesend where I had gone in search of Pharm. antiquities. I am afraid we both of us required the same lots.

Having collected for 5 or 6 years & travelled in various parts of Europe my collection consists of about 80 drug jars & mortars (some of which are dated, & unique & valuable)

In addition some other items for instance the Wellington letter - see Page 92 'Chemist & Druggist'

May 20 1911 - is in my possession & is perhaps the only existing one relating to Army medical Equipment. This letter has been authenticated & the

to view what I have got  
in case you desired  
any thing suitable I  
should not ask a fancy  
price, although I have  
spent hundreds of pounds  
in travel & getting the  
same together. The time  
thus spent has been a  
very great pleasure but  
of course has taken away  
my interest from the  
retail considerably.

Anticipating your reply

I am Yours faithfully

B Maskew



article refers to the advance  
of Pharmacy by the introduction  
of Compressed Drugs.

My collection also includes a  
few Caricatures, medical Portraits  
18<sup>th</sup> Cent & a large & important  
lot of Medical Books, the  
subject of 2 articles 5 pages  
in the Chemist & Druggist  
also a few old Dutch Engravings  
on Alchemy, & some coloured  
designs (110 years old) of Pharm.  
& Chemical Apparatus.

as I have only a slender  
purse I have perhaps spent  
far too much in these treasures  
I am therefore prepared to dispose  
of the collection en bloc or  
otherwise, or I would enter  
it in the loan section of  
your forthcoming exhibition  
should it then be in my  
possession. In any case  
I would gladly allow you