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Wigmore St

25 August 1914.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your letter of August 24th. With respect to the Lambeth delft pill slab, if it is damaged as you say, it would not be worth more than about £2. 10s. Their value greatly depends on the decoration and the style, and I have bought specimens in London, perfect, from Four to Five Pounds. I should also estimate the value of your jug, but this is without seeing it, at about 30/-. If course it is impossible to judge without a proper inspection, but only send them if you care to. I have a spirit test box and also a coin scale, similar to those you describe, so should not require these.

With respect to the book "Pharmacopoeia Collegii Regalis Londini", 1682, I find I already possess a copy of this edition of this work. I should be glad to examine your list of old medical books on yellow fever, plague, etc., if you will kindly send me the same.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C. T.

Mr. H. Kirk,  
Newtownards.

Kirk

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Newtownards

August 24<sup>th</sup> 1884

C. J. S. Thompson Esq

Dear Sir

Many thanks  
for your favour to hand.

enclosed you will find receipt.

I think it best to send  
you fuller descriptions, with  
prices, of the things I mentioned  
before forwarding them and  
would like to know if you  
are willing to pay all postage  
and insurance expenses

Lambeth Delft pill slab  
about 12 inch square, shield  
shape, painted in imitation  
of "pouche bleu", armorial  
decoration in Jacobean style,  
on the shield a cup-d with



bow & arrow standing astride  
a dragon. unicorn supporters.  
Crest looks like a bear or boar,  
motto "opifer que per orbem dico."  
it is broken in three pieces and  
some superficial damages. it  
is partly restored but requires  
little more touching up,  
otherwise very fine example &  
the powder blue style of painting  
exceedingly scarce. recently  
a damaged octagonal one  
with ordinary painting and  
much less finely decorated  
was offered at £9-9/-, price  
of mine is £5.

Jugs or Liverpool Cream-  
ware jug, 8 or 9 in high,  
decorated with two oval prints  
in black, subjects 'dentistry'  
figures in Georgian costumes.



the instrument used in each case is a piece of cord, in one the operator is, with a pair of tongs, holding a hot coal to the patient's nose causing him to jump back in the other the operator has his foot planted on patient's chin. the drawing is Gibrayesque, a coiled serpent surrounds each oval. - the jug is a little restored. price £2.10/-

Spirit test. Corcular box about 2 in diameter, contains a quantity of numbered glass bulbs, inside lid is printed instructions.  
Decorations how to use and makes names, price 12/6



Coin test. brass, folding  
into a small mahogany case  
int. which is inlaid a bone or  
ivory Birch rule, inside are  
printed instructions how to  
test guineas and 5 guineas  
and makes name.

— price 18/6

I am offered a book

"Pharmacopoeia Collegii Regalis  
Londini". Londini 1682 owner  
thinks it to be very scarce and  
valuable. the size is about  
4½ inch + 2½ inch, calf. shabby.  
if you are interested, what  
I might I offer. I will shortly  
send a list of old medical  
books yellow fever, plague,  
midwifery, mistletoe test.

Yours truly

Hugh Kirk



August 18th. 1914.

Dear Sir,

*Letter passed to Mr. King.*

I am sorry I overlooked sending you the Postal Order for the Jenner pamphlet, I thought I had paid it long ago until I got your account on the 15th inst. I enclose a cheque for the same and will you kindly fill in the enclosed receipt form and return it to me.

I shall be pleased if you will send me the broken pill slab and the old spirit test case and pocket balance, stating the price you require for the same. Please send them my parcel post insured. and I will give the matter my early consideration.

Faithfully yours,

Hugh Kirk Esq.,

Newtownards.



Newtownards

August 14. 1914

C. J. S. Thompson Esq.

Dear Sir

Please send me a  
postal order for amount of enclosed aff.

I have some things that  
may interest you, including a  
Lambeth delft pill slab, painted  
in imitation of Chinese powder  
blue. Apothecaries Arms motto,  
it is broken in three pieces but  
easily restoreable, a very rare  
piece. also an old spirit test.  
(little glass bulbs in case) and a  
pocket balance for weighing guineas  
and  $\frac{1}{2}$  guineas

Yours truly,

Hugh Kirk