# 'Raja, Farmacia'

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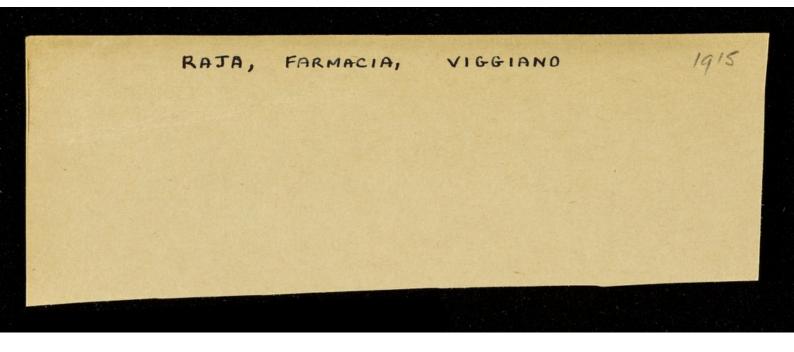
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Trans. of letter from Raja, Viggiano. August 4, 1915.

I am now able to answer your letter of Euly 21 last. According to your wish I am sending you a complete list of the vases for d disposal

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One pitcher of which I sent you the photograph, the upper part is rounded off and has two handles.

A flask, representing a woman

A hexagonal Inkstand (?) of earthenware with engraving on it, colour blue.

3 other small vases , but of different shape to the preceding ones.

A mortar of stone similar to marble, used by the people of that period for the preparation of Mercurial Pomatum, with a chased lid.

4 brass chandeleers for oil.

50 glass bottles of assorted shapes.

73 drinking glasses with handles.

1 " glass with pattern on it.

10 smellingg salts bottles of divers colours and shapes.

4 tincture bottles of crystal

2 sets of weights of conical shape, the weights fit into each-other.

They could as you will see easily be arranged on three shelves to form a little seventeenth century Pharmacy.

I could also send you the laureate of the pharmacist to whom the vases belonged, given by the University of Naples on the 3rd of August 1775. besides a special certificate given by Guiseppe Napoleone King of Naples and Sicily in 1808.

I am also the possessor of an ancient Pharmacopoeia, besides a Veterinary Manual, of which I cannot specify the exact date, there is no publishers a name.

As you will see, the yalue of the vases in intrinsic value is nothing, but their value lies in their antiquity and that they would equip a little Pharmacy.

The price which you mentioned 6 to 7 lire each is impossible as I have

been offered by a Professor Pareggiato of the University of Naples a price so much higher that you sould hardly imagine it. For this I have recourse to the Firm of Wellcome and Co where you are, knowing that they will not be stingy as to price.

In any case if you think you will negociate I will give you a fair price and let us both combine to come to an understanding, I should be sorry not to oblige you.

Awaiting your reply etc.

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54A Wigmore St.

Translation of letter to Raja. Viggiano.

21 July 1915.

#### Dear Sir,

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th thank you inst. and/for sending the photos of the pharmacy vases. If you will let me have a complete list of how many you have, the sizes of the same, and also the glass bottles and crystal pots which you mention in your first letter, and will state the price required for each, I shall be pleased to consider the matter.

I know the pottery quite well. It is very common in some parts of Italy and we have a number of specimens of it already. As it is not an ancient pottery, the value is very small, and taking in the cost of the carriage, I question if it would be worth your while to sell them in England, as many such can be bought in London for six or seven lire each. However, on hearing from you, I will give the matter attention

C.J.S.T.

Raja. Viggiano 10/7/15. I have received your favour of June 15" In accordance with your wish I am sending you photos of the reses which were used here by phormains of the XVIII Cent. They are of three sizes & I could supply you with several of them. I wish to warn you that the vares are not in porselain but of carther ware, with a white glaze I with incisions as by photo. again I repeat that the varues are of the TVIII' East. & if you are disposed of contemplating their tourchase, Kuidly make an opper & if convenient I shall be pleased to sell them. I should feel very much shiped to you, if we come to no agreement, for returning the enclosed photographs. Jon N3. The broken vare is for water and it is unique , in

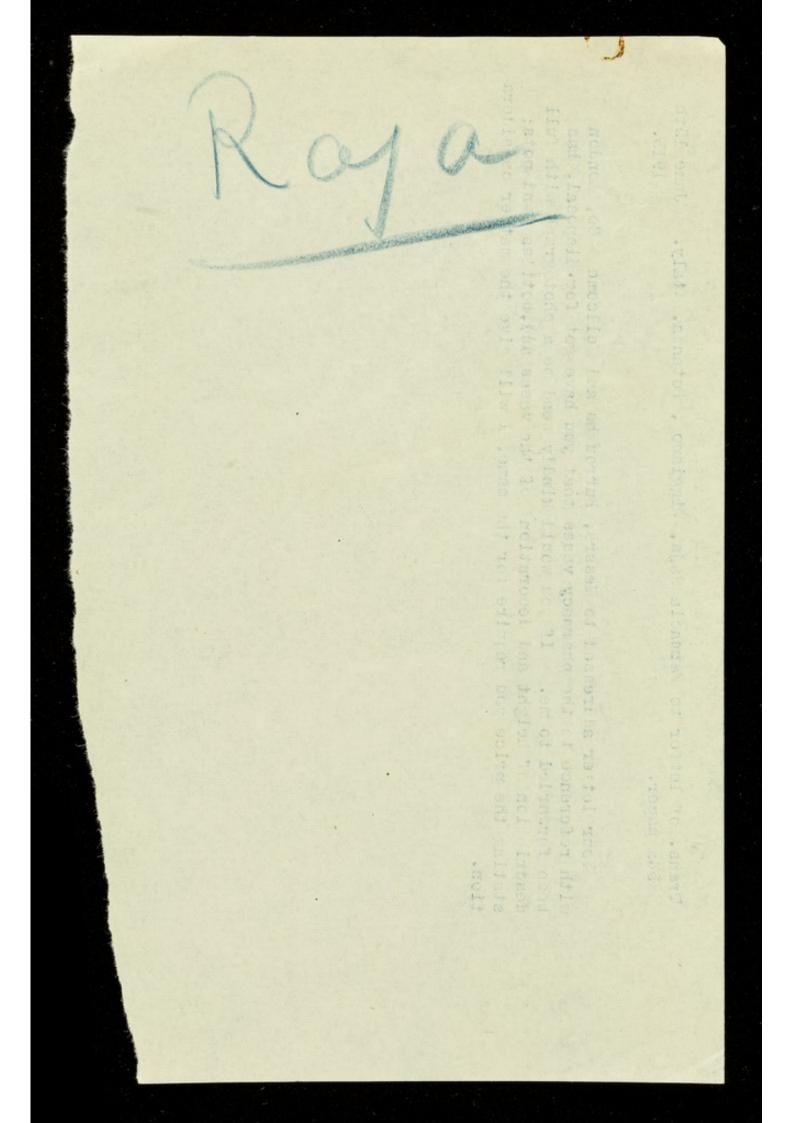




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Trans. of letter to Farmacia Raja, Viggiano, Potenza, Italy. June 15th 54a paper. 1915.

Your letter addressed to Messrs, Burroughs and Wellcome & Co, London with reference to the pharmacy vases that you have got for disposal, has been forwarded to me. If you would kindly send me a photograph with full description of height and decoration of the vases and, bottles and pots; stating the price you require for the same, I will give the matter consideration.



Translation of letter from Farmacia Raja, Viggiano, Potenza, Italy, dated 28th May - recd. 11th June 1915.

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Having nearly completed a pharmacy of the 1700 style with the relative vases (bots) in white terracotta, with figures, such as were used at that time, I take the liberty of asking whether your esteemed firm would care to purchase these pots, and, if so, whether we could come to an arrangement.

If so, whether we could come to an arrangement. Knowing that you have an exhibition of old books on pharmacy and medicine, I thought I would ask you first whether you care to acquire these vases. There are among them also a number of glass and crystal pots used at that time. Thanking you in anticipation of a reply,

Yours etc.

Farmacia Raja

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