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Pharmaceutical Chemist

London, S.W.

31 OCT 1913

Dear Sir

re the objects which I have
loaned to the H.M.M., I should be
glad to receive them back,
carefully packed, at your convenience.
The only objects I should be prepared
to sell would be the two Cropper
prescriptions (One guinea each) and
the two Pewter Infusion pots (18/6 the
larger one and 14/6 the smaller.).

Yours faithfully

G. Gordon Watt.

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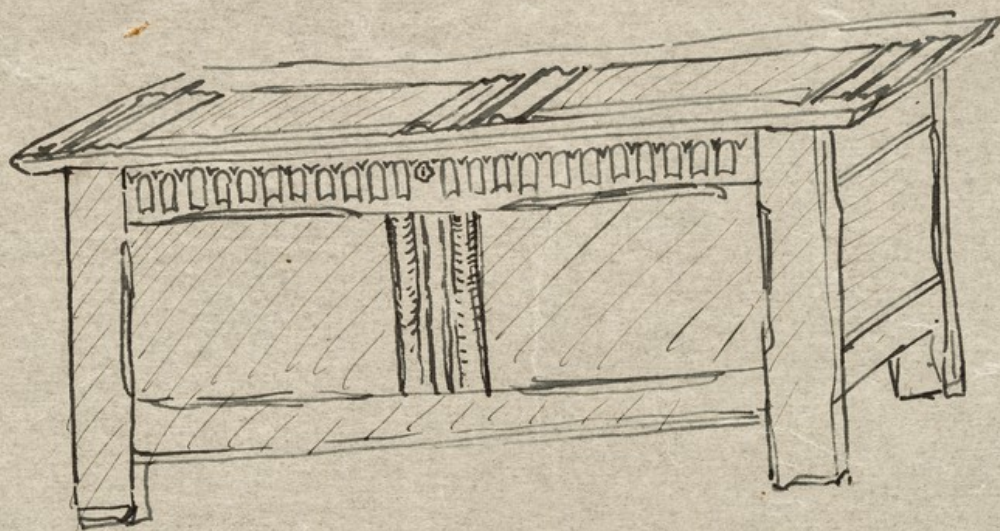
re Historical Medical Museum

Some little time ago I saw an illustration of a reconstructed antient pharmacy and I noticed that an oak chest figured in its fittings. Now it has just occurred to me that a similar article in my possession might be of use to you in your XVII century pharmacy. If you would care to utilise it I should be pleased to loan it to you. It is a genuine old oak panelled chest of the XVII century, with a carved frieze, the whole designed on simple lines. You will gather what its general appearance is like from the attached rough sketch. I acquired it in its original state and had it skilfully repaired only, not "restored". It is of a conveniently small size, being a little under 4 feet long.

There is another which I should also be pleased to loan you if of any use. I notice in the instructions for making the various preparations given in Culpeper (1652) that he frequently directs pewter vessels to be used. For instance, he says conserves are to be made in a Peuter vessel, infusions in a Peuter Pot, he speaks of a Peuter Bason and a Peuter Still, and directs that cataplasm of Rye is to be heated in a Peuter Dish set over a Chafing dish of coals. This last reminds me that I have many pewter dishes of the XVII century, and you are welcome to one on loan if you would care to have one for your pharmacy. The most suitable one would, I think, be a very fine round dish 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter, with a wide flat rim, dating from 1667. I also have a smaller one of similar kind, about 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches across, but the larger one looks the older.

18th September, 1912.

W.T.



Mr. Watt.

I desire to thank you for your kind offer of the old oak chest and the pewter vessels and dishes that you mention. A little later on when we may probably be reconstructing some ancient pharmacies I shall be very pleased to avail myself of your kind offer.

20th September 1912.

Wigmore Street.
