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The late XVIth century drug jar in our illustration once contained Philonium Romanum. This ancient electuary of opium was originally prescribed in the 1st century A.D. against an epidemic of colic by Dr. Philon of Tarsus, whose formula also included such things as saffron, spikenard and large quantities of white pepper, the whole being mixed together with honey. As late as 1867 Philonium Romanum still appeared in the British Pharmacopœia as a 'confection of opium'.

This fine jar is now in the possession of
MR. J. C. BLOOMFIELD, M.P.S., J.P., OF PORTSMOUTH.

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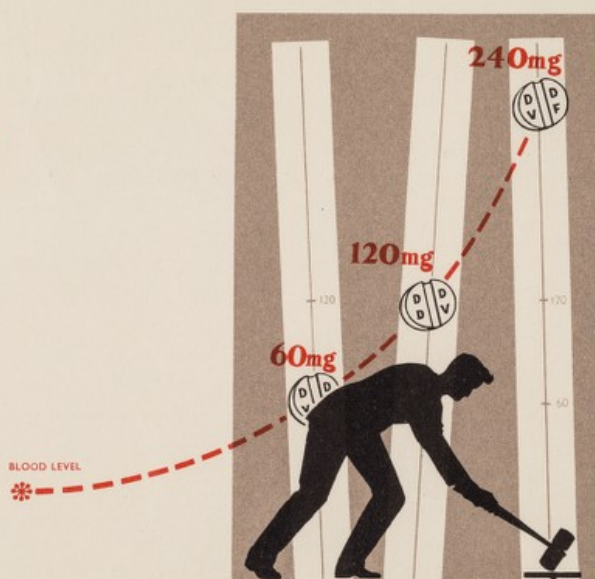
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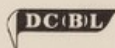
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