

## Sir Stuart Threipland's medicine chest: list 2

This is a list of the contents of the medicine chest prepared from an examination of the chest, showing which section each of the items are stored in and the number on the label. This is followed by the name as it appears on the label and an interpretation of the label. The original list of contents showed the position of each item by a number for the section and an item number, as explained in list number 1. The same system has been used here.

The chest opens into two sections. Facing the chest, D1 is on the left and has a drawer D7. The right hand section is D2. Behind the left hand section are sections D3 and D5 while D4 and D6 fit in behind the right half of the box. The products are listed as they occur in the box. Most appear to be in their original positions although some have been moved according to the disruption of the sequence of numbers. This list can be cross referenced to list number 1 which is in alphabetical order and where further details can be found.



**FIGURE 1** Sir Stuart Threipland's medicine chest (RCPE).

<b>Section D1</b>		
Top row of six metal (pewter) containers		
1	R Rhei opt	Rad rhei opt
2	B toltan	Balsam of tolu
3	G ammon	Gum ammonae
4	G ass faet	Gum assafoetida
5	Bal luc.	Balsam locatelli
	U saturn	Unguentum saturn
Four round containers		
7	No label	Pill opii
8	M/an: cal	Manna calabar
9	S glaub	Glauber salts, sodium sulphate
	No label	Pill opii
Three glass bottles, corked and covered in leather. On the back of each bottle a label has been fixed dividing the contents into half ounce doses		
10	Ti ipecacua	Tincture ipecachuana
11	EP Tr sacr	Tincture sacra
12	Acet scil	Acetum scillae
<b>D7 A wooden drawer</b>		
The drawer is fitted with inkwells for red and blue ink. There are two open divisions and a division at the front with four metal containers which lifts out, to reveal a layer of twelve small metal containers.		
Four metal containers 1 3/10" x 1 3/10" x 8/10".		
13	Sang dracon	Gum sang draconis, dragons blood
	Ter japonic	Terra japonica. Both of these are in paper packets

14	Myrrh, mastick	Gum myrrh and gum mastick in two packets
15	No label	Mercury ointment
16	OI mac exprenum	OI macis, oil of nutmeg
Twelve small metal boxes. 8/10" x 9/10" x 1 1/10"		
1	Gum aloes	Aloe vera
2	Pil cocciae	Pill of aloes and colocynth
3	Pil gummos	Pill gummosa
4	Pil ma-hei	Pill mathaei
5	Pil S	Pill scy-itic
6	Pil E styrac	Pill of gum benzoin
7	Ung basil niger	Ung basil niger, black basilicon ointment
8	Ung basil:AA	Ung basil flav, yellow basilicon ointment
9	Linim archaei	Ung elemi
10	No label	Zinc oxide ointment
11	Borax in pulv	Sodium borate
12	Vitriol alb	Zinc sulphate
<b>Section D2</b>		
This is the right hand section of the chest.		
Top row		
1	Pill purg & dcn	
4	Fol senna	Senna leaves
6	Illegible	Listed as pill jalap
10	E lenet	Electuary linitiv
7	Amygd D	Amygdala dulcis
2	No label	Pill diuretic
Second row		
3	E diascor	Electarium diascordium
5	Labelled as 6 above,	Listed as pill aloctic
16	Crem tart	Cremor tartari
(12)	Tereb VF	Terebinth venitia
17	S ammon C	Sal ammoni crud
8	Cons ros	Conserve of roses
14	Ex tell	Extract telle iod
9	Ex capech	Extract of logwood
Bottom Row		
15	Sperm ceti	Spermaceti
11	Ther EDS	Theriaca edinensis
18	S nitr	Sale nitre. potassium nitrate
13	F tamar	Fructus tamarind
19	C GG Ppt	Cornus cervi
20	P odonta	Pill odontalgi
<b>Section D3</b>		
Behind right hand section		
A row of five tins		
11	Croc angl	English crocus
2	Emet tart	Tartar emetic
3	No label	Extract pepai alb in pil
4	No label	Ung epispast

5	No label	Cerat c lap calamina, ointment with a light vaseline colour
Ten bottles in two rows		
6	Pul c peruvia	Pulv cort peruvian
7	Mis antifeb	Mistura antifebrifuge
8	Pulv r jalap	Pulv subtilis rad jalap
9	Spt terebinth	Spirit terebinth
10	In croc metal	Infusion croci metalorum
11	Bal anodyn	Balsam anodynum
12	Bal capivi	Balsam capivi
13	Mis p odontal	Mist pro odontalgia
14	Tin croc anglic	Tincture of English crocus
15	Tin opii	Tincture of opium, laudanum
16	Tin opii eds	Tincture of opium edinensis
<b>Section D4</b>		
Behind right hand side section D3. Four metal containers and four bottles		
Top row		
1	Gu arabic	Gum arabic
2	Gu guaiac	Gum guaiacum
3	Me Sub: Cor	Mercurous chloride
4	Ar vivum	Argentum vivum
5	Me prae p se	Mercury precipitate
6	Bu antimo	Butyl antimony
7	Ins canthar	Cantharides insects
8	Se lini	Lini semen
Rows of 14 bottles		
9	Ti ass: faeti	Tincture asafoetida
10	Ti canth	Tinctura cantharides
11	Ti myrrh	Tinctura myrrh
12	Ti castor R	Tinctura castoreum
13	El pptis	Elixir proprietatis
14	Stc alij jnsp	Succus alli insipisat
15	No label	Spt Vitroli ibid cannula argent
16	Ba fratr	Balsamum fratrum
17	Bal sul: ter	Balsamum sulphuris terebinthatum
18	Mi ant P gin	Mistura antiscorbutic pro gingivitis
19	Sal tartar	Sal tartari
20	Gu camphor	Gum camphor
21	Aq ad veruc	Aqua ad veruc
22	No label	Elixir of vitriol, dilute sulphuric acid
<b>Section D5</b>		
On the rear of the left hand section, retained by a spring		
Ten bottles of oils and seven bottles of Spirits		
1	Ol carve	Ol carvi
2	Ol cinn	Ol cinnamon
3	Ol garyo	Ol caryophyllum
4	Ol laven	Ol lavender
5	Ol nuc mo	Ol nucis moscate
6	Ol Ment	Ol menthae viridis, spearmint oil

7	Ol M pip	Ol menthae piperitae, peppermint oil
8	Ol rhod	Ol rhodiola rosea
9	Ol sabe	Ol sabinae
10	Ess arom	Essentia aromatica
11	Spt sal arm	Spirit of ammonium chloride
12	Spt ang vol	
13	Spt sal aro	Spiritus salinus aromaticus
14	Spt lavand C	Spiritus lavandulae co
15	Spt rosmarini	Spirit of rosemary
16	Spt nitr D	Spiritus nitri dulcis
17	Spt C: C	Spiritus cornu cervi
<b>Section D6</b>		
Behind the left hand section D5, there are 18 bottles all with leather covers tied on.		
1	Ol absin	Oleum absynthii
2	Ol anis	Oleum anisi
3	Ol C: C	Oleum cornu cervi
4	Ol juniper	Oleum juniperi
5	Ol sassa	Oleum sassafras
6	Ol succi	Oleum succini
7	Ol vitrio	Oleum vitrioli
8	Bal gilliad	Balsam giliadense
9	Bal peruv	Balsam peruvian
10	Sal absinth	Sal absynthi
11	Sal succini	Sal succini
12	Vit anti: cer	Vitrium anti cerat
13	Pulv ipecac	Pulv ipecachuana
14	Pulv castor R	Pulv castor rusic
15	Pulv cinnab nat	Pulv cinnabar
16	Pulv serp virg	Pulv serpentar
17	Pulv valer sylv	Pulv valerian sylvestris
18	Lap septic	Lap septicus, lap infernal