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Source: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Object: .1ab infant feeder; .2ab straight bulb and shaft axillary thermometer with case; .3a top of Benzoinol inhaler; .3b bottom of Benzoinol inhaler; .4 invalid feeder; .5abc pill box (top and bottom) with pills

Date: c. 1890

Artist or Maker:

Material: .1ab glass; .2a metal, glass; .2b wood; .3ab metal; .4 white ceramic; .5 metal, glass

Dimensions: .1ab 3" x 5 3/4" x 3 3/4" (total - these two pieces fit together to make the feeder)  
.2a 7 1/4" x 1/2"; .2b 8 1/4" x 3/4"  
.3 9 1/2" x 3 1/2" (total - these two pieces fit together to make the inhaler)  
.4 3" x 7 3/4" x 2 3/4"  
.5abc 1 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 1 3/4" (total - the top and bottom fit together)

Condition: .1ab very slightly soiled; .2a very slightly soiled; .2b very slightly worn; .3ab very slightly corroded and rusted; .4 very slightly soiled and pock-marked; .5abc slightly worn and corroded; pills are discolored

Additional Comments: The donor was the creator of the exhibition *Send Us A Lady Physician*, about the history of women in medicine. This exhibition traveled to twelve venues across the United States before it was purchased by the Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1988. MCP never mounted it and it was disassembled and destroyed (except for the text panels) in April 1998. All loaned items were returned to their owners. Ms. Abram had lent these objects to the show, and decided to donate them when the exhibition was destroyed. These were part of her personal collection. .1 reads "Infants Companion Feeder/Trade Mark". The bottom gives measurements in tablespoons and ounces. .2ab The thermometer reads, "Maximum 1/10 Celsius/F. Villgratter/Lausanne". .3 reads, "Benzoinol Inhaler/Made By/The Benzoinol MFG. Co./New York". .4 has a floral design on the top. .5 reads "Materia Medica Specimen/Parke Davis & Co./Detroit, Mich.". A building is pictured on the front and the back gives other company addresses around the world. The top has a circular glass "window" so that the pills can be seen.