

PAPER TRAIL

a feature showcasing the contributions
of "Bottles and Extras" readers

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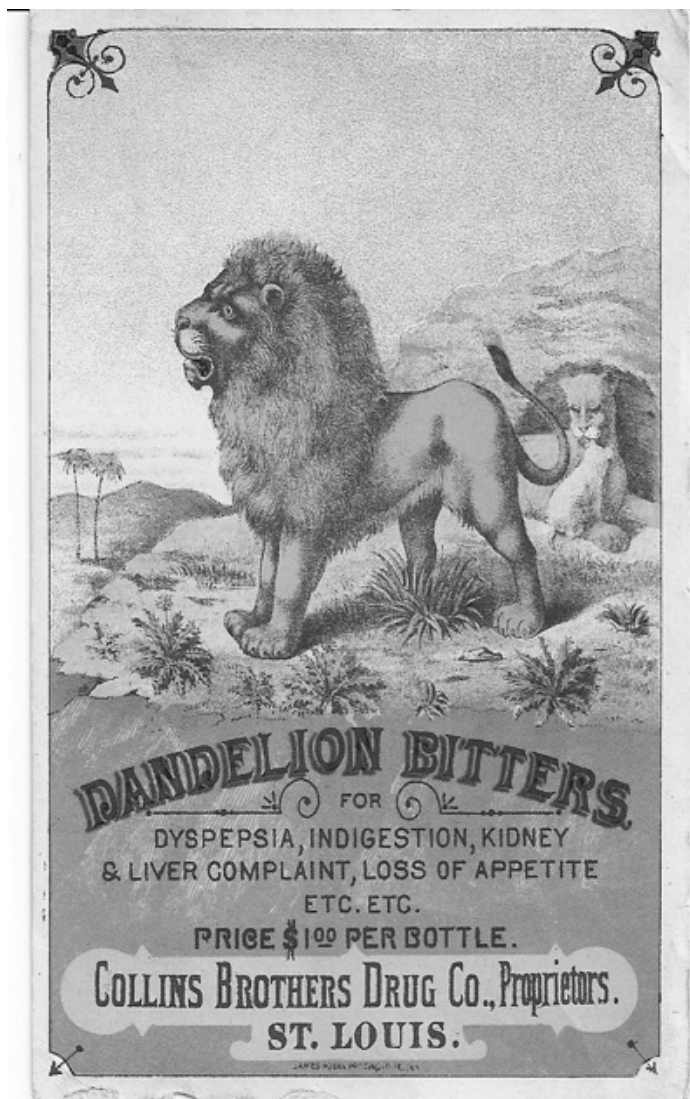
Dandelion Bitters Trade Card - Where's the bottle?

According to Carlyn Ring and Bill Ham's "Bitters Bottles," there were ten different versions of dandelion bitters marketed at one time or another during the patent medicine era, and this number does not include those dandelion bitters which may have had another name attached to the front end of the product name such as Begg's Dandelion Bitters. Of the ten versions of dandelion bitters listed by Ring and Ham, seven carry descriptions of known bottles. Shown here is a trade card for a Dandelion Bitters produced by the Collins Brothers Drug Company of St. Louis, Missouri. When "Bitters Bottles" was printed, no bottle had been reported for this product. In their "Bitters Bottles Supplement," Ring and Ham picture the trade card shown here,

but still no known bottle is listed. Should anyone know of the existence of the bottle to complement this great old trade card (it measures 3 1/2 by 6) we would love to hear of such a bottle and will gladly a photo of it in a future issue of "Bottles and Extras."

Kickapoo Indian Medicine Company Trade Cards

Last issue, we looked at a few of the die-cut trade cards issued by the Kickapoo Indian Medicine Company. Presented here are examples of the firm's more traditional trade cards. Each card features a colorful scene depicting some aspect of Native American life; many involve hunting. The reverse of each card carries either an ad for one particular Kickapoo remedy, or, as seen here, an ad promoting several of the company's products. All of the cards shown measure roughly four inches by two-and-three-quarters inches.



**KICKAPOO
INDIAN SAGWA,**
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PURIFIES THE BLOOD, AND CURES
ALL DISEASES OF THE STOMACH,
LIVER AND KIDNEYS.

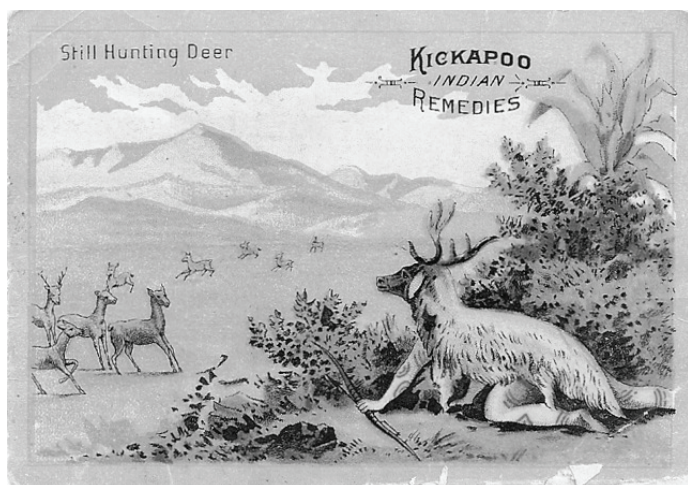
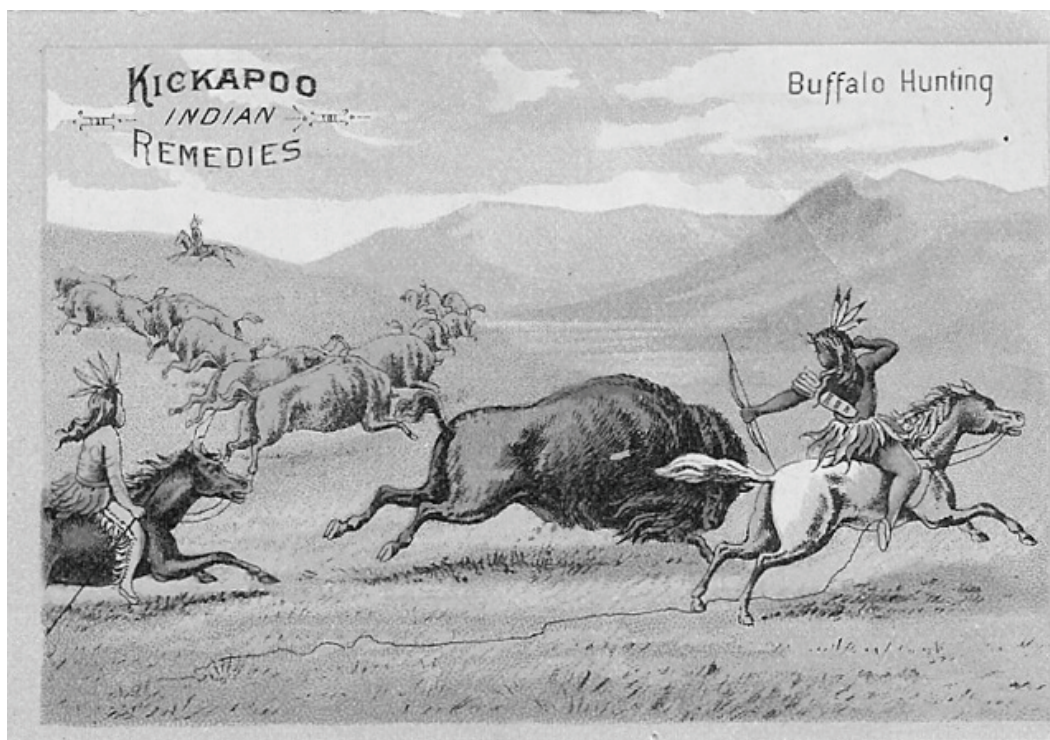
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QUICK CURE FOR ALL PAINS.

KICKAPOO INDIAN SALVE,
• FOR CUTS, •
BRUISES, BURNS &c.

**KICKAPOO
INDIAN WORM-KILLER**
FOR CHILDREN.

**KICKAPOO
INDIAN COUGH CURE,**
FOR COUGHS, COLDS, HOARSENESS,
AND ALL DISEASES
OF THE THROAT AND LUNGS.

**FOR SALE AT ALL
DRUGGISTS.**



"**Paper Trail**" is a regular feature which showcases the wide world of bottle-related ephemera, from trade cards and post cards to letterheads and blotters. Readers are encouraged to submit items for publication. Simply scan or photograph your item (JPG please), add a short paragraph or two about the item, and include a photo of the bottle to which it relates.

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