

*Cutie*

## DR. LOVEGOOD'S FAMILY MEDICINE 1863 X X

By Ferdinand Meyer V



Dr. Lovegood's Family  
Medicine, 1863, X X,  
6 ½" x 2" x 1.3"  
Rectangular aquamarine cabin.  
Medicine misspelled as Medicene.  
Attributed to John P. Barnes & Co.  
Van Zant Collection.

First, I'd like to thank Martin Van Zant, our magazine editor and fellow FOHBC board member, for inspiration and assistance with support material for this article. This is a regional Indiana concern which is Martin's turf.

The idea for this article occurred when Martin sent me a picture of this funky little aqua bottle with evidence that Dr. Lovegood's Family Bitters was an Indiana bottle. Though we suspected Indiana, many bitters collectors really never knew for sure where the bitters was from so this was big news to myself. Both of the parent Dr. Lovegood's Family Bitters big amber cabin-form figural bitters are pictured on the next page.

PS: Sometimes I label folders and files with affectionate names but place them in the correctly titled folder. I called the initial folder for this little bottle "**Cutie.**"



You gotta luv these  
vintage NAPCO  
Miss Cutie Pie  
spice containers,  
1950s

There are a lot of people in music with the last name "Love." Mike Love comes to mind first who co-founded the Beach Boys with his cousins Brian, Dennis, and Carl. Then there's Courtney Love who is an American singer, songwriter and actress known initially as a figure in the alternative and grunge scenes of the 1990s. She first came across my radar when she was married to Nirvana front-man Kurt Cobain.

When you add another name to "Love" you come up with names like "Lovejoy," and "Loveless." I won't go there with Linda.

There was also "*Dr. Strangelove*" from the 1964 black comedy film actually called "*How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb*" that was directed, produced, and co-written by Stanley Kubrick that starred Peter Sellers, George C. Scott, Sterling Hayden, and Slim Pickens. That was one crazy, scary movie to watch during the cold war. Who can forget that final scene of Slim Pickens riding a thermonuclear bomb out of a B-52 bomb

bay? He succeeds in freeing the bomb stuck in the bay, but just as he celebrates his accomplishment, with a bit of hootin' and hollerin,' the bomb on which he was seated is dropped. He rides the device all the way to the Soviet target, wildly whipping his Stetson hat around as he plummets to a thermonuclear death and a blaze of glory.



George C. Scott seated closest with a bunch of generals and politicians from the 1964 classic "Dr. Strangelove."

In bottle collecting, there is "E. Dexter Loveridge" who put out his E. Dexter Loveridge Bitters listed as L 126 in *Bitters Bottles*. A great bottle that I've written and covered before in the July-August 2015 issue of *Bottles and Extras*. The article was featured on the cover.

E. Dexter Loveridge Bitters in the July-August 2015 issue of *Bottles and Extras*



There is also "Dr. Lovegood," not to be confused with "Dr. Feelgood." Feelgood was a band and also the last name of a doctor who provided drugs to the Hollywood crowd.

*Yeah yeah  
Rat-tailed Jimmy he's a second hand hood  
Deals out in Hollywood  
Got a '65 Chevy, primed flames  
Traded for some powdered goods  
Jigsaw Jimmy he's runnin' a gang  
But I hear he's doin' o.k.  
Got a cozy little job through the Mexican mob  
Packages the candycaine*

*He's the one they call Dr. Feelgood  
He's the one that makes ya feel all right  
He's the one they call Dr. Feelgood*

Motley Crue  
Dr. Feelgood lyrics



L 124 Dr. Lovegood's Family Bitters, X X, 10 1/2 x 3 1/2 square amber cabin. Attributed to Harriman & Co. Meyer Collection.



L 125 Dr. Lovegood's Family Bitts (sic), X X, 9 1/8 x 3 1/2 x 2 rectangular amber cabin. Attributed to John P. Barns & Co. Meyer Collection.



I initially tried to tackle the mysterious Dr. Lovegood before when I wrote about him on my website Peachridge Glass, "Dr. Lovegood's Family Bitters" in the *Figural Cabin Series* in 2012.

At the time, there was virtually no information available on the Dr. Lovegood Family Bitters bottles. No Ring & Ham info, no labels, advertising, or any merchant information. I once put on Peachridge, "Maybe somebody out there has some information that we can add to this post" and added, "Make sure you pay close attention to the shapes and notice the misspelling of 'BITTRS' on the rectangular L 125 example. These large figural bottles are somewhat tough to obtain, they always come in amber and look great as a pair. Over the years, more information has come to light meriting this article.



As noted previously, there was no information available on these Dr. Lovegood bottles until I received a communication from Martin where he shared this picture of the "Cutie" bottle in hand and said, "Well, it does not say bitters on it. I think it's just a medicine with the same look as the Dr. Lovegood's Family Bitters bottles." He went on to say, "This is my bottle, so I'll be able to get you better measurements and a better image. The bottle is not that wierdish green, but more aqua. There is another version that is not mine that has "Anderson" embossed

on it. I will see if I can find an image." Martin also introduced me to Anthony Charles Stringfellow who has a wealth of information on the topic. At first I thought it would be great to change his last name to "Stringlove" to help the article but you can't do that.

Martin added a post script explaining how the bottle come to be his, "This bottle was brought in by a student, who was given the bottle by a substitute teacher to sell to me for lunch money. When he brought it to me, he was tossing it around like a basketball, behind his back tossing it from hand to hand..... all with a concrete floor below!" Martin also said "Lovegood" was a made-up name and that there was no actual doctor named Lovegood.

## Dr. Leonard L. Harriman

Dr. Leonard L. Harriman, a life-long physician, was born on December 31, 1816, in Preble County, Ohio, to Sally Tibbets, age 31. There is little information about his parents though his brother, Dr. Simeon B. Harriman was also born in Preble County on April 1, 1822, when Leonard was five years old. Preble County is east of Indianapolis, Indiana, just across the state line. Both were noted as one of the first physicians to arrive and practice

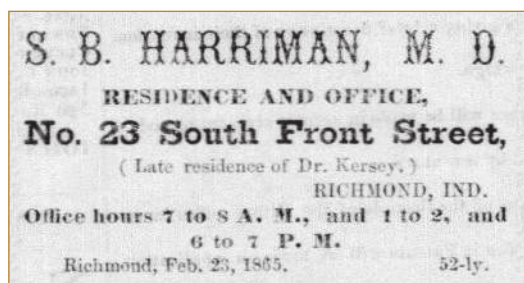
medicine in Alexandria, Indiana which is due north of Anderson, Indiana. Simeon would eventually practice medicine in Richmond, Indiana where he would die in 1883. Richmond is east of Indianapolis.

Dr. Harriman married Elizabeth Swafford on March 2, 1837 in Henry County, Indiana and they had three children together. He attended Rush Medical College in Chicago, Illinois graduating in 1845. His wife Elizabeth passed away in 1849 meaning that they had only been married 12 years. He would marry again to Angelina Kezer in Delaware, Indiana, in August 1851 when he was 34 years old, and they had four children together. His children from both marriages were Theresa Jane, George M., Milton, N., (first marriage) and Jesse, Flora Temple, Benjamin Fremont and Rena Harriman (second marriage). Milton Harriman was chosen as the first city marshal of Anderson and served that capacity for two terms. He next was elected to the office of Justice of the Peace which he served for several years.

Dr. Harriman was well-known in Anderson (Madison County) having come from Wayne County, Indiana around 1856. Anderson is located northeast of Indianapolis and between Indianapolis and Muncie, Indiana. Dr. Harriman remained in Anderson practicing medicine where he manufactured and sold his Dr. Lovegood's Family Bitters. Harriman actually took over the brand from John P. Barns & Co. in Anderson. Barns was a local hardware merchant of the "Great Western Depot." He advertised his Dr. Lovegood's XX Family medicines in 1863. Bitters were the "new thing" and everybody wanted to get into the game of selling concoctions filled with alcohol and who knows what. With a high degree of certainty, it is believed that "Lovegood" was a made-up name to capitalize on the fame of the E. Dexter Love-ridge brand.

Dr. Leonard L. Harriman, now a pharmacist in Anderson, went out of his way to infer that he had a relationship of some sort with a Dr. J. H. Lovegood, M.D. from Oswego, New York. He said he obtained the bitters formula and the rights to the Dr. Lovegood name and put it on his Dr. Lovegood's Family Medicine bottles. All research yields no Dr. Lovegood in New York. It was very common to make up things along the way in early advertising. I'd like to say it only happened back then, but it happens now more than ever. The FDA is constantly after all kinds of quacks selling cures for everything from going bald to Covid-19. It's like whack-a-mole, every time you shut one down, another pops up. Some things never change.

With the two great figural cabins, the smaller rectangular Dr.



Newspaper advertisement for S.B. Harriman, M.D. (brother of Leonard Harriman) practicing in Richmond, Indiana — *Richmond Weekly Palladium*, October 19, 1865



Newspaper advertisement: Dr. Lovegood's X. X. Family Bitters by Dr. Harriman & Co. Laboratory at Anderson Indianapolis Daily Journal (Indianapolis, Indiana) February 6, 1865

# BITTERS! LOVEGOOD'S

BITTERS. W. H. Conklin at Westfield Tnd., is sole Agent for LOVEGOOD'S BITTERS.

Newspaper posting: BITTERS! Lovegood's Bitters, W. H. Conklin at Westfield, Indiana is sole agent for Lovegood's Bitters - *The Noblesville Ledger* (Noblesville, Indiana) 08 April 1869

Lovegood's Family Bitters is attributed to John P. Barns. He also had his some aqua bottles and we can attribute "Cutie" to him in 1863.

The square Dr. Lovegood's Family Bitters can be attributed to Dr. Leonard L. Harriman. He also had small medicine bottles embossed Dr. Lovegood's Family Medicines.

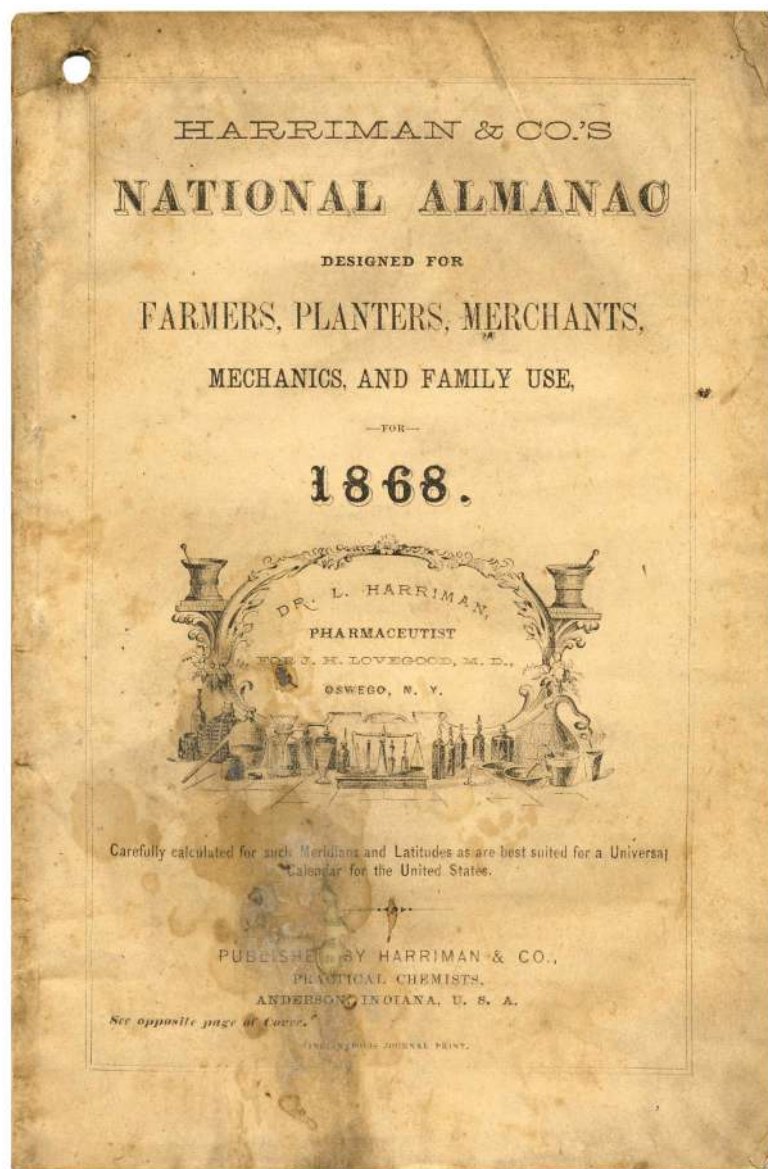
Four years later, W. H. Conklin in Westfield, Indiana was the sole agent for Dr. Lovegood's Family Bitters as reported in *The Noblesville Ledger* (Noblesville, Indiana) on Thursday, April 8, 1869.

Dr. Harriman moved to Kansas somewhere around 1876. While in Kansas, Dr. Harriman continued in the drug business and practiced medicine. Dr. Harriman died in his home in Sterling, Kansas in October 1886.

The Ring, Ham & Meyer Ham listings in the draft *Bitters Bottles Supplement 3* are as follows:

L 124 // s // XX // LOVEGOOD'S // DR // BITTERS // FAMILY //  
10 1/2 x 3 1/2 (5 1/2) 3/8  
Square cabin, Amber, LTC, Applied mouth, 4 sp, Rare  
Lettering reads counterclockwise  
Attributed to Harriman & Co., Anderson, Indiana circa 1865

L 125 // s // XX // LOVEGOOD'S // DR // BITTERS // FAMILY //  
9 1/8 x 3 1/2 x 2 (5 1/2) 3/8  
Rectangular cabin, Amber, LTC, Applied mouth, 4 sp, Rare  
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Attributed to John P. Barns & Co., Anderson, Indiana circa 1863



Harriman & Co.'s National Almanac Designed for Farmers, Planters, Merchants, Mechanics, and Family Use. Harriman & Co., Anderson, Indiana, 1868. Lovegood's Family Bitters noted within. See L 124-L 125 in *Bitters Bottles*, s2L 125, s2p367 - Dan Cowman collection. Image and information from *Bitters Bottles Supplement 2*.



XX / DR. LOVEGOOD'S FAMILY BITTERS in a striking yellow amber, L 124, *Bitters Bottles Supplement*

#### Note:

There is a previously unlisted Lovejoy's Celebrated Tonic Bitters listed in the ongoing draft *Bitters Bottles Supplement 3* (BBs3) as s3L 125.3. Pond & Morse in Rutland, Vermont were the proprietors. See the 1865 *Rutland County Almanac* in BBs2. Pond & Morse were wholesale and retail drug, medicine, chemical and patent medicine dealers. While their almanacs advertised many patent medicine products that were made by other proprietors, the 1865 and 1868 almanacs advertise Lovejoy's Celebrated Tonic Bitters and indicate Pond & Morse as the manufacturer.



Left to Right: [A] Rectangular amber Dr. Lovegood's XX Family Bitters (sic) attributed to John P. Barns & Co., [B] Rectangular aqua cabin Dr. Lovegood's Family Medicine, 1863, X X. Medicine misspelled. Attributed to John P. Barns & Co., [C] 1863 newspaper advertisement for Dr. Lovegood's Family Bitters, John P. Barns & Co. [D] Rectangular aqua semi-cabin Dr. Lovegood's Family Medicine, 1863, X X, Harriman & Co. Anderson, Ind. [E] Square amber Dr. Lovegood's XX Family Bitters attributed to Harriman & Co.

