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Communal Societies Collection New Acquisitions

**Catalogue of Medicinal Plants & Vegetable Medicines,
Prepared in the United Society of “Shakers” Merrimack
County, N.H. [Printed at Canterbury. N.H.: n.d.]. 49 x 30 cm.**

Hamilton College has recently acquired the second known copy of this Canterbury, New Hampshire, broadside. The piece is large, measuring 49 x 30 cm. It lists over two hundred varieties of Shaker-grown herbs. The other surviving copy is in the collection of the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord (Richmond 168). That copy was printed without any price information, which is present on the Hamilton College piece. As an added bonus, the Hamilton copy has a manuscript note on the verso written by Shaker botanico-medical physician Thomas Corbett to customer Edward Putnam in Danvers, Massachusetts. Corbett comments on specific herbs such as cayenne, lobelia, and golden seal. This copy was actually folded and mailed for use as an order sheet.

CATALOGUE

OF

Medicinal Plants & Vegetable Medicines,

Prepared in the United Society of "Shakers" Merriam County, N. H.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Price per lb.	Common Name	Scientific Name	Price per lb.
Alder bark	<i>Alnus teretifolia</i>	35	Mandrake root	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	50
Angelica	<i>Angelica atropurpurea</i>	42	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do root		50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Avena root	<i>Gum rivale</i>	50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Balm	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	25	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Bayberry bark	<i>Myrica cerifera</i>	25	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, pulp		75	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Barberry bark	<i>Berberis canadensis</i>	42	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, pulp		60	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Bell root	<i>Trillium atropurpureum</i>	1 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Bittersweet	<i>Solanum dulcamara</i>	50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do (false) bark of the root	<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	2 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Bitter root or dogbane			Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
bark of the root	<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	2 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, pulp		2 50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Black alder bark	<i>Prinos verticillatus</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Blackberry root	<i>Rubus villosus</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Black cherry bark pulp	<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Black cohosh root	<i>Cimicifuga serpentina</i>	75	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Blessed thistle	<i>Centaurea benedicta</i>	42	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Blood root	<i>Sanguinaria canadensis</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Blue scutellap	<i>Scutellaria lateriflora</i>	1 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Bone oilment		35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Borage	<i>Borago officinalis</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Brook liverwort	<i>Marchantia polymorpha</i>	67	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Buck bean plant	<i>Moroneja officinalis</i>	50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Buckhorn or male fern	<i>Aspidium filixmas</i>	50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Buckthorn sirup	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Bugle sweet	<i>Lycopus virginicus</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, bitter	<i>do. Europaeus</i>	50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Burdock leaves	<i>Arcium lappula</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Butternut extract	<i>Juglans cinerea</i>	75	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Button snake root	<i>Liriodopsis</i>	1 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Cancer root plant	<i>Orebanche virginiana</i>	42	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Cattail	<i>Nepeta cataria</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Cedar oil	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Celandine	<i>Chelidonium majus</i>	42	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Chamomile	<i>Anthemis nobilis</i>	42	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Cicuta	<i>Cotula maculatum</i>	33	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, extract expressed		1 50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, to common		1 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Clay	<i>Salvia sclera</i>	33	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Cleavers	<i>Gallium aparine</i>	33	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Clover leaf extract	<i>Tellium pratense</i>	1 25	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Colefoot	<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, root		50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Comfrey root	<i>Symphytum officinalis</i>	33	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Coriander root	<i>Heracleum lanatum</i>	1 50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Cranesbill	<i>Gernium maculatum</i>	1 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Crawling winter-green	<i>Gaultheria hispida</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Dandelion plant	<i>Leontodon taraxacum</i>	1 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, root		42	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, extract		1 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Dogwood bark	<i>Cornus sericea</i>	50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Dragon root	<i>Aran triphyllum</i>	50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Dwarf elder root	<i>Arelia ligustica</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Elder flowers	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Elecampane root	<i>Inula helenium</i>	42	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, pulp		42	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Feverfew	<i>Chrysanthemum parthenium</i>	50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Flaxseed pulp	<i>Linum sativum</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Fleabane	<i>Erigeron canadensis</i>	42	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Foxglove	<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	42	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Fumitory	<i>Fumaria officinalis</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Garget root	<i>Physocleca decandria</i>	2 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, extract		2 50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Goldenrod sweet	<i>Solidago odora</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, oil		1 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Gold thread root	<i>Coptis trifolia</i>	1 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Ground ivy	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Harshack	<i>Spica tomentosa</i>	3 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, extract		3 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Harvest lice	<i>Bidens chrysanthemoides</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Hebrons black	<i>Hysocyamus niger</i>	15	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, extract		3 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Hemlock leaves	<i>Pinus canadensis</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, bark pulp		17	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, gum		07	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Hollyhock flowers	<i>Althaea rosea</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Horehound	<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	37	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Horse-radish leaves	<i>Cochlearia americana</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Hyssop	<i>Hyssopus officinalis</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Jewelweed oak	<i>Cheopodium barys</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
John's root	<i>Hypericum perthicum</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Laural	<i>Kalmia virginica</i>	33	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Lemon balm	<i>Prunoclephalum virginianum</i>	28	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Lettuce, garden extract		4 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, wild	<i>do. elongata</i>	2 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Life everlasting	<i>Grapholium polyccephalum</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Lily root white	<i>Nymphaea odorata</i>	50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, yellow	<i>Nymphaea lutea</i>	50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Lobelia	<i>Lobelia inflata</i>	2 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, seed		2 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, pulp		1 00	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Lovage	<i>Ligusticum lividum</i>	42	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
do, root		50	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Low mallow	<i>Malva rotundifolia</i>	35	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Lungwort	<i>Viola filifera</i>	75	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50
Maidenhair	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i>	30	Marijuana	<i>Atropa officinalis</i>	50

Golden Seal 1 25
do 1 25

Orders are to be directed to Thomas C. Cuthbert, SEASIDE VILLAGE, Merriam County, N. H.

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Shaker Village N.H. Dec 3^d 1834
 Friend Putnam
 Your favour is before me I have here
 send you a catalogue which has all those articles
 you mentioned, and prices as low as we can sell with 12½
 per cent discount for cash — We have a plenty of
 Cayenne on hand a good quality. Lobelia is rather scarce
 we have orders for nearly all we have on hand from
 Boston, if you send your order soon if you intend to
 send you will be more likely to get your supply
 the other articles we have a good supply.
 The golden seal is considered the best bitter by all
 that is in use I have sold one from ^{in Boston} about 60 lbs
 pulverized.
 Respectfully your friend
 Thomas Corbett

Transcription of the letter from Thomas Corbett to Edward Putnam from the back of the *Catalogue* broadside.

Shaker Village NH Dec 3d 1834

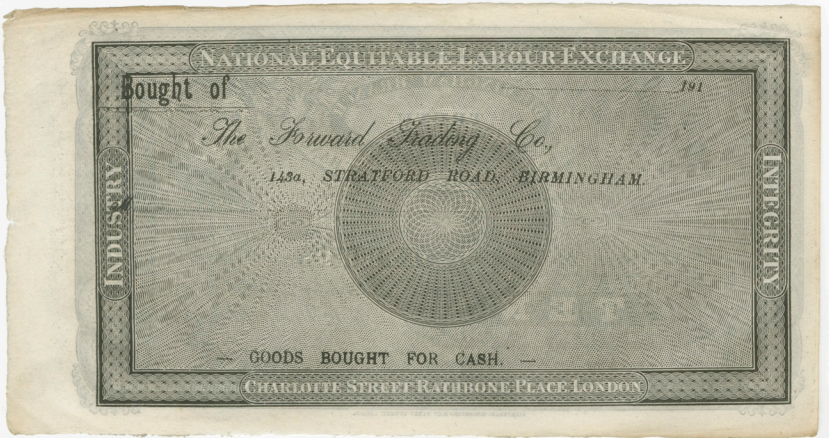
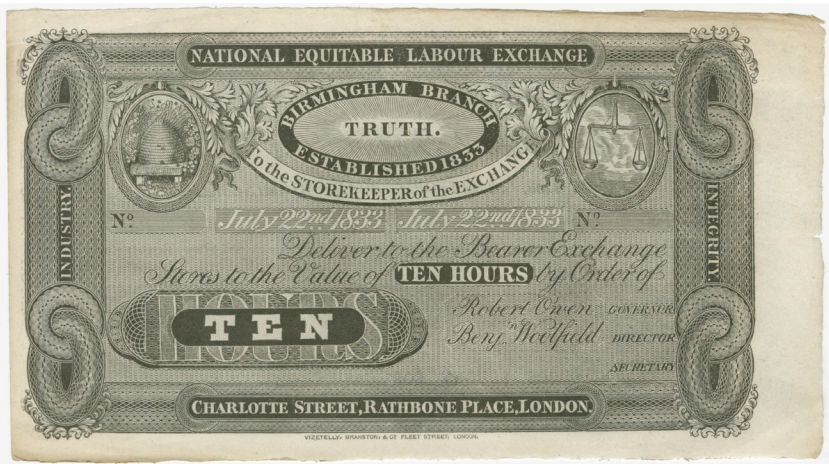
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[Owen, Robert]. National Equitable Labour Exchange. Birmingham branch established 1833. To the storekeeper of the Exchange.... Deliver to the bearer Exchange Stores to the value of ten hours by order of Robert Owen.

Hamilton College has recently acquired an original Owenite Labour Exchange note, valued at ten hours, dated July 22, 1833. Denominations exist for 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, and 80. The bill is engraved with a beehive, signifying industry, and scales, signifying equity and justice. Notably, the words "Industry," "Truth," and "Integrity" appear on the bill. The National Equitable Labour Exchange, which used these time-based notes, was established in 1832. The London exchange lasted into 1833.



This Indenture, Made the first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight between Jonathan Wood of New-Lebanon in the County of Columbia and State of New-York, of the first part, and Lydia Douglas, late of Farnham, Bedford County, Lower Canada of the second part, and Sophia Douglas, an infant under the age of twenty-one years, daughter of the said Lydia Douglas, of the third part ... [n.p., 1830s]. 40 x 32 cm.

The Shakers used a large variety of commercially printed indenture forms to take legal custody of minors throughout the nineteenth century. These forms are printed with spaces to fill in the specific details. In the entry given above, the portions in blue were filled in on this particular indenture. In preparing a new bibliography of Shaker literature it has been challenging to determine which forms were printed by the Shakers, or specifically for Shaker use. Hamilton College has acquired this wonderful example used by the New Lebanon Shakers in 1838. Printed on the form are the words "United Society (called Shakers)," rendering it certain that the form was printed specifically for the Shakers, if not by them. Further research may reveal more information about printing at New Lebanon in the late 1830s, but it is certainly possible that the Shakers used an Albany-based printer to produce this form, as they did for other publications and some labels during the nineteenth century.

Sophia Douglas was born June 5, 1833, so she was five years old when she was indentured to the Shakers on August 1, 1838. Generally, girls worked in the shops, the wash house, and the kitchen. In addition, they learned knitting, sewing, and braiding bonnet bindings. She departed New Lebanon on January 6, 1845.

This Indenture, Made the first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight Between Jonathan Wood of New-Sebacon in the County of Columbia and State of New-York, of the first part, and Sydia Douglas of Farrham Bedford County, Lower Canada of the second part, and Sophia Douglas an infant under the age of twenty-one years, daughter of the said Sydia Douglas of the third part, Witnesseth, That the said parties have, in conformity to the civil institutions of the said State, agreed and covenanted in form as follows, viz: That the said Sophia Douglas aged five years on the fifth day of June by and with the consent of her mother the said Sydia D hath of her own free will, placed and bound herself unto the said Jonathan Wood a member of the United Society (called Shakers) of said New-Sebacon to be under the care and in the employment of the said Jonathan as such member, in whatever may be for the present good, or tend to the future benefit and welfare of the said Sophia according to the customs, principles and practice, as far as may be lawful, of the aforesaid Society, until she the said Sophia shall have arrived at the full age of eighteen years: ~~twenty-one~~ ^{eighteen} years: Provided nevertheless, That in case she the said Sophia shall, at any time during her said infancy, obstinately refuse to perform, and conform, in and to whatever he the said Jonathan Wood shall or may lawfully require of her the said Sophia Douglas according to the customs, principles and practice aforesaid, then, and in such case, the said Sydia Douglas for herself, her executors and administrators, covenants, promises and agrees, to and with the said Jonathan Wood his executors and administrators, to take back the said Sophia Douglas upon due notice given her the said Sydia Douglas by the said Jonathan Wood so to do, without making or requiring any charge for the services which the said Sophia may or shall have done or performed for the said Jonathan or the said Society; and also without claiming any damages of or from the said Jonathan Wood for not keeping the said Sophia during her said infancy: And further, That she the said Sydia Douglas will not, at any time, unlawfully take away her said daughter nor cause her to be taken away, nor procure or entice, nor cause to be procured or enticed, the said Sophia to absent herself from the service and government of the said Jonathan Wood, nor from said Society, during the continuance of this Indenture. And the said Jonathan Wood for himself, his executors and administrators, covenants, promises and agrees, to and with the said Sydia Douglas, her executors and administrators, that he the said Jonathan Wood shall and will, during the time that the said Sophia shall remain with him the said Jonathan as aforesaid, provide the said Sophia with comfortable food and clothing, and teach, or cause her the said Sophia to be taught to read and write, and to be instructed in such other branches of education as are usually taught young females in the schools of the United Society and also such manual occupation or branch of business as shall be found best adapted to her genius and capacity; and also to furnish and provide for the said Sophia Douglas two suits of good and decent wearing apparel at the termination of this Indenture, in case the said Sophia shall so long remain with him the said Jonathan Wood without any wilful default on the part of the said Sophia Douglas.

In Witness whereof, the parties aforesaid, to this Indenture, have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

SEALED AND DELIVERED
IN PRESENCE OF

Mich. Givens

Jonathan Wood
Sydia Douglas
Sophia Douglas

This may certify, that I Sydia Douglas do hereby consent to the execution of the above Indenture to Jonathan Wood, in behalf of myself and my daughter, Sophia Douglas.

Witness
Mich. Givens

Sydia Douglas

Rare Stereoview, possibly from South Family, Enfield, N.H.



(From the Lauren and Julia Stiles Collection, Hamilton College Library)

The Communal Societies Collection at Hamilton College has just been gifted the Lauren and Julia Stiles Collection of Shaker Stereoviews and Postcards. This outstanding collection contains 78 stereoviews and 156 postcards. Quite a few are new additions to Hamilton's collection, and a significant number are upgrades in terms of condition, or complement examples already in the collection due to a different image trim, cardstock, or manuscript information written on the back. We are thrilled that Lauren and Julia decided to give the collection to Hamilton, particularly because they have been regular users of our digital collections website. The Stiles collection will digitized and integrated into the existing on-line collection of Shaker photographic materials available at: <http://elib.hamilton.edu>.

Can anyone help us identify this remarkable Shaker structure?