BOTTLE

Unique ID: MAS-D100199

Object type certainty: Certain
Workflow status: Published

This find is a small medicine style bottle in green glass. No scale was provided but these vessels are usually 160 - 190 mm in overall height. The vessel is flat bottomed with a rectangular shape in plan, with the short sides being rounded. it has a short but wide neck ending in a bead type finish, common to medicine bottles. Embossed on the shoulders of the vessel is the word KEPLER, which refers to the product which it contained. The base is embossed with SNOW HILL, B. W. & Co, LONDON, which refers to the manufacturer and their factory in London. The condition of the vessel is good though the cap or stopper is missing along with a paper label that was common to these vessels.

This vessel is a product of Burroughs Wellcome & Company, a London based pharmaceutical company established in 1880 by two American pharmicists. The company continued to trade until 1994, when it merged with Glaxo in turn becoming the modern pharmaceutical conglomerate GlaxoSmithKline. Snow Hill, London, was the company's first business premises which they continued to operate from until it was destroyed during the Blitz. By 1900 their product range included a trademarked product known as Kepler, which this bottle would have contained. This was a dietary supplement of cod liver oil and malt extract, containing vitamins A and D and with added calcium and potassium salts (www.gracesguide.co.uk accessed 2019).

Notes:

Recovered from Unknown Wreck, one mile off The Warren.

Class: Container **Sub class:** Medicine Bottle

Subsequent actions

Current location of find: With Finder

Wreck details

Droit number: 133/18

Chronology

Broad period: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Period from: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Period to: NINETEENTH CENTURY
Date from: Exactly AD 1880

Dimensions and weight

Quantity: 1

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Discovery dates

Date(s) of discovery: Thursday 21st June 2018

Personal details

Found by: This information is restricted for your login.
Recorded by: P T

Other reference numbers

NRHE monument number: N/A
Droit ID: 133/18

Materials and construction

Primary material: Glass
Manufacture method: Blown
Completeness: Incomplete

Spatial metadata

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