



## DESCRIPTION AND SUGGESTED USES

This is a patent medicine produced by the M.M. Fenner Company of Fredonia, New York in 1910. The main ingredient is morphine. Rather than curing the patient, the morphine numbed the senses and led the sick to believe they were cured. This is a classic example of patent medicines in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Artifact courtesy of the Colorado Springs Pioneers' Museum.

## SUGGESTED USES

1. When combined with the "Hooping Cough" medicine, and the "Pepto Mangan" Medicine bottle this item provides a more complete picture of "cures" available in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Why were these products dangerous? Why were they allowed on the market?
2. Combine with "Hooping Cough" and "Pepto Mangan" and list the ingredients. Open a discussion of why these items might be dangerous to a person's health. In addition, discuss why people might have thought that the cure was working.
3. Utilize with selected context support documents provided to give a clearer picture of the size and scope of the patent medicine craze at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.