



DESCRIPTION AND SUGGESTED USES

A typical “pill box” used to fill prescriptions. This is from the Murray East Side Pharmacy in Colorado Springs, Colorado and is from 1960. Boxes were used until the latter part of the 1960s when high-density polyethylene plastics became economically feasible. Artifact courtesy of the Colorado Springs Pioneers’ Museum.

SUGGESTED USES

1. Use this item in combination with any of the “Patent Medicine” artifacts and the “Magneto Machine.” Some questions to ask would be:
 - a. What is different about how this medicine is obtained *versus* the “medicines” exemplified in the Patent Medicine bottles?
 - b. Medicines do not come in pill boxes today. What do you think might some of the reasons that would explain why?
 - c. What are prescriptions? How does one obtain a prescription? What information is found on a prescription?
 - d. What changes in medicine and medical practice do you think are represented here?
 - e. How do you think that the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906 affected the medical industry?