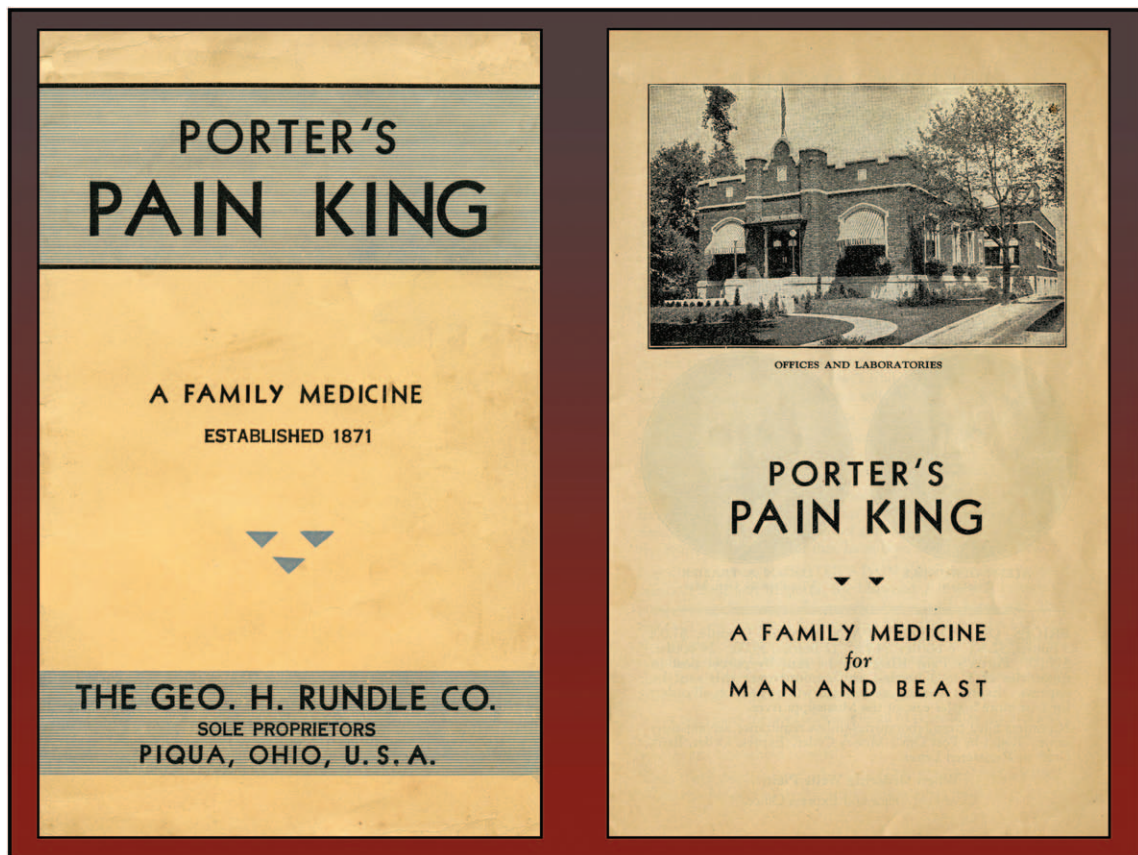


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Porter's Pain King: Ether in Alcohol “for Man and Beast”



According to their brochure cover (*left*), the George H. Rundle Company owned and distributed “a Family Medicine for Man and Beast” — Porter’s Pain King. The brochure also depicts the company’s “Offices and Laboratories” (*right*), which were headquartered in Piqua, Ohio. Labeled as capable of relieving “Colds, Nervous and Sick Headache,” bottles of this “Family Liniment” were also touted for curing “Rheumatic and Neuralgic Pains, Toothache, Backache, Sprains, Bruises, and Burns.” Relief by this remedy was likely temporary but was likely aided by its “ETHER 12 MINIMS PER OUNCE” and certainly assisted by its “ALCOHOL [content of] 63%.” As a proper remedy for the family farm, Porter’s Pain King could be administered to family members, household pets, and even barnyard animals. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc.)

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