

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Flyer for Womaton Tonic

**Date**

1908-1938

**Primary Maker**

Womaton Limited

**Medium**

Paper

**Dimensions**

Overall: 83 × 143 mm

**Name**

Leaflet

**History**

Tonics and tinctures were once a staple in medical chests and surgery cupboards across the globe. A mixture of plant extracts, alcohol and often other drugs, these concoctions promised the relief of a wide range of symptoms. One stop tonics such as 'Womaton', eager to address a range of issues, advertised themselves as being the solution to any number of complaints, often contradictory ones. Before modern restrictions, these tonics often include opium, laudanum, morphine or cocaine which, while effective at relieving pain, served as relaxants and gave the impression that the tonics were living up to their claims.