

<b>Name 1</b>	A BOTTLE WITH CALOMEL
<b>Name 2</b>	/
<b>ID number</b>	002.411.Idrija
<b>Manager / Administrator</b>	Idrija Mercury Heritage Management Center, Bazoviška 2, SI-5280 Idrija
<b>Ownership</b>	Public
<b>Owner</b>	Republic of Slovenia
<b>Local / Original ID Number</b>	/
<b>Type of Object</b>	Daily life

## DESCRIPTION

<b>Short description</b>	A small brown bottle, which contains mercury (I) chloride or calomel. On the front, the bottle has a label with a contents declaration, manufacture date, weight of the contents, and the manufacturer's name. It is closed with a cork plug, which is chipped at the top.
<b>Measures</b>	Length 4 cm, width 2 cm, height 2 cm.
<b>Materials</b>	Mercury (I) chloride, glass, cork.
<b>Dating</b>	1906

**Author / Producer**

Sharp & Dohme, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

## Picture attachments

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**Original use** Mercury (I) chloride or calomel was used in medicine. From the 16th century onwards, it was prescribed by famous Paracelsus as an effective diuretic and it effectively treated syphilis. It was later mixed with sugar and was given to children for lowering body temperature with meningitis, pneumonia and typhus. It was also used for treating skin diseases. Today, it is used for scientific research in the field of electro-chemistry.

**Present use** The bottle with calomel is being preserved, secured and presented as important mining heritage of Idrija with exceptional universal values. It is a part of the CUDHg Smelting Collection. Visitors can view it within the permanent museum display "From Ore to Mercury Drops" in the Hg Smelting Plant, which represents the characteristics and the versatile use of mercury in science, technology, medicine, culture and every day life. Within the exhibition the object is placed in the density segment of mercury compounds and it presents the usefulness of mercury for medicine purposes.

**Original location** Location information is not known.

**Present location** Hg Smelting Plant (From Ore to Mercury Drops), Arkova 50, SI-5280 Idrija

## STATE OF CONSERVATION

**History of conservation:** The bottle with calomel is well preserved. Additional interventions are not necessary. Security of the premise is taken care off.

**Present state** good

**Necessary activities:**

Regular seasonal maintenance.

## **DOCUMENTATION**

**Addresses / collections / links etc. where further in-depth information is accessible:**

- CUDHg Inventory Book.

**Submitted**

Mestni muzej Idrija

**Submitted by**

Miha Kosmač

**Date Submitted**

17. 3. 2018

**Date Edited**

Never

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