

(Letter Typewritten)

The Wellcome Historical Medical
Museum,

54a. Wigmores Street,
London, W.1.

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Dear Sir William,

I am interested in hearing of the pomander cane you have recently come across, and should much like to see it. We have one in the Museum which I think I showed you, with a silver vinaigrette top, but they are uncommon, and I have come across very few. There is no literature that I know of on the subject beyond scattered references, and in those I have seen, the receptacle on the top was made for a piece of sponge which was to be saturated with aromatic vinegar, or what was known in the early 18th century as "four thieves" vinegar. I do not think there were any such canes prior to 1725. I shall hope to see your cane some day.

Thanking you for letting me know,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C. J. S. Thompson.