

Well, was I right or not? We can cure everything here, from the tips of your hair to the bunions on your feet. Medicine, of course goes back to early Prehistory...but I wonder if a shaman had to hype his wares like this!



Not to cast aspersions on the products seen here, but I can't help thinking of the old snake oil elixirs when I view these and similar covers—and the older the covers get, the more miraculous the cures. Of course, they didn't have the Health Dept. and dozens of other government agencies looking over their shoulders.

I've seen a lot of categories over the years, but I don't think I've ever heard of any collector who actually collected "Medicine" covers, as such. It would make an interesting category, don't you think...all those old, bygone cure-alls, and you could trace the history of the specific product through the matchcovers generated over the years to advertise it. Products such as Alka-Seltzer or Bromo-Seltzer, for example, have put out quite a few different covers over the decades. They're Nationals, for the most part, of course, but here's a category where "Nationals" is not a bad word.

The late Harry Branchaud, with his overwhelming collection of DQs (over 5,000) and Safeety Firsts, had many beauties that would fit in this category. Gives me a headache just to think of them...*think I'll take an Anacin!* 



