

market example. Wire-marked base. Mask: Type VIII. Medallion: Rosette of alternate corn-ears and lozenges.

Contents: 5 or 6 large nails. Urine reaction positive.

*Woodbridge* (TM/27004915) (Plate XVIII). A second example from Woodbridge was found by Mr. G. Thompson during the demolition of three cottages in Theatre Street in front of the Angel Inn. It was lying on its side under a thick floor covered by a layer of sand.

Height:  $8\frac{3}{4}$  inches. Diameter: 5 inches. Base:  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Glaze: Coarsely mottled. Wire-marked base. Mask: Type IX. Medallion: Crown with rose over heart with cross. Urine reaction positive.

The bottle was not stoppered and the contents were thrown away by the finder, who could not describe them in detail.

*Stradbroke* (Plate XIX). The bottle briefly noted by Merrifield was obtained by Dr. J. A. Ball of Stradbroke in 1944 and presented to the Ipswich Museum (1944-51). Dr. Ball was present when the bottle was recovered, inverted, from beneath the hearth-stone of a cottage.

Height: 8 inches. Diameter: 5 inches. Base:  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Glaze: Grey, mottled. Wire-marked base. Mask: Type IX. Medallion: Rose.

The contents were reported to include thorns. Urine reaction positive.

Of the bottles previously found, only the example from the Civic College site, Ipswich, had been tested for urine, giving a positive result.

## APPENDIX

Dr. F. R. Paulsen of the School of Science, Ipswich Civic College, carried out tests on all the bottles recorded above, and in addition that from Red Maltings, Woodbridge.

Tests were made both for carbonate and phosphate, the presence of phosphate being a conclusive test; the carbonate could have come from other sources such as a chalk or limestone soil, but in the circumstances is likely to indicate the presence of urine.

The results from the individual bottles were as follows:—

	<i>Carbonate</i>	<i>Phosphate</i>
Eyeke	Plenty	Plenty
Wetheringsett	Very slight	Slow reaction; slight
Ipswich	Slight	Slow but evident
Stowmarket	Plenty	Plenty
Stradbroke	Plenty	Plenty
Ixworth	Plenty	Extremely faint*
Woodbridge	Fair	Completely negative
(Red Maltings)		
Woodbridge	Fairly brisk	Quite strongly positive
(Theatre Street)		

\* As the phosphate reaction was so feeble here, a test was made on a small portion of the loose contents. This gave a very definite positive reaction for phosphates.