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Title Child's Mug

Date 1825-1845

Primary Maker Staffordshire potteries

Medium Mechanically-molded buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze and underglaze red decoration

Description Small, round, child's mug made of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. The mug has a small, mold-formed handle and is decorated with transfer-printed scenes and words.

Two scenes and one group of sayings are written beneath the title "DR.

FRANKLIN'S MAXIM'S" at the rim. The scenes and sayings are described from left to right, beginning to the immediate right of the panel. The first is a scene

showing a team of horses plowing a field behind a wooden fence. In the

foreground, poultry graze on some grass, and a broom and gardening

implement lean against the fence. To the right of this scene is Franklin's saying,

"Plough deep while Slug-/ gards sleep & you shall/ have corn to sell & to keep".

There is a horizontal line, then an additional maxim, "Work to day for you know/ not how much you may be/ hindered tomorrow". (The final line of words is

printed at a slant off the bottom of the mug.) Finally, the second scene, to the

left of the handle, shows a person, perhaps a child, holding a basket and picking something off of a bush. There is a sheep in the foreground, and rolling hills and

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a farm building in the background. Both scenes and words are poorly printed

beneath a very thin glaze, resulting in a textured surface. There are two small

chips on the rim and one small chip on the foot of the mug.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including handle x depth): 2 x 3

1/8 x 2 3/4in. (5.1 x 7.9 x 7cm)