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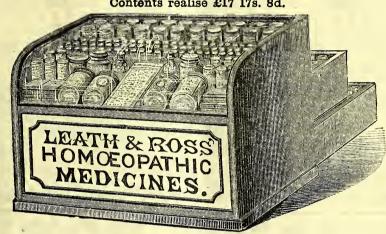
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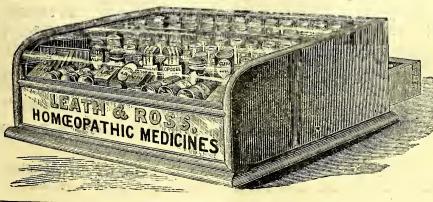
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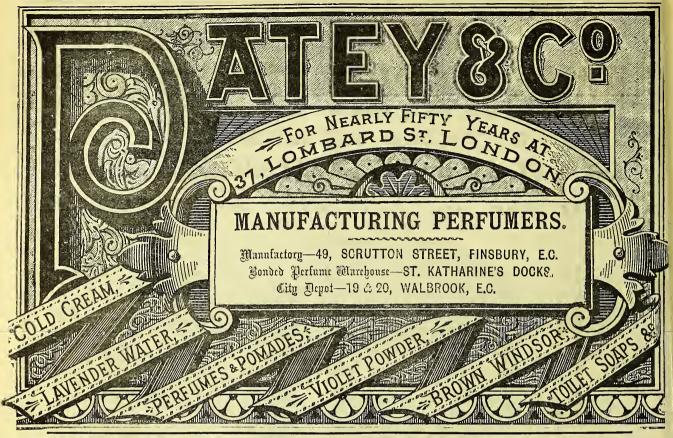
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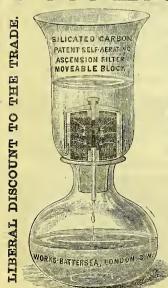
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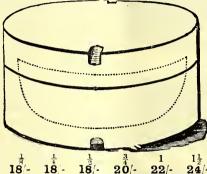
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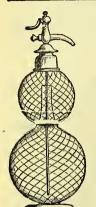
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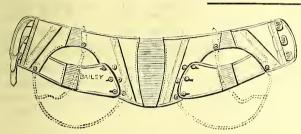
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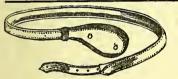
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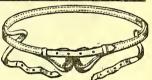
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THE CHARGE!

Leaderette from "The Chemist and Druggist," March 5, 1887. STROPHANTHUS IN AMERICA.

THE new cardiac remedy has been used with considerable success by several physicians in the United States, and it would appear that, with a more liberal and cheaper supply of the drug, its use will be extended. The Therapeutie Gazette, in commenting upon this aspect of the subject, makes some stringent remarks on two English houses which are not named. It is said, "two enterprising English drug firms expect to become millionaires at the expense of the public through the sale of this drug. We learn that these firms claim to have 'cornered' the market in strophanthus, and have so advanced its price as to make at present, in view of the uncertainty of its action, any ordering of the new heart-tonic in physicians' prescriptions entirely unwarranted. The present market price of the tincture of strophanthus—and it is to be noted that no definite strength is announced-is \$1 per ounce. Now, even if we admit that this tincture is made from the clear seeds and in the proportion first recommended by Professor Fraser-i.e., 1 lb. of seeds to 8 pints of spirit [the United States pint of 16 fl. oz. is meant.—Ed. C. & D.] that would bring the price of the seeds to \$128 per pound. We further learn that the English firms which are thus attempting to fleece the general public are offering the clear seed at 160s. (\$40) per pound; and recollecting that the manufacturers of the tincture do not state that this tincture is made from the seeds alone, and that Dr. Fraser has more recently recommended a much more dilute tincture, it is evident that the profit made in this transaction must be simply enormous, provided the medical profession can be gulled into playing into the hands of such extortioners.

"It is highly probable that this drug may prove to be a valuable adjuvant to our other means of treating a weak heart; but neither we nor our patients are compelled to rely on it alone, and until the manufacturing druggists learn that the medical profession cannot be played as puppets to fill their pockets, Strophanthus hispidus should be let severely alone."

Our contemporary is not well informed. As to the action of strophanthus there is no uncertainty, Professor Fraser having clearly laid down when it may be used and when it may not. The calculations regarding the price of the drug, based on the strength of the tincture, are not far out, but the *Therapeutic Gazette* does not appreciate the difficulties which there have been before a supply of the drug could be obtained to meet a great demand, and it has always been the case that new and valuable drugs have fetched an enormous price when first introduced. The price of cocaine, when it was introduced, is a sufficient proof of that rule, and Calabar bean, as an African product, is, perhaps, more akin to strophanthus. It was at first very difficult to obtain, and consequently its price was high.

THE REPLY.

A Letter to "The Chemist and Druggist," March 19, 18
THE PROFIT ON TINCTURE OF STROPHANTHU

SIR,—As serious charges have been made against us in *Therapeutie Gazette* of asking an excessive price for tine of strophanthus, and as these were mentioned in 'CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST of March 5, we hope you will us space to clear ourselves.

A short time ago we had occasion to expose (Pharmaci eal Journal, November 27, 1886, p. 444) a quasi-scien effort on the part of the editor of the Therapeutic Gazet the trade journal of an American drug house—that purpo to demonstrate the worthlessness of a distillate of the gr bark and twigs of the Hamamelis Virginiea. In the art in question the experiments detailed were made with "pulverised dry root," which was macerated for ten of with the view of ascertaining how much volatile princi the fresh twigs contained! At the time we incident observed that this "drug house" had a fluid extract of "dried root" to sell, but no distillate of the fresh twigs; furthermore, we inquired what would be thought of exp ments instituted to determine the value of rose, laurel elder-flower water (all made with fresh petals or leaves the experiments were directed upon the pulverised dry r macerated for ten days. To this they were unable to re Their answer, however, appears to have assumed the f of an attack upon us for the commercial introduction strophanthus.

Perchance not forgetting this exposure, and with long eyes fixed upon strophanthus, this trade journal of American drug house descants after this manner: profit must "simply be enormous, and the firms (who has strophanthus) expect to become millionaires at the expe of the public through the sale of this drug... and have advanced its price as to make at present, in view of uncertainty of its action (italics ours), any ordering of new heart tonic in physicians' prescriptions unwarrant. This attack is specially unfair, for, so far as the expense strophanthus is concerned, we may say that up to the prestime we have not yet made a net profit on it, and it reduced the price as fast as we were warranted in doing.

The original cost of the pods and seeds together—and shall be pleased to show our books and invoices in evidence was quite 4l. 10s. per lb., and we were able to get $4\frac{1}{2}$ or seed out of each pound, so that the seeds cost 20s. per

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 Total cost of 1 pint Cost of 1 oz. of tincture would therefore be Glass stoppered bottles (two for each ounce) Wrapping, label, filling, cleaning, &c. Total cost of each ounce in \(\frac{1}{2} \)-oz. bottles

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From the phrase "in view of the uncertainty of its action" it would almost appear that the writer may not be fully aware that strophanthus is the African arrow-poison, and we should be pleased to forward a copy of the paper upon Strophanthus, read before the British Medical Association in Cardiff, by Professor Fraser, of the University of Edinburgh. The writer should know that Professor Fraser experimented with this drug for seventeen years, and that his conclusions have not been slurred before. In his paper are given sphygmographic tracings, clinical reports, &c., that have not only been pronounced by the highest therapeutists

convincing in themselves, but, so far as we know, have been verified by the experience of all who have used the drug. In view of the brilliant results obtained with strophanthus, one is constrained to inquire whether the editor of the Therapeutie Gazette has not, like Rip Van Winkle, been indulging in a rather protracted sleep. One might as well speak of the uncertainty of the action of aconitine or cocaine as to patronisingly talk of the uncertainty of the action of strophanthus. We would say to the editor of the Gazette that, in the words of the African, "This African arrow-poison is dreadfully certain."

But this trade journal of a drug house caps the climax when it says:—"Neither we nor our patients are compelled to rely on it alone, and until the manufacturing druggists learn that the medical profession cannot be played as puppets to fill their pockets strophanthus hispidus should be let severely alone." This reminds one of Colonel Seller's reasoning about his eye-water, for the fact is overlooked that everybody does not suffer with heart disease, and that a small bottle may last for a considerable time. Aside from this, it is difficult to conceive of anything more reprehensible than the doctrine that, because a certain firm may get a profit, the patient who is suffering with orthopnoca, anasarca, and other symptoms of a cardiac disease, should, if possible, be made to get along with something else. If this is not ruthlessly trifling with disease, what is?

But the animus is best shown by the assertion "that the manufacturers of the tincture do not state that this tincture is made from the seeds alone." If there is one thing we have laid stress on it is the preparing of a pure and uniform tincture of strophanthus, made from the seeds only (according to Professor Fraser's formulæ), and we find it difficult to believe that anyone supposes for a moment we have made it from anything else.

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THE PHARMACY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL. House of Lords, Friday, March 18.

The House went into committee on the Bill to amend the Pharmacy Act, 1852, and the Pharmacy Act, 1868.

The Earl of Milltown on clause 2 moved the insertion of the words, "authorised on that behalf" after the word "Council," so that the clause as amended would read, "that it shall at all times be lawful for the Council, authorised on behalf of the said Society by resolution, on being satisfied by a certificate of a court of the same Council . . . to waive and dispense with the whole or any part of the said term of three years," &c. These words had been inserted at the suggestion of the Lord President, so as to make it quite clear that there was special authority in the Council for that purpose.

The amendment was agreed to.

On clause 4.

The Earl of Milltown moved as an amendment that the Act should be cited as "The Pharmacy Acts Amendment Act, 1888," instead of 1887, as printed in the Bill.

This was also agreed to.

The Bill as amended passed through Committee and was reported to the House.

On Tuesday the report of amendments was received and

n Thursday the Bill was read a third time, and passed.

THE CULTIVATION OF CINCHONA .- In the House of Commons, on Monday last, Mr. Henniker Heaton asked the Under Secretary of State for India "Whether the Government of Madras planted cinchona for the purpose of obtaining a febrifuge for the native classes. Whether it is the fact that sales of Government bark are advertised in London papers; that the bark comes to Europe for the manufacture of quinine; and which drug being retailed at an average of some 300 per cent. above the wholesale price (which to day is 2s. 8d. per oz. for the best) puts it wholly and totally beyond the means of the classes the Madras Government intended to benefit. And whether the present method of selling its bark in the open market in Madras is contrary to the understanding arrived at when the Government ceased to export bark on its own account.

In reply to Mr. Henniker Heaton, Sir. J. Gorst said:-"One of the objects, but not the only one, of planting cinchona by the Madras Government was for the purpose of obtaining a febrifuge for the native classes. Government bark is advertised for sale in London, and comes to England for the manufacture of quinine. Government gets quinine for its medical departments at wholesale prices, and makes the 'red bark' into an effective febrifuge cheap enough to be within the reach of all classes. I do not understand what is the 'understanding arrived at' mentioned in the last paragraph."

THE REDWOOD TESTIMONIAL.—It has been decided to invest 600% of the fund collected, and to apply the interest annually to the maintenance of a "Theophilus Redwood Scholarship," under conditions similar to those which prevail in regard to the Jacob Bell Scholarship. The balance is to be expended on a portrait of the Emeritus Professor, and we understand that Mr. Sydney Hodges has accepted the commission to paint this portrait. We are informed that he has so far proceeded with the work as to enable those who have seen the picture to declare that a striking likeness is ensured. It is expected that the portrait will be unveiled on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society in May next.

Post-Card Competition.—We give this week another instalment of circulars, and hope to complete the series of papers and give the results next week.

THE ART OF PHARMACY.—Our supply of the reprints of this treatise is entirely exhausted, so that we can supply no more copies.

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

Tuesday, March 29.

Royal Institution at 3 PM. Professor A. Gamgee on "The Function of Respiration."

Wednesday, March 30.

Chemical Society, at 8 P.M. Anniversary Meeting; President's address; election of office bearers and council.

Chemists' Assistants' Association, at 9 p.m. Papers (1)
"Note on Ipecacuanha Wine," by F. C. J. Bird.—
(2) "Note on Water Softeners," by E. J. Millard.

Thursday, March 31.

Royal Institution at 3 P.M. Professor F. Max Müller on "The Science of Thought."

Thursday, April 7

Linnean Society, at 8 P.M. Papers to be read:—I. The Gentians: Notes and Queries. By Professor Huxley.— II. Gephyreans of Mergui Archipelago. By Professor E. Selenka.—III. British Heteracious Uredines. By C. B. Plowright.

Friday, April 1.

Royal Institution, at 9 P.M. Professor Dewar on "Light as an Analytic Agent."

S.turday, April 2.

Royal Institution, at 3 P.M. The Right Hon. Lord Rayleigh on "Sound."

Metropolitan Reports.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE WITH LAUDANUM.—Jane Roper, 40, was brought before the magistrate at Greenwich on Wednesday on a charge of attempting to commit suicide by taking laudanum, and was remanded.

THE NEWINGTON VESTRY is distinguished among the governing bodies of the metropolis for its steadfast resistance to the Sale of Food and Drugs Act. Although they have appointed an analyst, the vestry have for some years refused to authorise the purchase of any samples for analysis. At a meeting of the vestry last week an attempt was made to reverse this condition, and several members advocated a more vigorous policy; but the opponents of the motion were in strong force and defeated it by 25 votes to 14. In the course of the discussion a Mr. Hart "unhesitatingly denied that adulteration was carried on in the parish—only in milk. (Laughter.) "Who did not adulterate?" he asked. Even Mr. Kent (the mover of the resolution) was guilty of adulteration in courts of law when he had a bad case. (Laughter.) There was not a man in the room who did not adulterate-Mr. Gee especially, whose pamphlets and papers were full of adulteration. There was his friend Mr. Jones, who sold adulterated articles, and was not afraid to tell him (Mr. Hart) that such was the case. (Much laughter.) The parsons, even, did not always preach unadulterated sermons. (Laughter.) He concluded by contending that there was nothing injurious in articles that were adulterated.

Mr. Pottinger remarked that if action was to be taken it should be taken by the ratepayers, who for 10s. 6d. could have any article analysed. The people knew perfectly well what they bought, and knew when they got value for money.

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Mr. Robinson opposed the motion, and said he hoped the
vestry would show a light to all London by refusing to
persecute the little shopkeepers. The parish was as healthy
as any other in London.

The Chairman, in supporting the motion, said Mr. Hart's sermons must be very much adulterated, unless he learned that duty towards his neighbour which told him to be true and just in all his dealings. The course at present adopted was in favour of the rich man who could find his 10s. 6d. for having an article analysed; but was adverse to the poor, who ought to have the protection of the vestry. It was impossible to get milk in the parish of such a quality as to serve the purposes for which it was required. The vestry were not acting up to their duty as protectors of the poor of the parish. Through their action the trade of the parish suffered considerably, for the people, feeling sure of the articles sold at the stores being pure, went there, and obtained what they paid for.

Mr. Robinson: The stores ought not to be allowed. I would burn the lot down, if I could.

MESSRS. A. J. COFFIN & Co., of Holborn, have received notice from the Board of Iuland Revenue in reference to a sale of "Delectable Jujubes" by the ounce. Possibly the liability to medicine-stamp duty was occasioned by a card which was exhibited in the window thus worded:—

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Provincial Reports.

Items of news, and newspapers containing matters of interest to the trade, sent to the Editor, will much oblige.

BARNSLEY.

THE GLASS-BOTTLE TRADE.—Mr. Rylands, of Barnsley, bottle manufacturer, found it necessary in September last to work three shifts of mcn of seven hours a day to one furnace,

instead of two shifts as usual. This arrangement, though a customary one in the trade, displeased the men, who left without giving a week's notice. Mr. Rylands summoned one, Lindley by name, before the magistrates for leaving his employment without notice, under the Employers' Liability Act, 1875. For the defendant it was contended that the number of shifts could not be altered without notice, and the magistrates concurred in this view, expressing the opinion that as no notice had been given to the men regarding the change, they were entitled to leave without notice. Mr. Rylands carried the case to the Court of Queen's Bench, where judgment has been given for him, the Court holding that the contract between the employer and his workmen did not include any arrangement as to two shifts or three shifts, but left the employer at liberty to alter the hours. This decision is regarded as important in the bottle trade.

BIRMINGHAM.

SERIOUS FIRE.—On Wednesday night of last week a serious fire broke out in the premises of Messrs. Alfred Bird & Sons, manufacturing chemists, at 63, 64, and 65 Moor Street, and continued to smoulder throughout the Thursday. As soon as the information of the outbreak was given, the brigade, which had only just returned from a fire on the premises of Messrs. William Canning & Co, chemists and druggists, of Kenion Street, turned out, but their efforts were of little avail, for the conflagration was only got under until the building was reduced to a shell, the roof having fallen in and left nothing standing but the bare walls. Owing to the nature of the stock Messrs. Bird are unable to form anything like a conclusive monetary measure of the damage, but it is believed it will be found to exceed 4,000l. A large quantity of valuable American automatic box machinery, laid down only a few months ago, and numerous other patent machines of the most costly description, used in the manufacture of custard powder, were destroyed by the conflagra-tion. The origin of the fire is not known. At about eight o'clock on Wednesday night the watchman twice made a careful examination of the premises and turned off the entire gas supply. Messrs. Bird & Sons have temporary premises at 35 Moor Street, and there is little interruption of their business.

BOURNEMOUTH.

THE COMING STRUGGLE.—As briefly announced in these pages some time since, this fashionable town is to be visited by a co-operative drug store. The Southampton Drug Company (Limited)—of which a Mr. Day, formerly a grocer, is the principal shareholder—have purchased premises in the Old Christchurch Road, and as soon as the necessary alterations are completed will commence operations under the title of the Southern Drug Company (Limited). Meetings of the chemists of Bournemouth have been held, and a committee formed to consider what action should be taken in view of the coming competition, and the best course to be adopted to secure the united action of the trade to face the "coming struggle."

CHESHAM.

RED OXIDE OF MERCURY OINTMENT.—At the Petty Sessions on March 2, before Captain Parkinson and Mr. D. Milner, Mr. C. G. Dean, chemist, Chesham, was charged with selling, to the prejudice of Inspector Webb, on January 25, a drug, red oxide of mercury ointment, not of the nature, substance, and quality of the article demanded by the purchaser. Mr. Dean pleaded guilty, and explained that he accidentally and by mistake supplied Inspector Webb with an ointment known in the locality as "Golden Eye Ointment" (a milder preparation of red oxide of mercury than that of the Pharmacopoe'a), used as an eye salve, and also for various sores, the recipe for making which was handed to him with others from his predecessor. Previously to the inspector asking for the ointment, he had wished to be supplied with some spirits of wine, which he (the defendant) refused, as having no licence to sell it; but it occurred to him whether, by his refusing to supply him, as an inspector, he had not rendered himself liable, and he became somewhat confused and nervous in consequence, and thus it happened

he made the mistake, and accidentally supplied him from a jar with the milder form of ointment, which was kept side by side with that containing the Pharmacopacia preparation. He thought it was unlikely that he would intentionally supply the inspector with an article which he knew to be hut ahout one-third its proper strength. It was purely by accident or misadventure that he did it. Mr. Crouch, of Aylesbury, appeared for the prosecution, and asked the magistrates to record a conviction. He said the county was taking steps to detect adulterated drugs, and it was very necessary that they should be supplied in a pure state, and with the requisite degree of strength. He was aware that the drug in question was sometimes prepared in a milder form, but when asked for it should be supplied in the requisite state. The defendant gave it to the inspector out of the wrong jar. He should ask for a conviction, although the penalty might be a light one. The ointment had heen analysed by the public analyst, Mr. Fisher, and his report, as produced, was as follows:-"The sample of red oxide of mercury ointment, for analysis, marked 'Mr. Charles Dean, of Chesham,' contains 4.85 per cent. of red oxide of mercury, instead of 12.4 per cent., or one part in eight, as required by the British Pharmacopæia. It is therefore deficient in the active ingredient to the extent of 7.55 per cent." The Chairman said that the maximum penalty in cases of this description was 201. There had been no previous conviction, this was the first case of this kind at Chesham, and they would inflict only a nominal fine. The Bench were willing to believe that the defendant had made a mistake. The fine would be 2s. 6d, and the costs, including the analyst's fee of 10s. 6d, were 1l. 0s. 6d, total, 1l. 3s. The Chairman requested the press to publish this carefully, in order that it might serve as a caution to others.

DARLINGTON.

LAUDANUM-POISONING.—On Tuesday a woman named Elizabeth Blumer, who has been in a depressed condition of mind, swallowed sixpennyworth of laudanum. She was taken to the hospital, where the stomach-pump was applied and other remedial measures employed to counteract the effect of the poison.

LEICESTER.

LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE CHEMISTS' ASSOCIA-TION.—A meeting of this association was held on Friday, March 18, in the Old Town Hall, Mr. E. H. Butler in the chair. A lecture, entitled, "Hints to Students," was delivered by Mr. W. B. Clark. After thanking the council for the honour done him in selecting him to deliver the inaugural address, Mr. Clark gave a sketch of what ought to he the aims and aspirations of a student of pharmacy, and urged that it was very important that students (whom he particularly addressed) should pass the Preliminary examination before apprenticeship, and their student days should commence from the very first hour of apprenticeship. He assured them that they did not lose their professional status by performing trade duties, however menial, for, as Carlyle said, "All lahour should bring honour with it." He urged them not to take more than two subjects for study at one time, and to do everything thoroughly. He thought there was a brighter future for the pharmacists, and urged that it was important they should have the support of the law at their backs. He himself did not think there was any great amount of illegal trading in poisons, and thought the law was strong enough to deal with such cases. Referring to the Pharmacy Act now before Parliament, he thought it would drive a number of good men out of the calling of pharmacy. He advised the chemists of Leicester to cultivate a feeling of professional brotherhood towards each other, and so he ready to defend their interests whenever attacked. Mr. Burford proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Clark for his excellent address, which was seconded by Mr. Thirlby, and carried.

LIVERPOOL.

THE FIFTH SOCIAL WINTER EVENING of the workpeople employed by Messrs. Evans, Sons & Co, Liverpool, was held in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, Mount Pleasant, last Tuesday evening. Mr. William P.

Evans occupied the chair. A miscellaneous programe of readings and music was rendered, in which Mrs. William P. Evans and Mr. Everett Evans took a part.

REGISTERED CHEMISTS' TRADE ASSOCIATION.—The annual supper of this association was held on Thursday, March 17, at the Merchants' Dining Rooms, 5 Castle Street. There was a representative gathering. Mr. Councillor Woodcock, president of the association, occupied the chair, the vice-chair being occupied by Mr. Benjamin Dickins. After an excellent supper and the usual loyal toasts the chairman proposed "The Registered Chemists' Trade Association of Liverpool." In doing so Mr. Woodcock said his duty was something like proposing "Our Noble Selves," and it was on that ground that he felt that he was not called upon to say much in submitting the toast to them. (Laughter.) He could not, however, let the occasion pass without offering a few words. Naturally their association had not achieved as much good as they could desire, but they had to remember that associations, like individuals, could not command success. The association had done as much as it fairly could to redress grievances and to consider complaints; it had fostered and encouraged early closing-(hear, hear)-and had encouraged a kindly feeling of sympathy and forbearance among its own memhers. Benevolently, the association had assisted those whom they were accustomed to meet at that table who had fallen in need of pecuniary help, and it had busied itself in many ways in benefiting the members in their entirety, and if they had no other record of its existence than the price list they could point to that achievement as a lasting monument to its memory. (Applause.) The toast was drunk amidst enthusiasm, and was acknowledged by Mr. John Bain, the honorary secretary. Mr. B. Dickins proposed "The Liverpool Chemists' Association," which was acknowledged by Mr. A. C. Abraham, F.C.S. Mr. J. J. Smith proposed "The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain." Mr. Charles Symes, Ph.D., in acknowledging the toast, defended the Society from the unwarrantable attacks which were so frequently made upon it by those who themselves did nothing to assist in promoting its objects. He also spoke of the advantages which would accrue from the proposed curriculum, which would prove a valuable corrective to the present system of cramming. Mr. F. J. Mackinlay, in proposing "The Chemists and Druggists Trade Association of Great Britain," urged those present who were not members to join; and Mr. R. Parkinson, local secretary, in responding, hoped and believed the Association had many useful years before it. Mr. W. T. Warhurst proposed "The Wholesale Trade," which was responded to by Mr Edward Evans. Other toasts followed. An excellent programme of music was gone through, and altogether the meeting was a most successful one.

TENDERS.—The Workhouse Committee have accepted the following (among other) tenders for supplies, from March 25, 1887, to March 25, 1888:—Drugs, Evans, Sons & Co.; druggists' sundries, W. & H. Jackson; drysaltry, J. H. & S. Johnson; indiarubber appliances, the Indiarubber and Guttapercha Company; mineral waters, W. Boote; salt, R. A. Sharp; surgical appliances, White and Wright.

MORE ADULTERATED PEPPER.—At the City Police Court on Wednesday, before Mr. Raffles, Joseph Tranton, grocer, 123 West Derby Road, was summoned for selling adulterated pepper. Mr. Marks prosecuted on hehalf of the authorities, and Mr. Gorst defended.

Dr. Campbell Brown said the sample contained upwards of 6 per cent. of pepperette. He produced a portion of the sample and a portion of the ground olive stones which he had extracted from it.

Mr. Gorst said that defendant bought the pepper as pure pepper, and received an express verhal guarantee that it was pure and had been ground by the parties he hought it from—Hedley & Widdows, spice merchants, Circus Street, Liverpool.

Mr. Marks said that this was really the first purely perperette adulteration that had been brought into court in Liverpool. The others had been pepper and rice.

Mr. Raffles, in giving his decision, said: I shall go on increasing the penalties if the thing continues. I give fair notice, and then if the practice continues shall increase the penaltics. I will impose a fine of 40s. and costs. The costs amounted to 15s.

MANCHESTER.

THE TESTIMONIAL TO SIR H. E. ROSCOE.—Last week a meeting of the past and present chemistry students of Owens College was held at the college, to decide upon the form of testimonial to be presented to Sir H. E. Roscoe, M.P., in commemoration of his thirty years' connection with the college. Professor Thorpe occupied the chair. The committee reported in favour of the presentation to Sir Henry of a portrait of himself, and also of the foundation of a scholarship to be called after him. This proposition was agreed to after considerable discussion, and an appeal will be made to the students, old and new, forthwith.

MANSFIELD.

More Adulterated Pepper.—At the Mansfield Petty Sessions on March 18, William Pegg, a grocer, was charged ander the Food and Drugs Act with selling adulterated pepper on February 15. From the evidence it appeared that \$\frac{1}{4}\$ lb. of white pepper was purchased, and on being analysed by the county analyst was found to contain four-fifths of pepper and one-fifth of foreign matter. Mr. Harrison said the firm he represented (Linklater & Sons, London) had been in the habit of buying from the very best manufacturers, but the lot of 3 tons from which Mr. Pegg had been supplied was found to be adulterated although they had bought it for genuine by analysis. The foreign substance was not, however, injurious to health. The Bench said they were bound to protect the public, and that it was a most serious offence. A fine of 15% was inflicted, which, with costs, was to be paid by the wholesale firm.

SHEFFIELD.

IT IS PROPOSED to erect a cottage hospital for Mexborough.

PROFESSOR BARNETT, of Firth College, has, as the result of a widely expressed wish, decided to withdraw his resignation.

DECOMPOSED AUSTRALIAN MUTTON was the cause of dangerous poisonous symptoms in a family of four in this town this week. They were taken to the infirmary and are recovering.

PHARMACEUTICAL COUNCIL.—There is at present a strong feeling in Sheffield that a candidate should be nominated to represent the district on the Pharmaceutical Council. In connection with this the name of a gentleman well known in pharmaceutical circles, and one of the most popular pharmacists in the district, has been mentioned. It is probable, therefore, that before this is in print some decided step will have been taken in the matter.

SCOTLAND.

ABERDEEN.

THE ROUND TABLE, which has become of historic interest, may find its last resting-place in this locality, where, there is no doubt, as jovial a set of fellows will gather round it as could be wished for. At a recent meeting of the Aberdeen and North of Scotland Society of Chemists and Druggists it was proposed to hold a general meeting on June 22, probably at Elgin, the meeting to take the form of a round-table conversation or discussion of trade topics, and a dinner.

EDINBURGH.

NORTH BRITISH BRANCH.—The success of the last evening meeting has been the subject of general congratulatory remark. The attendance was exceptionally good, the discussions were animated and to the point, and a genuine enthusiasm appeared to pervade the gathering. The leading morning paper reported this meeting more fully than is its usual custom, and gave a concise abstract of the chief points of the several communications. Some of the public, however, have commented unfavourably on the fact disclosed by one of the papers that only 50 per cent. of the lime-water obtained in Edinburgh was up to the required standard.

The wisdom of making a communication of this kind to a meeting at which reporters are present on behalf of the general public is open to question, even although it be explained that the worst results were obtained from specimens supplied by "cutting" establishments.

THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ERRAND-BOYS.—A chemist in town advertised a few days ago for a message boy. The following is an extract from the application of one of the candidates for the vacancy:—"In answer to advertisement I beg to offer myself as a candidate. I have not passed the preliminary examination but is going up for the next examination and is now in my study up to the xxx chapter of Caesar, and pretty well up in my grammer." He should have added, "and spelling." The average message boy is well known as an ardent student of literature, but this one, like his favourite author, is "ambitious."

THE CHEMISTS' ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION held a meeting on Wednesday evening. There was an excellent attendance. The prize committee submitted a report on the "Ainslie Pharmacy Prize" competition, and the prizes were subsequently presented. Papers were read entitled, "Leaves from a Pharmacist's Note-Book," by Mr. J. Rutherford Hill, F.B.S., and on "The Study of Botany," by Mr. J. W. Govan. The annual conversazione of the association will be held in the Literary Institute on Friday, April 22. The first hour, we understand, will be devoted to an exhibition of pharmaceutical and scientific specimens, in which, no doubt, there will be the usual humorous rarities. The arrangements in this department are under the charge of Mr. J. R. Hill, who will be glad to hear from individuals or firms who desire to exhibit novelties or ancient relics. In the second hour a programme of music will be gone through, after which there will be a dance.

GLASGOW.

Low Prices are almost past speaking about; everything is now cut down to the lowest figure, whether it be prescription, drug, or patent. The price-list, to which for a generation or more the leading houses in the city have honourably adhered, is now a dead letter, for the largest firms have found it necessary to dispense physicians' prescriptions at popular prices. This state of affairs is gradually extending its influence all down the coast, and chemists in remote villages find it rather hard when they are told by casual customers that their prices are higher than prevail in the first-class houses of St. Mungo's.

NOTE ON TWO INSTANCES OF INCOMPATIBILITY.

By J. Rutherford Hill.

The first of these occurs in a gargle containing alum, chlorate of potassium, and bicarbonate of potassium. The aluminic sulphate in the alum reacts with the potassium bicarbonate, thus—

$$Al_23SO_4 + 6KHCO_3 = 3K_2SO_4 + Al_26HO + 6CO_2$$

In this way [if the bicarbonate is present in sufficient quantity] the astringent action of the alum is lost. It is therefore a case of both chemical and therapeutic incompatibility. The only way out of the difficulty is to suggest the omission of the potassium bicarbonate.

The second occurs in the following mixture:-

 Quininæ sulphatis
 ... grs. xxiv.

 Acid. nitrie dil.
 ... q. s.

 Potassii iodidi
 ... Dij.

 Aquæ ad
 ... 3vj.

In this case the nitric acid liberates iodine from the potassium iodide as follows:—

 $4HNO_3 + 2KI = 2KNO_3 + 2H_2O + 2NO_2 + I_2$

The liberated iodine combines with the sulphate of quinine to form the insoluble iodosulphate of quinine or herapathite, which is gradually deposited as a greenish brown sediment. The best thing to do in such a case is to substitute sulphuric for nitric acid.

Warts.—A solution of 15 grains of perchloride of mercury (fine powder) in 1 oz. of collodion carefully applied once daily is stated to be an efficacious remedy for these annoying excrescences.

FRENCH PHARMACEUTICAL NEWS.

(From our Paris Correspondent.)

INTERNATIONAL CREMATION SOCIETY.—An international congress will be held in Milan in September, 1887, with a view to form a permanent organisation of the various cremation societies already existing.

PHYSICIANS AND PHARMACISTS. At its last sitting the Paris Society of Practical medicine (Société de Ménicine practique) elected three new members, of whom two are physicians, and the other, M. P. Vigier, is a pharmacist. He is not the only one of the profession, however, who has been admitted to membership in the same society, and French physicians appreciate well the value of a pharmacist's opinion on many subjects pertaining to practical medicine.

FINED FOR SELLING PHOSPHORUS.—A Paris pharmacist, whose name is not given, probably to spare his modesty, has just been fined 300f. for selling phosphorus to a person unknown to him, and for failing to enter such sale on the proper books. The fine was nominally imposed for a violation of the law regulating the sale of poisons, but in reality the prosecution was prompted by the General Match Company, to protect their monopoly.

ARTIFICIAL RUBIES.—At the Academy of Science's meeting held on March 14 M. Frémy read a memoir on the researches which he has made with M. Verneuil to artificially produce ruby. An alumina crucible was used, so as to avoid the presence of silica, which has the effect of imparting a lamellar structure to the product. Under such conditions, with alumina separated from calcium fluoride by a perforated platinum septum, they have obtained perfect crystals of alumina, which, being coloured with traces of chromic acid, were an exact counterpart of the natural stone.

A DISINTERESTED ACADEMY.—Among the appropriations passed for the current year, Parliament made the usual grant of 75,000f. for the Academy of Medicine. While the matter was before the Assembly, Deputy Lionville had proposed an increase of 5,500f. for vaccination purposes. The Academy, on being consulted, simply replied that for the last ten years they have been praying that vaccinating centres be multiplied. From the foregoing the committee had concluded that the Academy was not desirous of an increased appropriation, and therefore M. Burdeau, the chairman of the committee, proposed none, and none was granted.

Another Inventor of Lucifer Matches.—Hungarians were, a year or two since, claiming this invention (in 1833) for one of their countrymen, a pharmacist's assistant named Iron'y. Next Wurtembergers trotted out another claimant, Hammerer, who, they said, discovered matches some time in 1831. And now the French, not to be outdone, are setting up a candidate of their own, M. Sauria, who, according to most reliable testimony, invented those little sticks in January, 1831, when a boy at the college of Dole, in Franche Comté. Later on Sauria became a physician, and is now old and far from rich. To ease the doctor's old age, President Grévy has granted him the dream of every Frenchman who has had misfortunes, namely, a bureau de tabac (a tobacconist's licence)—a very appropriate position for an inventor of matches.

THE INSCRIPTION FEES IN FACULTIES.—These inscriptions are a sort of matriculation fee that formerly students in faculties and the superior schools had to pay quarterly, on taking out their card of attendance. Two or three years ago the inscription fees were abolished. They amounted yearly to 100f. for candidates to the degrees of officier de santé, or pharmacist of the second class, and to 120f. for the doctors of medicine or pharmacists of the first class. The suppression relieved to this extent the students, but at the same time decreased the income of the faculties—a serious matter for such institutions as the Paris Faculty of Medicine and College of Pharmacy, which number 3,000 and 800 students respectively. The Superior Council of Public Instruction is now considering the Government's proposal to re-establish the inscription fees, with every prospect of agreeing to the project It would increase by 360f. the cost of a diploma of doctor of medicine or pharmacist of the first class.

THE MICROBE OF YELLOW FEVER.—At a public lecture delivered by Dr. Brouardel on potable water, he incidentally stated his belief in Koch's cholera bacillus. This was on February 5, at the Sorbonne. He said the difficulty of proving the identity of the bacillus-or microbe, if you like of cholera, as well as of yellow fever, is the present impossibility of cultivating them in a proper medium. Man, so far, appears the only creature affected by these diseases, and experiments cannot be carried on with human beings as with inferior animals. Now it seems the solution of the problem has made one step forward—at least, so far as yellow fever is concerned. On March 21 Dr. Vulpian reported before the Academy of Sciences, upon a memoir presented by Messrs. Domingues Brothers, Paul Gibier, and Rébourgeon, on the yellow fever microbe and its attenuation. They find it is attenuated by passing through the rabbit and the guinea-pig, which it nevertheless causes to die. But when thus attenuated it no longer produces the disease in other animals. and the authors of the memoir have vaccinated with this attenuated virus a number of persons, who appear to have become proof against yellow fever. This is no doubt a hopeful beginning, but it is only a beginning.

SCHOOLS OF VETERINARY MEDICINE.—In accordance with a law recently passed President Grévy has just issued a decree re-organising the French veterinary schools. The principal features of the document, a long and minute one, arc as follows: - The veterinary schools at Alfort (near Paris), Lyons, and Toulouse shall be under the authority of the Minister of Agriculture and the Prefect of the Department where they are situated. They will admit boarders, semi-boarders, and externes (out-door students). Foreigners shall be allowed on the same terms as French citizens, which shall be 600f., 400f., and 200f. per annum for each class of students respectively. Between the three schools 140 scholarships shall be granted to deserving young men. All shall wear a uniform. Admission shall be obtained by competition only. Candidates shall be at least seventeen and no more than twenty-fiveyears of age, and after 1890 must have the diploma of bachelier ès lettres or ès sciences. Until then a preliminary examination shall be held before a jury. The course of instruction shall be four years, annual examinations being necessary for promotion to the ensuing higher class. The diploma fee is placed at 100f. The decree also provides for discipline and punishments much resembling those of a military school, and fixes the emoluments of professors and employés. These vary from 9,000f. to the director; 7,500f. 6,500f., and 5,500f. to the professors; down to 1,200f. to the lowest-paid laboratory porter.

JURIES FOR THE COMING FRENCH EXHIBITION .- M. Edouard Lockroy, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, appointed, on March 12, the admission committees for most sections of the International Exposition for 1889. The two following are of some interest to the readers of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST. In the official paper the committeemen are of course given their official titles, but in the subjoined lists they are simply qualified with a word or two that will perhaps better identify them for the English reader. The term "professor" used below is not to be taken always in the strict French acceptance, it means only a professional chemist in a general way. For Class 45, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, an admission committee of twenty-five members has been appointed, as follows:—Messrs. Armet de Lisle, quinine manufacture; Barbe, dynamite; A. Blouet, glue and oils; de Bonnard (of Coignet & Co.); Senator Léon Chiris, essential oils; Ph. de Clermont, professor; Debray, academician; Felix Dehaynin, expert; D. Gernez, professor; A. Gicquel, pharmacist; C. Guibal, indiarubber; Ernest Hardy, expert; Houet, paints and varnishes; Jules Kolb, chemical manufacturer; Lindet, professor; Linget, glycerine; Nicolas-Victor Masson, military pharmacist; Senator Naquet, chemist, author of the divorce law; E. Péligot, professor; A. Poirrier, aniline colours; Alfred Riche, professor at the College of Pharmacy; Senator Scheurer-Kestner, chemist; Froost, professor; A. Vée, wholesale druggist; Frederic Wurtz, pharmacist, a son of the late Ch. Adolphe Wurtz.

For Class 28, perfumery, the following have been appointed:—Messrs. A. Chouët (firm of Dr. Pierre); Edmond Coudray; Gallet père; Oume Guerlain; Lecarron (firm of Gellé): L'Hôte, expert; Piver; Paul Prot (firm of Lubin) A. Raynaud.

PHARMACY IN AUSTRALIA.

FIGHTING THE STORES .- The victory gained by the Victorian Pharmaey Board over the Equitable Co operative Society has disarranged the plans of all the co-operative societies in Melbourne, as far as pharmacy is concerned. Tre Equitable at first announced that their pharmaceutical business was being transferred to the dispenser, who had conducted the branch from the commencement. Apparently the managers and the dispenser were unable to come to terms, for the latter subsequently resigned, and the society decided to entirely discontinue dispensing for the time being. The Federal Co-operative Society have sold their pharmaceutical business to the dispenser, who under certain conditions carries it on on his own account, but at prices agreed upon by himself and the society. This business is said to be small but growing. The Mutual Stores claim that they are not on the same footing as the other stores; they deal only with their members, and are more conservative in their methods of business, even to the avoidance of advertisements. They have been established many years, and have endeavoured to comply with the law. But the prosecution of the Equitable Society and the way in which it has been endeavoured to apply the result to them have caused a certain amount of irritation. The action of the Pharmacy Board is said to have been a good advertisement, and applications for shares have greatly increased. Moreover, it is stated that the dispensing business has suddenly grown about twenty-five to thirty per cent. as compared with last year. The total drug business has also much increased; the returns for the month of December, 1886, were 6241, as compared with 5301. in December, 1885. The management are not disposed to follow the example of the Equitable. They propose even to extend their pharmaceutical business. There is a shop adjacent to the store which is the property of the company; their is to be fitted up as a pharmaceutical that the registered this is to be fitted up as a pharmacy and let to a registered chemist or chemists. The company will find capital at something over 10 per cent. interest, secured on the stock, &c., and will fix the terms at which the dispensing and retail business is to be conducted—namely, about 25 per cent. below ordinary retail prices. The chemist's income will depend on the profits he can make over and above the interest charged by the stores for capital. The step proposed will involve an expense for rental of at least 300% to 400%. annually; and it will evidently require some robust faith in the principle of "small profits and quick returns" on the part of the adventurer who accepts this modest proposal.

NEW SOUTH WALES-SYDNEY.

Mr. Melhuish has been elected an examiner, vice Mr. W. Larmer, resigned.

Mr. Edward Thornton has been appointed a member of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society, in the place of Mr. Larmer, resigned.

THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.—At the January meeting of the Council the secretary read the new agreement with the proprietors of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, London, and The Chemist and Druggist of Australasia, upon the latter journal becoming the official organ of the Society. The terms being considered very favourable to the Society, it was unanimously decided to ratify the agreement. An application from the Australian Journal of Pharmacy to be furnished with reports of meetings of the Council, &c., was objected to, upon the ground that the Society having an official organ, no necessity could be shown for supplying reports to another journal; especially as all the members of the Society received copies of The Chemist and Druggist of Australasia, whereas only three or four members were likely to see the Australian Journal of Pharmacy.

REGISTRATION OF APPRENTICES.—The Pharmaceutical Council have resolved that henceforth apprentices will have to pass the preliminary examination (which is similar to the British preliminary examination) before their indentures can be registered. Hitherto it has been the custom to accept a certificate from the apprentice's last schoolmaster, but this has proved unsatisfactory, and it will be a step in the right direction to compel all apprentices to pass a preliminary exa-

mination. In addition to the wholesome discipline of such an examination, it will tend to weed out a large proportion of those who are mentally unfitted to pass the ordeal of the qualifying examination. Under the old system a youth became apprenticed with little or no guarantee for his fitness, and very often came up for the final examination most absurdly unqualified to pass it, and then vented his anger and disappointment by abusing the examiners and all concerned. With a few exceptions, it seems almost a hopeless task to make students understand what will be expected of them, there being an almost universal idea that a few weeks' preparation before the examination will thoroughly fit them to pass the ordeal.

QUEENSLAND-BRISBANE.

A New Pharmacy Board was elected on December 31, 1886. The first board, which consisted of four chemists and three medical men, was appointed by Government, but one of the medical men died soon after and his place was not filled. At the late election there were fourteen candidates for the seven seats, and the votes were cast as follows:—Ed. Taylor (Berkley, Taylor & Co.), 78; C. H. F. Yeo, 76; D. J. Clarke, 72; J. H. Fitzgibbon, 64; A. W. Field, 59; T. W. Thomason, 52; Dr. Hill, 32; H. Comack, 28; L. C. Dunne, 27; Dr. Ellison, 25; Dr. Kesteven, 13; W. G. Clapperton, 12; Dr. Gibson, 11; W. J. Costin, 11; therefore, with the exception of Dr. Ellison, all the old members were returned. The newly elected board retain office for three years. At the first meeting of the new board, on January 11, Mr. Yeo was elected president, and Mr. Ed. Taylor honorary treasurer. At a subsequent meeting Mr. A. W. Field was appointed examiner in botany and materia medica, Mr. D. J. Clarke in pharmacy and dispensing, and Mr. T. W. Thomason in chemistry.

Mr. D. J. Clarke arrived in Queensland some twelve years ago, and served his apprenticeship to his uncle, Mr. D. Clarke, then of Warwick, but now of Maryborough; he is now in business at Brisbane as D. J. Clarke & Co.

Mr. T. W. Thomason is a native of Shropshire, England, and in 1878 commenced business for himself in Birmingham. After three years in business, delicate health caused him to leave his Birmingham business in the hands of a manager, while he took a country place for two years; but, wishing for more extended fields, he booked for Queensland, and arrived in Brisbane in March, 1884. He purchased the business of Mr. Hains, in Stanley Street, South Brisbane, and has since opened four branches. He has lately taken into partnership A. E. and H. W. Thomason.

FAILURE.—A petition has been filed for the liquidation by arrangement or composition with creditors of the estate of William John Costin (trading as J. Costin & Co.), druggist. The liabilities are stated at 23,736l. We understand that this in no way concerns the Queensland Drug Company, of which Mr. Costin is manager, but refers to private transactions.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA-ADELAIDE.

INTENSE HEAT.—On Friday, January 7, the maximum temperature recorded was 162° in the sun, and 106° in the shade; Saturday, January 8, it stood at 157.3° in the sun, and 110·1° in the shade; while on Sunday, January 9, we reached the highest record for the season, viz, 164° in the sun, and 111·2° in the shade. These records are taken from the Observatory register, and similar high readings were general throughout the colony.

AUSTRALASIAN BOTANY.

Baron von Mueller is writing a series of notes on Australian plants in The Chemist and Druggist of Australasia.

MUSK-SCENTED GNATS.

To the list of sources of musk must be added a kind of gnat, order Hemiptera, class Reduvidæ, genus Amulius (otol.), which is so common in the bush at times as to fill the air with a musky odour. The source of the odour has hitherto been an enigma, but has at last been traced by Mr. A. Alder, of Caloundra, Queensland, and the insects classed by Mr. Tryon of the Brisbane Museum.

foreign and Colonial.

THE GENEVA INTERNATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL EXHIBITION, which was to be held next year, has been postponed until 1893, in order not to clash with the great Paris Exhibition of 1888.

THE SWISS SPIRIT MONOPOLY BILL is about to be referred to the decision of the electors of the country, and, so far as the public press may be taken as an indicator of popular feeling, there is no doubt that the measure will be carried.

PERFUMERY IN THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Enormous quantities of cheap perfumery are used in these colonies, especially lavender and Cologne waters, the former selling at 6s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per dozen bottles! High-class perfumery is not in demand.

COCAINE ON THE POISON SCHEDULE.—An agitation is now being carried on in the State of New York with the object of placing cocaine on the list of poisonous drugs, to be sold only on a physician's prescription.

PEPPER-GROWING IN BORNEO appears to be largely on the increase. At Sarawak there are a large number of very well managed gardens, and the only drawback to the extension of the industry is the scarcity of Chinese labour, notwithstanding the salubrity of the climate and the fact that the Government allows a free passage from Singapore to the coolies.

"DR." RITCHIE AND THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH.—We learn from Continental journals that a special Ministerial Department for Medicine is about to be created in England, which will include everything pertaining to the public health. "Dr." Ritchie, president of the Local Government Board, is designated as the first head of this new ministry.

PROJECTED INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT SHANGHAI.—The Handelsmuseum understands that obstacles have arisen in the realisation of the project for an International Exhibition to be held at Shanghai in 1883. The Chinese Government, it is reported, considers the time fixed for the exhibition premature, and, besides refusing pecuniary assistance, declines to admit goods for exhibition duty free. In view of this decision endeavours are being made by the promoters to get up an exhibition on a smaller scale, by the aid of public subscription and a subsidy from the local authorities.

FIRE AT AN AUSTRIAN WAX AND STEARIN WORKS.—German papers state that on March 8, early in the morning, a fire occurred at the stearin candle and wax manufactory of A. Sarg Sohn & Co., Licsing, near Vienna. The whole of the ceresin and wax departments are said to have been destroyed, and the remainder of the works was only saved with the utmost difficulty. A later report states that the ceresin department only was destroyed, although the loss (covered by insurance) will be a heavy one, as the entire stock of ceresin has been burnt up. The London agents of Messrs. Sarg inform us that they are without any knowledge of the occurrence.

MINERAL WATERS IN PENANG.—The bulk of the aërated water consumed in Penang and the Straits Settlements is soda water of local manufacture. Acid water is more or less an article of fashion in Penang, and its consumption varies considerably without any apparent reason. At present, it is said, German aërated waters are particularly liked in Penang, especially the Genovena water from Cologne (a natural supercarbonated water), and Rossbach carbonated water. The former is sold in cases of 100 small bottles at 33s. 4d. per case. In the adjoining island of Sumatra there is a very good demand for Schweppe's waters.

AMERICAN-GROWN RHUBARB.—The National Druggist states that it has received a piece of the root of Rheum palmatum, grown in the garden of Mr. J. W. Colcord, a pharmacist of Lynn, Mass. The seed was planted in 1884. The specimen compared favourably with the foreign drug as far as taste, smell, and general appearance were concerned. A microscopic examination showed a preponderance of starch, and less oxalate of calcium. Mr. Colcord has expressed his

confidence that when the home-grown plants reach the age of eight or ten years they will turnish as fine a quality of rhubarb as the Chinese drug.

PROPRIETARY PREPARATIONS IN GERMANY.—It is reported that a Bill will shortly be laid before the German Parliament establishing a uniform law on the subject of proprietary medicines throughout the Empire, and making it penal to publicly advertise and recommend any proprietary preparations whatever. The authorities have hitherto been urable to proceed with the effect they desire against the spread of quack-remedies, on account of the confused condition of the laws affecting the traffic, which vary in the different parts of the Empire. While, for instance, in Rhenish Prussia any advertising of secret preparations by pharmacists is severely punishable, there is no such law in the adjoining provinces, and the legal views of what constitutes a "secret preparation" are also subject to great variation. The Bill will be brought forward by the Government during the present session of the Reichstag, and no serious opposition is anticipated.

GERMAN ENTERPRISE IN AFRICA. — Kühlon's Trade Review mentions that the second expedition organised by this company for the promotion of German trade will leave Germany in April or May next for different points on the West Coast of Africa. Only German goods will be dealt with, and the company purposes establishing factories and stations at various points with a view to the manufacturing of these. Far greater expeditions are held in prospect. It is anticipated that the undertaking will prove of immense value to German exporters, and establish German commodities on a secure footing.

THE ANALYTICAL CHEMISTS IN SWITZERLAND held a meeting in Lucerne this month at which it was decided to form a society for the purpose of protecting the interests of their profession. It is also proposed to communicate, for the benefit of the society at large, the methods of examination followed by its members, especially as regards the chemistry of alimentary substances. The committee for the first year consists of Dr. Weber (Zurich), Dr. Ambühl (St. Gallen), and Dr. Schaffer (Berne).

PHARMACEUTICAL LEGISLATION IN ITALY.—The Italian Government, it is stated, are preparing a law empowering the National Sanitary Council in Rome to prohibit the importation into the country of any medicinal preparation, and requiring importers to obtain the consent of that body for the importation of each parcel. Alcoholic medicines will have to pay duty under two different heads, first according to the class of the tariff in which they are included as medicines, and next for the amount of alcohol which they contain. The latter tax will be fixed by the Sanitary Council, assisted by three chemists appointed by the Minister.

NATIVE VETERINARIES IN INDIA.—Mr. J. F. Price, Acting Director of Revenue Settlement and Agriculture, Madras, submitted in August last certain proposals regarding the education and employment of salutries (native veterinary practitioners). His idea was that these men should be recruited from the ordinary ryot class, that they should be placed under experienced inspectors of cattle diseases for six months' training, and receive pay at the rate of 10 runees per month during the period of probation, and 20 supees per month as a maximum salary, the object being to educate a large number of natives in the European method of castration, and then let them return to their own parts of the country. These recommendations have been sanctioned by the Government of Madras, and operations will, for the present, be confined to the districts of Salem and Coimbatore, because here the experiment in pony breeding is being carried out.

THE SALT QUESTION IN INDIA.—The Government of India several years ago offered a reward for any process which would render sait unfit for human consumption while not affecting its fitness for the use of cattle. We now hear that Professor S. Cook, of the Poona College of Science, has devised a process which fully meets the conditions laid down, but that the Indian Government have rejected it on the ground of inexpediency. It is said, however, that Professor Cook will probably claim the reward offered by the Government.

POST-CARD COMPETITION-No. 9.

CHEMISTS' CIRCULARS AND COUNTER BILLS.

In our first notice of the documents which we have received for this competition the relative behaviour, as regards advertising, of two different chemists was referred to. One enterprising chemist does not forget the dispensing department of his business, for which mainly he struggled through years of study, and wishing to cultivate it more, he composes the following high-flown statement, gets it printed on a gilt-edged card which will slip into a prescription envelope, and sends a copy of it with a polite letter to each of the doctors in his meighbourhood as well as to residents:—

JOHN THOMSON,

DISPENSING CHEMIST,

Ecgs respectfully to intimate to the medical profession and the public that he devotes himself specially to the dispensing department of his business, holding all the other departments in strict subordination. He employs none but the finest and purest drugs and chemicals which can be obtained, quite irrespective of eost, and all the details of manipulation are under his direct personal inspection and superintendence.

It is his scrupulous aim and endeavour to earry out the inteutions of the medical practitioner with absolute integrity. For this end prescriptions are dispensed with preparations made in accordance with the processes of the British Pharmacopœia, and foreign prescriptions are compounded agreeably to the Pharmacopæias of the various countries in which they are written—United States, France, Germany, Italy, &c.

In cases of necessity, medicines can be obtained at any hour of the night, and on Sunday when the shop is closed, by ringing the night-bell.

(T. S., Edinburgh.)

And so we might illustrate Mr. Thomson's conduct during the whole course of his business career. He loses no chance for adding to his work; takes every advantage of public crazes, whether it be for house-cleaning or photography, and by persistently circularising impresses the public that he is conscientiously carrying out the promise of his opening announcement.

This competition has given us an opportunity of judging how the drug trade advertise, and we may now refer more particularly to the different methods of advertising suggested by our competitors. Very few who send us printed matter tell us what results they have had by issuing it. Amongst those who do give their opinions is Mr. T. J. Mallett, and, as his sentences are forcible, we give them here as they occur on his post-card:—"I have given up using counter bills entirely; they don't pay. Instead, I have had a series of slip labels printed advertising various specialities, and no parcel, tot even a penny package of senna, or rhubarb, or a patent medicine, leaves my establishment without one of these labels attached. I have found them to bring in fruit a hundredfold. If I sell a penny package of magnesia, rhubarb, senna, Epsom salts, a label describing the virtues of my saline aperient, liver pills, diarrhea mixture, neuralgic mixture, lavender water, and so on is attached to the back of the parcel or package. With a little judgment the labels generally sell something; and what is more, the people are bound to read them. That is the great trick in advertising. Thousands of counter bills are used for pipelights, and never get read at all." The following is, as near as we can give it, a facsimile of one of Mr. Mallett's labels:-

MALLETT'S NEURALGIC MIXTURE

A certain, safe, and reliable Cure for
NEURALGIA, FACE-ACHE, TIC, TOOTH-ACHE, AND
ALL NERVE PAINS.

PREPARED AND SOLD ONLY BY

T. J. MALLETT, Chemist,

7 LUPUS STREET, ST. GEORGE'S SQ., LONDON, In Bottles at ONE SHILLING, by Parcel Post, 1/3.

A similar idea is carried out by "Gratitude," who has to atruggle under the worst aspects of the cutting trade, and

whose card, "Cut everything low," was reproduced in our first article. He has a series of labels for affixing to all proprietary articles which are sold at a reduced price. Thus, for Eno's fruit salt the following is used, printed in crimson ink on a slip 4 in. long by 13 in, deep:—

SPECIAL.

We would call your particular attention to our

"EFFERVESCING SALINE."

in bottles same size as "Eno's Fruit Salt," at about onc-half the price. No advertising to pay for. Please compare.

To be obtained only of

(Here name and address of the chemist.)

This system of advertising is at least forcible, but in many cases it is risky, and should be cautiously gone about.

Original designs are somewhat at a discount in the competition, although a few striking ones are to be found in the large bundle before us. Mr. E. T. Burrow (Wellington) sends an elaborate drawing of a compass similar to John o' Groat's, within a square, on cach side of 'which is printed the word "Health," within a halo. The central square of the compass contains its title, "Carr's Health Compass," "Specially for the Winter" being on the segments surrounding it, and each cone or segment of the compass has a brief notice of a remedy for a winter ailment, those given being coughs, rough skin from wind, chilblains, neuralgia, chapped hands, sore lips, colds, asthma, sore throat, and rheumatism. The reader is told, "If you wish to remain healthy through the winter you should place yourself under the guidance of this compass, which will point out a remedy for nearly every winter complaint."

Mr. T. D. Wright sends a design for a handbill on specialities for children, in which the figures of children are utilised for displaying on flags the virtues of the specialities.

The six boys have fantastic caps, and are otherwise attractively depicted. The card reads as follows:—

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, MUCH SUFFERING, PREMATURE DEATH AVOIDED,

By the timely and judicious use of the following medicines.

[First flag]—Teething Powders without Mercury.
[Second flag]—Infauts' Preservative. Contains no Anodync.
[Third flag]—Children's Cough Syrup, 6d. and 1s. per bottle.
[Fourth flag]—Worm Powders, Cakes, or Tablets.
[Fifth flag]—Baby's Gum Soother, a palatable syrup for the gums, 6d.

per bottle.
[Sixth flag]—Childreu's Diarrhea Drops, 6d. per bottle.

For lavender water "P. O. B. T." suggests a piece of thick white blotting paper, with an imprint of a figure of a bottle of the perfume in the centre, the date-stamp in the right-hand upper corner (the date in order to show how long the perfume lasts), and particulars as to price at the bottom. These cards are to be sprinkled with the perfume, and a statement to that effect printed upon them. To complete the design, "P. O. B. T." suggests that lavender ink should be used. This suggestion has already been carried out by perfumers; chemists, however, might do it on their own behalf, having blank cards printed, which can be used for any perfume, the ordinary label being affixed to the centre of the card. Ladies have a peculiar fondness for prescrving anything which has a nice perfume, and chemists might take more advantage of this weakness by imparting fragrant odours to cards which specially appeal to the fair sex. Of printed designs one of the best which we have received is a counter-bill for "Stop-ache," used by Mr. Samuel Lawrence. This shows the horrors and joys of a toothache hospital. "Ye benefactor" and his patients are depicted in silhouette style. "Ye benefactor" (a man with Gladstonian head and Harcourtian figure) dispenses the Stop-ache to a suffering patient, while another tragically enters the door. This scene occupies the top of the bill; the left side of the bottom portion shows the retiring and joyful patients—men, woman, and boy—who exclaim, "Hurrah! the certain cure." The handbill is so striking, on account of this illustrated portion, that it is one which is likely to be saved from the flames, and time thereby

be given to reflect upon the descriptive matter, which is of the usual character, including several testimonials and the following paragraph:—

But why suffer from Toothache?

Ain't prevention better than eve? Microscopical examinations have proved that vegetable fungi develop, unobserved by the naked eye, non the teeth of over four-fifths of the human race, from which all diseases of the teeth arise. Don't neglect your teeth, but use L—'s Liquid Dentiferice, which prevents the development of fungi, or, if present, removes such; thus doing away with the primary cause of toothache and decay. It not only cleanses, beautifies, and preserves the teeth, but it also renders the gums firm and healthy, and imparts a delightful fragrance to the breath.

A circular of similar design is used by "J. J. O. E." for advertising an ivy-green ethereal solution for corns. On this pharmacy in its ancient and modern aspects is depicted, heginning at the bottom with the alchemist, and then the apothecaries of Old London and of a century ago, and finishing with the druggist of George IV.'s time and the chemist and druggist of to-day. This handbill, we notice, is printed

by Mr. H. Silverloek.

The Jubilee has called forth few efforts in the way of special circulars, the most notable heing a Jubilee puzzle, sent by Mr. W. S. Harvey (Margate). On one side this shows a portrait of the Queen in the centre, with figures or scenes representing England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Canada, and India. The reverse side contains advertisements of trade specialities. The card is cut into pieces of different sizes and placed in a small envelope hearing a portrait of the Queen. Mr. Harvey states that "A few given away will soon create a demand (especially among the young customers), and if restricted to customers only, the cost of circulating will be nil. The recipients will he amused, and their friends have an opportunity to read the advertisement. The present year offers the advantage to many to localise this puzzle hy choosing for the picture a sketch of the local memorial of the Jubilee."

When much money is spent upon a circular it is advisable, especially in a small business, to incorporate with it some information which adds to its value, and which will induce the one who gets it to keep it for reference. An almanae or time-table is generally the plan adopted for this purpose. One of the latter, sent by Mr. H. Cumher, junr. (Guernsey), is a ten-page circular, each page measuring $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $3\frac{1}{3}$ in., into which size it folds up. There are five pages of information regarding omnibuses, tram cars, &c, with fares, the backs of the pages displaying husiness announcements. A good deal of husiness capital may he made out of such time-They require, however, to be issued monthly or quarterly, and the expense of so doing may preclude many from adopting this method of advertising, but an arrangement with a printer to keep the type standing would greatly reduce the outlay. The business announcements should be occasionally changed. Mr. R. H. Richards (Honiton) sends a design for a portfolio of "local views with interesting in-formation." This professes to give information or history of some local ehureh, hall, promenade, or the like, with view. Then follow four pages of business announcements, and the sixth page is reserved for a list of the principal sights and walks in and around the town, cab fares, &c. The last two pages are taken up with more advertisements, while boards are occupied by a preliminary announcement and a view. Such portfolios are of value in towns resorted to by summer visitors, to whom copies should be sent as soon as their arrival becomes known. Mr. Richards's design contains rather much of the advertisement about it, but the idea is there, and may be worked upon hy these who are inclined. Here we may remark that the chemist who can take a photograph can make great use of his skill hy illustrating such portfolios with small photos; and it is well to combine the "interesting information" or the view with a small advertisement on the same page. Thus a small vignette view of Lake Windermere, with notes of what there is interesting about it, should be combined with a note on a Windermere souvenir, such as the "Windermere bouquet." We know that this is done in several watering-places with good

Mr. J. J. O. Evans (Teignmouth) sends us a four-page eircular, heautifully printed in blue and gold. The feature of this eircular is the second page, which we here reproduce

on a reduced scale. The page of the original is octave size. The horder, lines, and titles are in gold, the rest in blue, and the divisions in one column correspond in depth to those in the opposite column:—



Indi estion.

Rhubarb and Dandelion Pills.

For Indigestion, Heartburn, Headache, &c. As a Dinner Fill, this combination is not excelled.

PRICE 1/- and 2/6.

Malt Food.

For Infants and Invalids. A scientific combination peculiarly suited to weak and debilitated persons.

ONE POUND TINS 10.4. cach.

Ser Wind.

Essence of Sea Weed, or Sea Pod Liniment.

For Weak Joints, Sprains, Enlargement of Glands, Rheumatism, &c. Extensively used in all parts of England.

PRICE 1/11, 2/3, 4/6, and 11/-

Sunburn Lotion.

An application for Tan, Freekles, Sunburn, Bites and Stings of Insects, and excoriation by the East, Wind.

PRICE 1/6 and 2/6.

Coughs and Celes.

Compound Syrup of Horehound.

A palatable and efficacious Mixture for relieving Coughs and Sore Throats.

PRICE 1/11 and 2/9.

Oil of Mastard.

An elegant and effectual substitute for Mustard Plaster.

PRICE 6d., 1/-, &c.

Abenmatic Embrecation.

An external remedy, stimulating and soothing. May be used for Headache, Neurolgia, Sprains, &c.

PRICE 1/12 and 2/3.

Che Anti-Catarrh

Smelling Salts.

Useful and refreshing, for summer and winter use.

PRICE 1/6, 2/6, &c.

Astringent Cincture.

For the Gums. A most useful detergent Tonic for tender and unhealthy Gums.

* PRICE 1/-, 2/-, &e.

Regeneratibe Bair Clash.

For falling Hair, the result of Debility and want of Tone in the Scalp. Never fails to improve the Hair.

PRICE 2/-

Breca Unt Cooth Paste.

For the Teeth. A very good cleanser of the Teeth and preserver of the Gnms.

PRICE 1/- and 6d.

Grape Salt.

One of the most pleasant Effervescent Salines made. Invaluable in Nausea, Biliousness, Headache, &c.

PRICE 1/- and 1/9.

Aromatic Sal Volatile.

A peculiarly strong and fragrant preparation, as made for half-acentury by a well-known Provincial Firm.

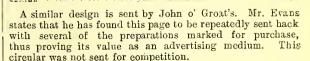
IN STOPPERED BOTTLE3.

Fron and Quinine Conic.

Dr. Barlow's Tonic Drops.

For Tie, Neuralgia, Toothache, and the weakening effects of a Cold. Does not induce Headache.

PRICE 1/11 and 2/3.



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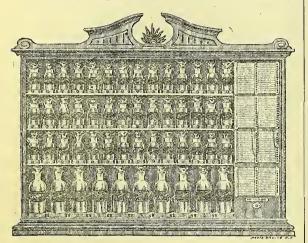
HEKTOGRAPH copies are, with the exception of the two or three first ones, rather blurred. It is recommended to dampen the paper with alcohol and take up the excess with a blotter. The copies to the last one will be much sharper.—

Ph. Centralle.



ELECTRIC POISON CABINET.

THE subjoined illustration shows a front view of the poison cabinet which was recently exhibited at a meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society by Mr. H. Ahhot (of Messrs. Lotz & Abbot, Queen Street, E.C.). Each bettle, as we have previously explained, is placed in a wooden slide, which can only be removed by making an electrical circuit. This is done in a very simple manner. Behind cach hottle is a



small electro-magnet with a contact hreaker, which falls and acts as a catch to the hottle slide when there is no electric current. To make a current the lahels for any bottle are looked for on the indicator at the right, and the pins put into the holes. This makes the connection with one pole; hut if only one pin is put in, the connection is only half made, hecause the wire passes from one lahel to the other, so that if one hole is unoccupied there is a hreak at one end or in the middle. The circuit is completed by pressing the hutton. As soon as the circuit is completed, the catch is raised by the electro-magnet, and the slide with its bottle may he withdrawn. If one pin were put into a chloral lahel and another into the strychnine label there would be no action, hecause the two pieces of wire have no connection with each other. When one slide is removed, connection with the hattery is cut off, so that it is impossible to make electrical connection with any other hottle until the first one is returned to the cabinet. This is intended to prevent mistakes, which sometimes happen when two or more hottles are on the dispensing counter at the same time. The arrangement is applicable to ordinary shop-fittings, as well as to small eahinets for the most toxic remedies.

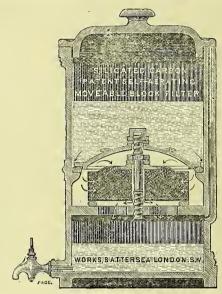
" REAL VIOLETS."

This is the taking title of the latest work by Messrs Warwick Bros, of Old Swan Lane, E.C., which consists of a "new and recherché hreath pastille." The makers claim to have seized the love of the violet, freed it from its material body, and embalmed it in sugar. Along with the love they have taken the colouring matter of the flowers, and the result is a diamond-shaped lozenge of the colour of wild violet petals. The flavour of the lozenges is exquisite, and

we doubt not that they will be known and appreciated long after the London season, 1887. With "Real Violets" the chemist may have a square cut-crystal show-bottle for placing upon he counter perfume case. This is effectively lahelled and will help the sale of the novelty.

AUTOMATIC AËRATION OF WATER.

THE Silicated Carhon Filter Company, Battersea, are introducing for the season's trade an improvement in their well-known patent movable-block filters, consisting in the addition of a patent aërating cover which encloses and surrounds the filtering-medium. As will he seen in the drawing,



a space for air is left at the sides and top of the silicated carbon block, so that each time that water is poured into the top compartment of the filter the air is forced by the weight of water through the filtering-medium and combined with the filtered water, thus automatically aërating it. The inventors claim that not only are the grosser impurities arrested and strained out of the water before coming in contact with the filtering-medium by the ashestos ring on which the aërator cover rests, but that the filtered water being charged with air is hrighter, more sparkling, and consequently less flat than ordinary filtered water. The whole of the filter can he immediately taken to pieces for cleansing and renewal, and the success that has attended the silicated carbon selfaërating table-filters, which we noticed some months since, has induced the company to extend the improvement to their domestic and other filters.

MESSRS. BARCLAY & SONS announce by advertisement that they will shortly supply that old established medicine, Mrs. Johnson's American Soothing Syrup, in a 1s. $1\frac{1}{2}d$. size as well as a 2s. 9d. size as at present. The bottle now sold at 2s. 9d. will he 1s. $1\frac{1}{2}d$., and a larger size will he introduced to sell at 2s. 9d.

Messrs. Ingram & Royle are now the sole consignees of Esculap bitter water, the famous Hungarian aperient. They are also sole consignees for the Carlshad waters and salts. They inform us that they are about to revise their price-list on such lines as to place their country customers on equal terms with the London trade. Particulars of the new terms will he announced next week.

Trade Hotes.

MR. H. MACAULEY, L.P.S.I., has rebuilt and refitted the Portadown Medical Hall. He still retains interest in the management of the Dundalk Medical Hall.

A NEW catalogue, quoting net, wholesale, and retail prices of proprietary medicines, druggists' sundries, and miscellaneous articles, has just been issued by Messrs. William Edwards & Son, of 157 Queen Victoria Strect.

"Montserrat."—We understand that the parties to the suit of Evans v. Smith, reported in this journal (February 26, 1887), have agreed to abandon the action. Messrs. Evans, Sons & Co. retain the use of the word "Montserrat" as their trade-mark, and the defendant undertakes not to use the word as descriptive of lime juice or its preparations.

ELABORATE SHOW-CASES.—We inspected the other day one of four show-cases which Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co. are getting made from the elaborately carved screen which was one of the chief decorative features of the Indian palace at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, and which the firm purchased. In constructing the cases the designer has adapted the carved pillars for the frame, while the square panels, which resemble fret-work, but are really substantial lath-work, are used for panels at the bases of the cases and in union with carved work for canopies. In the case which was finisbed this week for the Adelaide Exhibition, square bases have been constructed for each pillar, and on the faces of these designs and wording appropriate to the leading specialities of the firm have been carved. This is the only European addition to what appears to be a truly Oriental structure; but it has been made in such a way that the harmony of the whole is not disturbed. Oriental inscriptions in black and gold upon the glazed sides of the case support this harmony. For the benefit of colonial pharmacists who may wish to air their linguistic knowledge when occasion requires, we may state that the inscriptions are in Arabic, Chinese, Hindustanee, and Sanskitt characters, and may be freely translated, "The progress of medicine and pharmacy." The case is so striking as a specimen of the carrer's art, as well as for its handsome size, that it is certain to prove an attraction at the Adelaide Jubilee Exhibition.

MAIGNEN'S FILTERS .- The statutory general meeting of Maignen's Filtre Rapide and Anti Calcaire Company (Limited) was held on March 19, at the City Terminus Hotel. Mr. Littler, Q.C., wbo presided, stated that the directors had not yet had much time to organise and to develop the property, but the difficulty up to the present had been not so much to obtain business as to get the orders executed. Only on the previous day an order had come in for over 300 filters for Russia. They were also carrying on business with Buenos Ayres and other parts of South America, with France, Belgium, Italy, Holland, Australia, and South Africa. That was a tolerably large result of four months' work. They had entered into negotiations with the Government, and at their next meeting he hoped to be able to state that every department of the British Army had been supplied with the company's filters. The French Government had tried several experiments with them; they had also had applications from the Russian Government, and that morning orders were received for some trial filters for Her Majesty's Indian Army. The drinking water at Sbeffield was extremely soft, with a slight amount of acid tendency, which had an effect on the lead pipes, and he had just seen that the borough analyst had been recommending the company's filters for removing the acid. In regard to that part of their business, therefore, they had very good prospects, and it was to be remembered that so long as their filter held its own they would have a permanent income from the carbo-calcis. With reference to the anti-calcaire, another important part of their business, he had that morning heard one of the leading water engineers of the country express his belief that the process invented by Mr. Maignen would be of the greatest use for boiler purposes. The process had been tried by the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Company, who had found that during two years there had been no scaling, and hardly any cleaning had been required.

Legal Reports.

THE APOLLINARIS TRADE-MARK.—A motion was made on Wednesday before Mr. Justice North on the pending litigation with reference to this trade-mark. The Apollinaris Company having opposed the application of Mr. Hürter to register the word "Apollo" as a trade-mark for mineral waters, the motion stood over for Mr. Hürter to give notice of motion to rectify the register by removing the Apollinaris Company's trade-marks. Mr. Hürter being a foreigner, an order was made on him on February 28 to give security for costs, and Mr. Cozens Hardy, Q.C., now moved that security should be given within a week, or that the application should be dismissed. Mr. Ingpen appeared for Mr. Hürter. His Lordship made the order asked for.

THE "PAIN KILLER" CASE.—On March 18, in the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, before Mr. Justice Kay, Mr. Chadwyck Healy moved on behalf of Mr. Arbor, trading under the style of Pen & Co., of Liverpool, that the trademark registered by Perry Davis & Co., viz., "Pain Killer," be struck off the register. Mr. Ince, Q.C., asked that the motion might stand over and come on with the action, on the ground that the motion was in the nature of an action, and sought to remove from the register a trade-mark of great value, having been used in this country for upwards of forty years. Mr. Justice Kay suggested that the motion should come on as a non-witness action. Mr. Healy asked in that case that the evidence might be used both for the motion and trial, and that both parties might be at liberty to adduce further evidence. Mr. Justice Kay refused to allow this course, for the reason that he would not hear the evidence first by affidavit and then vivâ voce. Ultimately the motion was directed to stand over for a month, to enable Mr. Ince to obtain evidence of the user of the word "painkiller," and for a further fourteen days to enable Mr. Arbor to reply, after which the motion was to come on as a non-witness action, liberty to each side to apply in regard to the cross-examination of witnesses.

BANKRUPTCY REPORTS.

Re George Graham Forster, 24 Compton Terrace, Islington, late of Durham, Surgeon-dentist.

This debtor applied on March 18, at the London Bankruptcy Court, to pass his public examination upon accounts showing liabilities 1,280l. 7s. 9d. and as-ets 24l. 1s. 8d. In the course of the examination the debtor stated that he commenced business with a deficiency, which accumulated as time went on. He took over the business of a Mr. Owen, which he was in hopes would turn out better than it did. He paid 500l. for the practice. The examination was ordered to be concluded.

Re CHARLES EDWARD ARMOND SEMPLE, 89 Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, and Torrington Square, Doctor of Medicine.

THE first meeting of creditors under the failure of this debtor was held at the London Bankruptcy Court on. Wednesday, before Mr. Brougham, Assistant Receiver.

The following is a list of creditors:— £ Mrs. G. Weldon, Gower Street 1,020 0 0 B. H. Van Tromp, Essex Street, W.C. 35) 0 0 Dr. D. Thomas, Park Lodge, Paddington 50 0 0 Dr. W. B. Stirling, Nottingham Place 25 0 0 Mrs. Hughes, Bloon Street, Spitalfields 15 0 0 11 16 0 11 0 0 - Hunt, King Street, Hammersmith . . 10 18 6

The statement of affairs shows unsecured liabilities 1,876l. 6s. 8d., and assets 76l. 1s, and the debtor attributes his failure to the result of an action for damages brought against him by Mrs. Weldon. He appears to have commence 1 practising as a consulting physician in 1872. There was no quorum, and the debtor has been adjudged bankrupt. The Official Receiver will therefore wind up the proceedings.

Gazette.

PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED.

- LEE & LAMBERT, Sheffield, surgical instrument manufacturers.
- MARQUARDT, LEHZEN & Co., Penchurch Street, City, and Calcutta, merchants and agents.
- NUTTER & PINCHIN, Palmerston Buildings, Bishopsgate Street Within, City, oil brokers.
- RANAGE & Co, Accrington, paint and chemical manufacturers.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1883.

RECEIVING ORDERS.

- DODWORTH, ALBERT, Sheffield, palette knife manufacturer.
- HANCOCK, HENRY JOSEPH, East India Dock Road, and Preston's Road, Poplar, veterinary surgeon.
- WOODHALL, JOHN LEIGH, formerly of Neston, Cheshire, chemist and druggist.

FIRST MEETING AND PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

MARLOR, MARY JANE (trading as J. Marlor), Lees, Ashton-nnder-Lyne, chemist and druggist. March 28, Official Receiver's offices, Manehester; April 28, Town Hall, Ashton-under-Lyne.

ADJUDICATION.

DODWORTH, ALBERT, Sheffield, palette knife manufacturer.

NOTICES OF DIVIDENDS.

- DAVIDSON, HENRY, Barnsley, drysalter. First and final div. of 7s. April 4, 19, Regent Street, Barnsley.
- Hunt, Charles Jared, Southampton Street, Camberwell, soap manufacturer. First div. of 1s. 8d., any Wednesday, Mr. H. W. Figg's, 37 Upper Thames Street.

TRADE-MARKS APPLIED FOR.

THE Trade Marks Journal publishes the following notice:—"Any person who has good grounds for objection to the registration of any of the following marks may, within two months of the date of this journal, give notice in duplicate at the Patent Office, in the form 'J,' in the second schedule to the Trade Marks Rules, 1883, of opposition to such registration." The address of the Patent Office is Southampton Buildings, London, W.C.

From the "Trade Marks Journal," March 16 and 23, 1887.

- "AFRICAN OINTMENT," other wording and desert scene, on label; for an ointment. By M. Billinge, Hyde. 53,654.
- "Orchid-blossom Perfume," other wording and illustration, on label; for a perfume. By Burgoyne, Burbidges & Co., 12 Coleman Street, F.C. 57155
- "PRIMROSE CUP," and figure of a cup of primroses, on label; for a powder for producing a non-alcoholic drink. By M. A. Biller (trading as Wood & Co.), 27 Soho Squ re, W. 57,321.
- "STOP-ACHE," and other wording; for medicines. By S. Lawrence, Oban N.B. 58,267.
- "CAMPANA"; for chemicals and other substances of Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 47. By J. Storer & Sons, 6 Billiter Avenue, E.C. 58,679-81.
- "Moeller's Malt Cocoa," and other wording, on label; for substances used as food. By Moeller's Pure Malt Cocoa Manufacturing Company, Bradford. 58,717.
- "EMOLLIOLORUM," and other wording, on label; for a harness preparation. By J. Talbot, Salisbury. 58,922.
- "EBONY," and figure of a shamrock; for perfumery. By A. Finlay, 35 Ann Street, Belfast. £9,000 and 59,006.
- "ACIRFA LIVINGSTONE BITTERS"; for a medicine. By W. E. Layton, 116 Stainsby Road, E.
- "Caston-oil Lozenges," on figure of a lozenge; for medicinal lozenges. By R. de B. Trotter, Perth. 59,495.

- "SPENCER'S MAGNETIC FILTERS," on figure of a magnet; "Spencer's Tripatent—the Magnetie Filter," on triangle; for domestic filters, "Spencer's Patent Magnetie Carbide;" for a filtering medium. By the Magnetic Filter Company, 32. A Euston Square, N.W. 59,502-4.
- "CRITERION" (59,697), "BALAKLAVA" (59,699), and "SEBASTAPOL" (59,701); for chemical substances for use iu medicine and pharmacy-By Hodgson & Simpson, Wakefield.
- "JACOBI'S PLASTER," and figure of a cock, on oval label; for corn-plaster. By G. Jacobi, Hacking, near Vienna. 59,717.
- "EUCALINUM"; for chemical substances (Classes 2 and 9) and perfumery. By Rocke, Tompsitt & Co.; 120 London Wall, E.C. 59,763-71.
- "Belfast Linen," on figure of a catheter; for catheters and bougies. By C. A. Chapman, 10 Stock Orchard Street, London. 59,779.
- "MITRE," also figure of a mitre; for chemical substances for use in medicine and pharmacy. By Allen & Hanburys, Plough Court, E.C. 59,952-3.
- "OIL OF EUCALYPTUS, OR RHEUMATIC OIL," and other wording, on fancy label; for a medicinal preparation. By J. Bosisto & Co., Richmond, Victoria. 59,959.
- "GUY'S TONIC," and other wording, on label; for a patent medicine. By T. Guy (trading as Gny's Tonic Company), 6 Sloane Square, Chelsea. 60,002.
- "BARRY'S PEARL CREAM"; for a toilet preparation. By G. C. Barclay (trading as Barclay & Co.), 44 Stone Street, New York. 60,087.
- "Bois Des Indes"; for a perfinme. By Patey & Co., 49 Scrutton Street, London. 60,101.
- "Magnum Bonum"; for perfumery. By Gray, Smith & Bennitt, Wathupon-Dearne. 60.110.
- "Dr. Plemming's Quinixe and Camphor Pills," and "Congreve's Balsamic Elixir"; for medicinal preparations. By G. T. Congreve, Coombc, Peckham, S.E. 60,147-8.
- "THE VINAIGRETTE STYLE," and illustration; for chemical substances of Class 3. By Burroughs, Wellcome & Co., Snow Hill Buildings, E.C. 60,150.
- Design consisting of two pestles crossed, and a mortar above and below; for chemical substances of Class 3. By J. A. Clark, 48 The Broadway, London Fields, Hackney, E.
- "CHLOROPHYLL," and autograph; for chemical substances (Class 1). By Martin Pells & Co., 63 Basinghall Street, London. 60,834.
- "FLORILINE"; for tooth-powder and liquid dentifrice. "Mexican Hair Renewer"; for a preparation for the hair. By The Anglo-American Drug Company, 33 Farringdon Road, London. 50,285-7.
- "Goodall,"; for non-alcoholic fruit essences, and other goods in Class 47 By Goodall, Backhouse & Co., Leeds. 56,888.
- "WILLIAM JAMIESON'S NOTED HARNESS COMPOSITION," and other wording, on label; for the same. By W. Jamieson, 9 Freeland Road, Bromley, Kont. 57,743.
- "Dr. Rooke's Rheumatic Lixile," on label; for a linimeut. By W. F. Rocke, M.D., Belle Vuc Cottage, Scarborough. 58,970.
- 6 J. T. HOWE'S COMPOUND ESSENCE ELIXIR," and other wording; for a medicine. By J. T. Howe, 251 Kennington Road, Lambeth, S.E. 59,048.
- "THE SILVER CHURN BUTTER COLOURING," and other wording, on fancy label; for the same. By Oldfield, Pattinson & Co., Mauchester. 59.143.
- "THE TAOBA TREE"; for secuts, sachets, &c. (Class 48). By A. N. Beck, Hastings. 59,558.
- Representation of archers and dragon, with motto; for medicinal preparations. By P. Harris & Co. (Lim.), Birmingham. 59,745.
- "Dr. Martin's Pure Rubber Bandages;"; for the same. By Dr. H. A. Martin & Son, Roxbury Station, Boston, Mass. 59,897.
- "LORELEI"; for perfumery (60,036), a.d. "ETNA"; for escence of lemon (60,127). By Hirst, Brooke & Hirst, Leeds.
- "TRICOPHEROUS"; for a preparation for the hair. By E. C. Barelay' 44 Stone Street, New York. 60,088.

EUCALYPTUS FOR BOILER-CLEANING.—It is stated that extract of eucalyptus leaves is wonderfully efficacious in dissolving, or preventing the formation of, scale on boilers. When the extract is first put into the boilers it is about six weeks before any difference is apparent, but after that time it gradually comes off and no more scale forms.

NEW COMPANIES.

HARTMANN'S SANITARY WOOD WOOL COMPANY (LIMITED).—This company proposes to manufacture wood wool and wood wadding in all forms, and surgical or medical instruments, dressings and appliances, and to carry on the business of pharmaceutical and other chemists. It was registered with a capital of 65,000% in 1% shares. The first directors are: Mr. Wynn Westcott, MB., Mr. J. T. Powell, M.D., Mr. J. White, Mr. J. D. Newton, Mr. A. Essinger, and Mr. A. Hartmann.

IMPERIAL SPRING OF GERMANY AND NATURAL MINERAL WATER COMPANY (LIMITED).—Capital, 50,000l. in 1l. shares. Object, to import mineral waters, and especially from the wells near Niedermending, in Rhenish Prussia, belonging to Henry Hurter, of Coblentz; also to deal in carbonic or other gas and products derive I from mineral or medicinal waters. The first directors are J. T. Schipper, art publisher, King Street, Covent Garden; A. S. Norris, merchant, Shepherd's Bush; and E. W. Williams, contractor, East Tilbury. Remuneration, 250l. per annum, and a sum equal to one-tenth of the annual net profits after payment of 10 per cent. interest on the share capital.

JOSEPH MACK AUSTRIAN PINE PRODUCTS COMPANY (LIMITED).—Registered with a capital of 75,000%, divided into 75,000 shares of 1½ each, to acquire the business of Mr. Joseph Mack, for the manufacture and sale of Austrian pine products, and the distilleries, fixtures, and premises where the same is carried on, including trade-marks, plant, and stock-in-trade used in the said business. The first subscribers are J. T. Preston, wholesale druggist, 81 Bishopsgate Street Within; J. N. Beach, merchant, 24 Hart Street, Bloomsbury; J. Collinson, soap manufacturer, Hearn Street, E.C.; T. T. Pratt, M.D., 12 Flace Vendome, Paris; B. Ray, solicitor, 26 Place Vendome, Paris; J. F. Kershaw, solicitor, 19 Westbourne-terrace Road, W.; C. W. Berkley, 104 Elm-park Gardens, S.W.; J. Thompson, 21 Oxford Road, Ealing. The first directors are J. Newton Beach, William Collinson, George Martell, Alfred Preston, and Nicholas Caruta. Remuneration, 800½, with a further 500½ in any year in which the dividend shall exceed 5 per cent.

MARRIAGE.

[Notices of Marriages and Deaths are inserted free if sent with proper authentication.]

BROADBENT—ROBERTS.—On March 17, at Christ Church, Linthwaite, by the Rev. H. Edwards, vicar, assisted by the Rev. H. Rigby, curate, James Edward, son of the late Mr. David Broadbent, of Longwood, to Ann Jane, eldest daughter of Mr. John Roberts, chemist and druggist, Slaithwaite.

DEATHS.

DUCK.—At Gabalfa, Llandaff, on the 19th inst., Mr. Richard Weatherill Duck, chemist and druggist. The deceased was a partner in the firm of Treharne & Duck, chemists, Cardiff, and was only taken seriously ill on the night before his death.

DUNGER.—On March 8, Mr. George Dunger, chemist and druggist, St. Stephen's Street, Norwich. Aged 52. Mr. Dunger was formerly in business in St. Stephen's, Norwich, and during the last five years has lived at Heigham. A coroner's inquiry into the cause of his death was held, as he died rather suddenly, and according to the widow's evidence, had threatened, and at times pretended, to take poison. A business trouble had lately upset him very much, while he was also in the habit of losing a great deal of blood. Medical evidence, however, went to show that the death was due to chronic consumption, and the jury found a verdict of "Natural causes."

DUVERNOY.—On February 27, Mr. Louis Duvernoy, the head of the well-known German firm of wholesale druggists of the same name, died after a short illness at his residence at Stuttgart in Germany, at the age of 70.

EDSON.—On December 26, at Devonport, New Zealand, Mr. Joseph Leonard Edson, cldest son of Mr. John Edson,

chemist, Auckland. Aged 23. New Zealand has lost by his death one who bade fair to take a leading position in her pharmaceutical transactions. Mr. Edson, after passing the examination of the New Zcaland Pharmacy Board, came to London about eighteen months ago in order to study at the School of Pharmacy. The severity of the English winter of 1885, tried his constitution, and interfered with his studies, but rest and the warm summer weather apparently restored him to health, and he was declared by his physician to be ready to resume his studies. However, he suffered a relapse and returned to New Zealand by the Aorangi in company with his father, who was then visiting England. He only lived a fortnight after reaching Auckland, for serious symptoms manifested themselves, which proved to be those of meningitis to which he succumbed after several days of unconsciousness. He was to have shortly entered into the management of his father's business.

JONES.—On March 21, Mr. J. P. Jones, Bridge Street, Aberayron, chemist and druggist. Aged 64.

SHEEHAN.—On March 14, suddenly, at 52 Woodstock Road, Finsbury Park, N, William Sheehan, junior, chemists' assistant. Aged 27. Deeply regretted. Deceased was the eldest son of Mr. Wm. Sheehan, representative of Messrs. Lloyd & Co, wholesale druggist, London.

WHITEHEAD.—On March 13, Mrs. Annie Whitehead, one of the annuitants on the Pharmaceutical Society's Benevolent Fund.

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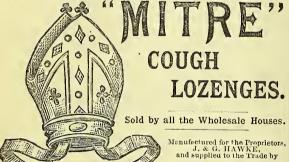
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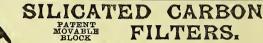
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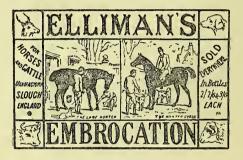
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THE PHARMACY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.

THE Pharmaceutical Society's Curriculum Bill has now passed through all its stages in the House of Lords. Not one word of opposition, not even an inquiry as to its purport, was raised on any occasion when the Bill came before the House. One or two verbal amendments have been made at the suggestion of the Privy Council, but with that exception there has not been the slightest sign of interest in the provisions. of the Bill manifested by any peer. Lord Milltown, an Irish peer, is allowed to push through a Bill which is to affect Great Britain only, and even he has evidently acquired only the most superficial acquaintance with his subject.

From a public point of view this system of making law is eminently unsatisfactory. The existence of the House of Lords is sometimes justified on the ground that in its calm judicial atmosphere new proposals can be more closely examined, and more carefully criticised, than in the more turbulent Lower House. In the case of the Pharmacy Bill this claim has not been justified. It may be safely asserted that not one peer in a hundred has taken the smallest trouble to consider its provisions, or would keep away from his dinner ten minutes to do so.

The Bill may or may not be a desirable one for the public. Such effect as it will have will be at least to the advantage of existing chemists and druggists. It gives to the Pharmaceutical Council power to make the admission to the business more difficult, and confers on chemists and druggists the exclusive right of training their successors. It introduces, in fact, a new principle into pharmaceutical legislation. Hitherto Parliament has only recognised the necessity of providing for the sufficient qualification of persons who shall sell poisons; now the House of Lords, at any rate, has admitted the principle that it is a national interest to have scientifically trained pharmacists.

We have no sort of quarrel with the decision. There is very much force in the contention on which this curriculum agitation is based, that mere examination wi'l not ensure the soundness of a man's qualifications, and it must be to the advantage of all of us to bring a higher class of men into the ranks of pharmacy. But it is absurd to take these steps, to hedge about the admission to the trade, to strain out the gnat of the crammer, but at the same time to swallow the camel of the limited company. We are told that to have included a clause intended to amend the old Act in this respect would have imperilled the other object. But we fail to see how that would have hurt us, as the one is of scarcely any value without the other.

The chance of the Bill getting through the House of Commons this session is extremely slender, as anyone can judge who glances at the condition of public business. It will, however, be introduced, and its comparative unimportance and a lucky moment may suffice to get it through, if the redoubtable Dr. Tanner can be kept in ignorance of it. The announcement of a "block" by that authority will, however, almost certainly preclude all hope of getting it into the Statute-book this year.

PHYSICIANS AND FORMULARIES.

It is seldom that members of the medical profession, or their representatives, admit that they have never made a practical study of the art of prescribing. Their opportunities in this direction are not what they were in the days when "Bob Sawyers" had a chance of existence, and a period of articled pupilage was the initiatory step into the noble profession. Then the young doctor learned to dispense, and in the course of time acquired sufficient knowledge of compounding to enable him in after-life to write prescriptions which gave the dispenser little trouble. The same method of training does not now obtain; there is a vast change in medicine itself; systems once supposed to be securely established are now forgotten; the solitary leech puddles in its slimy element, and exactitude of treatment and a system of diminished dosage are remarkable for their prominence. But we are not altogether happy on account of the improvement. Individualism or specialism has taken the place of

general principles; while diseases have increased in number deaths have decreased, thus proving the advance in methods of medical treatment; remedies have increased with them. and chemists have become more competent to dispense the remedies in a manner pleasing to the patient and satisfactory to the physician. But one result of the new condition of things is that, instead of all chemists being steadily employed in directly attending to the wishes of physicians, the work has become concentrated into the hands of a few, who are eager to anticipate therapeutic requirements and quick to discern the changeableness of the invalid's taste. "Factorymade preparations" are the result. There always have been such preparations, but in the last generation each man made his own and thought it no sin. Now that firms are the makers the custom is regarded by some as a thing to be put down. It was for these reasons that [the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1885, and the British Pharmaceutical Conference in 1886, appointed committees to draft formularies, which should contain, in addition to recipcs otherwise useful to the chemist, trustworthy directions for making imitations of, or preparations similar to, "factorymade articles." The American committee being the first appointed is furthest ahead, and some months ago published a formulary upon which we have already commented. How will physicians receive such suggestive compilations? is a not unimportant question. Chemists may make as many of such preparations as they like, but if physicians do not prescribe them the labour is lost. So far, the only medical criticism we have seen of the result of the American committee's laboursis contained in a report by a committee of the Detroit Academy of Medicine. This committee does not appear tohave a high opinion of the knowledge of prescribing and materia medica possessed by medical practitioners. As an instance, the committee speaks of some physicians who "go on year after year prescribing some mixture of repulsive appearance and abominable taste until a philanthropically inclined manufacturer comes to their aid and offers them a substitute having identical therapeutic properties, but compounded with such skill as to be attractive in appearance and positively pleasant to take. The new combination is accepted gratefully, and prescribed by some name which secures to its originator a monopoly in its preparation-a reward certainly due to him for his 'philanthropic' labours." Others in course of time have adopted the same pushing methods, and now, according to this committee, the evil has grown to gigantic proportions, and may only be successfully combatted by "a mutual understanding between physicians and pharmacists, the former consenting to accept an equivalent, providing it is really such, for the formulas he has been in the habit of prescribing, the latter engaging to make a thorough practical study of the art of elegant pharmacy, and to devise a limited number of combinations such as physicians really have occasion to use." This, so far, is a recognition of the formulary principle, and it is interesting to contrast with it what the committee think of the draft of the National Formulary itself.

In the first place the committee object to anything cyclopædic in form; to formulæ for arsenical sorps, battery solutions, et hoc genus omne; they exclude, somewhat doubtingly, preparations which are meant for certain disorders, and decidedly they would exclude "remedies introduced as substitutes for proprietary preparations." There is a saving clause to this, which is: "which themselves were originally introduced under false pretences." Without this clause we fear that the formulary would have dwindled down to nothing; but the clause almost admits everything, for there are few manufacturers who are not sincere in what they say of their products. The committee is decidedly restrictive in

tendency, and urges that pharmacists should endeavour to prevent the multiplication of preparations made according to private formulæ. It is for that reason mainly that the committee is opposed to the admission of formulæ for imitations of proprietary preparations, for thereby the seal of approval would be set upon them. This is really the kernel of the nut, and if we may take it as being of a kind with what will obtain in other medical quarters, we fear that pharmacists and physicians are not quite in touch on this matter, and that some other scheme will have to be devised for exterminating "factory-made articles." As far as can be gathered, the B.P.C. Formulary Committee is expected to supply recipes for such preparations, but there is a probability that only formulæ for preparations like Parrish's syrup and Easton's syrup, rather than for Brown's chlorodyne and Fellows's syrup will be forthcoming at present. But although all that was asked for by the members of the Conference is given, will that stop the enterprise of the makers of specialities, give enterprise to those who now have it not, or alter the opinions of those who have a conscientious objection to imitating the produce of another man's brains? We want the puff for the formulary preparations; that seems indispensable if specialities are to be displaced, for here, if anywhere, Similia similibus curantur. This we cannot expect of the committee, which is composed of practical pharmacists, who have their own businesses to attend to; indeed, it is surprising that they are able to give the time to a work which must entail much laboratory practice. But if the committee does not succeed in brightening the commercial prospects of the drug trade, they are certain to shed considerable light on practical pharmaceutical difficulties, and this will receive due acknowledgement.

PATENT LAW.

DURING the early part of 1886 a Committee, consisting of Lords Herschell and Crawford, Baron de Worms, Sir B. Samuelson, Sir R. Webster, Q.C., and Mr. C. T. D. Acland, M.P., made a careful investigation, by the examination of competent witnesses, of some points in which the new Patents Act has not given satisfaction. The report of this Committee, which has lately appeared, recommends certain alterations in the law, the chief of which is the abolition of the system introduced into the new Act, in the interest of inventors, of examining all specifications sent in, with a view of preventing the patenting of an invention in which the inventor has been anticipated. Under the old Act the Patent Office received fees for and carried through patents regardless of whether they were the subject of previous specifications. But while the Act of 1883 was being discussed it was urged by Sir B. Samuelson, who spoke from an inventor's point of view, that it was unfair for the Patent Office to receive a specification, and take fees for it, while they had in the office a specification for an exactly similar invention. filed a little earlier, which would render the new one invalid. Consequently sub-section 5 of section 7 of the new Act was introduced, authorising the appointment of a staff of examiners, whose duty it was to keep notes of all unsealed patents and compare with these all new applications. Although the object thus sought was a laudable one, it is found that the operation of the enactment has been unsuccessful, and rather mischievous than otherwise. Complaints have been made on the one side that notices are frequently given under the Act when the applications are not really for identical inventions, and on the other that the office has frequently omitted to give notice when the inventions were in fact identical. Two provisional specifications may disclose apparently the same invention, and yet, when the complete specifications are

received, it may appear from the fuller and more precise descriptions embodied in them that there are really two distinct inventions, each properly the subject-matter of a patent. The cost to the office of making these examinations a nounts to some 3,000/.or 4,000/.a year. All things considered, the Committee report that the system had better be abandoned, though they suggest that some arrangement might be made in favour of inventors who find they have been anticipated, by giving them the right to abandon their patents within, say, two months of sealing, and reclaiming their fees.

Another subject reported on by the Committee is the proposal emanating from the Institute of Patent Agents, advocating the creation of a roll of patent agents, who alone should be permitted to deal as intermediaries with the Patent Office. The Committee very properly decline to recommend any such exclusive rights, which would prevent an inventor in the country from being represented by a friend in London on perhaps a quite untechnical point; but they point out that it might be of public advantage to provide a means of securing a roll of patent agents consisting of duly qualified persons, the admission to which should be possible and easy for all persons so qualified. And they suggest that any person should be subject to a penalty who, not being on the roll, should assume the title of patent agent.

The report of the Committee is of much interest to patentees, and may be obtained from Messrs. Eyre & Spottiswoode, or through any bookseller. It is published at $8\frac{1}{3}d$.

LIQUOR BISMUTHI.

WE crave Mr. Schacht's indulgence for the use of a title (for brevity's sake) which he first applied to a preparation invented many years ago by him, and which we now use to designate the pharmacopoeial homologue of it-Liquor bismuthi et ammonii citratis. One estimable virtue which Mr. Schacht's preparation has always possessed is that it was perfected before it was placed on the market, so that it has undergone no change since. This cannot be said of the official liquor. The 1867 formula yielded a preparation differing exceedingly from Mr. Schacht's in physical characteristics, more especially in taste, and also in mildness of action, owing to the fact that no attempt was made to free it from the nitric acid used to dissolve the bismuth. This defect was remedied in the Pharmacopæia of 1885 by directing the liquor to be prepared from citrate of bismuth, solution of ammonia being used as a solvent. This formula, apparently, has given results which are all that could be desired, the principal objection against it being based on a side issue, viz., the preparation of the citrate of bismuth. The least that can be said of the official method for preparing this salt is that it is a clumsy method; by far too much nitric acid is used, and the details of the process generally are objectionable. The method gave great trouble to manufacturers, but, as was to be expected, they have surmounted the difficulties, and now place on the market a citrate of remarkable purity. One characteristic of the new liquor must have been observed by practical pharmacists, namely, its liability to change. Change is in two directions, viz., in deposition of bismuth and in the development of fungoid growths. Both are independent of each other. If ammonia be added until a perfectly neutral solution is obtained, the solution keeps clear for several days, but as soon as any part of the incrustation which forms round the neck of the bottle drops into its contents, the solution gradually becomes milky, and ultimately deposits a thick precipitate of bismuth citrate. The deposition is not prevented by adding excess of citrate of ammonia, but an excess of free ammonia, sufficient to be felt

by the nose, serves admirably in preventing the change. In this respect, therefore, the Pharmacopœia directions require modification, so that ammonia may be added "until the salt is just dissolved" and the solution has a distinct ammoniacal odour. If the liquor is made from the scaled ammonio-bismuth citrate a little ammonia should also be added to it. We learn from several sources that a slight excess of ammonia is found to be necessary for the preservation of the liquor.

Regarding the fungoid growth, we find that its formation is due to the presence of nitric acid in the bismuth salt. The citrate requires a great deal of washing before it can be freed from nitrate, and as, after a certain point, the salt appears to become basic and partly insoluble, there is a temptation to leave off washing when nitric acid, free or combined, comes away in traces. It is these traces in the citrate, however, which afford a medium of growth for the fungi. In presence of free ammonia, a slimy, mucous-like formation is deposited in the solution, although in some cases, especially in presence of a small excess of ammonium citrate, the growth retains the globular tufted form which it at first presents, and floats in the liquid. In neutral solutions penicillium glaucum is also formed. In both cases the liquor acquires a repugnant odour. In presence of a large excess of free ammonia, the addition of 20 grains of ammonium citrate to each ounce of the liquor prevents the fungoid growth; but with a slight excess of free ammonia only, the ammonium citrate has no effect. The alkaline citrate is not, therefore, a remedy, but by using pure bismuth citrate the liquor is unobjectionable on this score. For various reasons we would suggest the addition to the liquor of a little ammonium citrate—say 16 grains to the ounce. It helps to retain the brightness of the solution, and when it is prescribed with carbonates, it prevents the precipitation of the bismuth as carbonate. Some time ago a correspondent drew attention to the different appearances of a mixture containing bismuth solution and fluid magnesia. Prepared with the 1867 solution a clear mixture was obtained; but with the 1885 solution the mixture contained a copious precipitate of bismuth carbonate. It was the excess of ammonium citrate which prevented the precipitate in the former case.

While writing on this subject, we may point out that the combination of soluble cerium salts (citrates, lactates, or tartrates) with this solution is protected by patent. Some time ago we gave a formula for the preparation of a Liquor bismuthi et cerii in ignorance of the existing patent; and as our formula has been used with excellent results, we think it necessary that this explanation should be made in order to prevent any action on the part of the patentee.

The scientific and other societies which are The getting up subscription lists for the Imperial Institute are adopting a device for making Imperial Institute. each list look big which borders on the not on the untrue. Fellows or members of ridiculous, if not on the untrue. cach society are advised that if they have already subscribed through some other channel, their names can appear on each list for the one sum they have subscribed. An asterisk is affixed to the name in such a case, and for his one contribution the donor can get advertisements of his name in the lists of all the societies to which he belongs. The several chemical societies have united in a circular and in the collection of a common fund, and have already issued an early list of subscriptions amounting to nearly 600%, of which, however, 3701. appears to have gone "through some other channel." It may be a guide to some hesitating members of the Pharmaceutical Society if we mention that the amount credited to their President, and duly starred, is 101.

"Few persons have any idea of the labour in-Pharmavolved in searching for grains of wheat among the enormous mass of chaff that now does duty for pharmaceutical literature." Thus groaneth centical Chaff. our old-established, not to say aged, contemporary, the *Pharmaceutical Journal*. There are reasons for believing that some portions of The Chemist and Druggist are included in this irreverent allusion. "It cannot be denied, continues our esteemed relative, "that a large proportion of the matter appearing in many English and foreign journals is essentially of an ephcmeral character;" but the amiable critic kindly, though somewhat pompously, adds, "This is hardly to be considered a subject for reproach, as it was never intended to be otherwise." This benignant toleration on the part of our self-constituted censor is particularly amusing when we observe the character of the material which is evidently regarded as the reverse of ephemeral at Bloomsbury Square. It is not a vain compliment to say that the readers of the Pharmaceutical Journal turn for solid instruction almost mechanically to the editorial articles of that publication when satiated or disgusted with the ephemerality or frivolity of other literature. Those who did so last week were not disappointed. In the central position, and in leaded type, they found the firm ground which they may have unsuccessfully sought elsewhere. There was displayed as the classic event of the week, enshrined in pages which evidently regard themselves as destined to immortality-Mr.

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Carteighe's speech at an assistants' dinner!

In a paper read by Mr. Alexander Shand Manganese before the North British branch of the Pharin Bleaching maceutical Society last week, it was stated, as Powder. the result of experiments, that chlorinated lime as found in the market contains manganese in minute quantity, and the author threw out the hint that this was due to manganese compounds being carried over with the chlorine from the stills in which the hydrochloric acid and black oxide of manganese are heated. In Deacon's patent process for the manufacture of bleaching powder no manganese is used for producing the chlorine, the acid being split up by means of a copper salt in specially constructed towers. The chlorine from these towers is conveyed to Deacon's lime chambers without coming into contact with manganese. It is obvious, therefore, that the bleaching powder manufactured by this process should not come within Mr. Shand's theory. We have written to Messrs. Gaskell, Deacon & Co. of Widnes, about the matter, and they reply through Dr. Hurter as follows:-"There is manganese contained in all bleaching powders we have yet examined, manufactured both by the 'Weldon' as well as by the 'Deacon' process. If the powders are made from the same lime, they usually contain the same amount (traces) of manganese. Our conclusion is that the manganese is derived from the limestone, in which it can also be detected, and not from the stills, else the Deacon powder would contain less manganese. We do not see the practical importance of the matter. For most purposes a cold solution of bleaching powder is used, and this when settled contains no manganese. It is only when the solution of bleaching powder is boiled together with the insoluble lime that the pink colouration due to permanganate is rendered visible. When the clear solution is boiled by itself, no pink colouration will appear."

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Chemical Formulæ. Some one has said that chemical formulæ and equations are the shorthand of chemical science. Certainly no system of phonography can so quickly or accurately express in written form the full meaning of such an expression as $\mathrm{Na_2Co_3} + \mathrm{H_2So_4} = \mathrm{Na_2So_4} + \mathrm{H_2O} + \mathrm{CO_2}$. A formula conveys a great deal to the chemist; he knows that "NaCl" means not only that one atom of sodium is united with one of chlorine to form chloride of sodium, but also that definite, constant weights of these elements exist in the molecule of the compound. Na has the indelible stamp of 23 upon it in his mind's eye, and Cl has its 35.5. The young chemist enamoured of this simplicity of expression, and conscious, perhaps, of a sense of superiority in his ability to express his ideas in cabalistic style, begins to ask at the dinner table for such things as $\mathrm{H_2O}$ and NaCl , and thinks it funny. But when similar ex-

pressions occur in the speeches and papers of trained chemists, the humour is gone and the style is inelegant. Such expressions as "it gave off CO₂ when treated with an acid," and "it smelt powerfully of H₂S," are an improper use of chemical formulæ. They may be pardonable in a private note-book, but in published papers there is no excuse for them. We notice that a few chemists of repute who have written books adopt this objectionable mode of expression where it is not required, and in so doing set a bad example to young chemists who are apt to look upon it as the proper style. Such men as Attfield and Tilden, among chemists best known to pharmacists, always give a substance its full title. CO₂ with them is carbonic acid gas or carbonic anhydride, and H₂S is sulphuretted hydrogen or hydricsulphide. There are no secrets in science, therefore writers should always express their ideas in the most simple and most generally intelligible form. A formula occurring in text for any other reason than an explanatory one is as unpardonable as "evy" for every, and "blv" for believe.

Arsenic in Chloroform. Dr. L. Scholvien recently reported to the Apoth. Zeit. a case of unusual contamination of chloroform. On agitating some of the sample with water he found that the water gave a precipitate with nitrate of silver, and he at once suspected chlorine, but further examination showed that this conjecture was erroneous, and that arsenic was the contaminant. Various tests were applied, including Marsh's, all of which proved conclusively that arsenic was present. An estimation was made of the proportion, 10 kilogrammes of the chloroform being used, which was shaken with potash solution, the alkaline layer being afterwards separated, evaporated, acidulated with hydrochloric acid, and the arsenic precipitated with sulphuretted hydrogen. This was afterwards oxidised with nitric acid, and the arsenic precipitated as magnesium ammonium arseniate, 041 gramme of that salt being obtained. The question of how the chloroform happened to contain arsenic is not easy to answer. If the chlorinated lime was arsenical it might be supposed that an organic compound containing arsenic would be formed, but then on redistilling such a chloroform the arsenical compound would be distilled, and not remain in the residue, as was the case in Dr. Scholvien's experiments. The arsenic might also be due to the use of impure sulphuric acid, which seems most probable, but as yet it has not been proved by direct experiments that in making chloroform with an arsenical acid the arsenic would distil over.

Practical Notes and Fermulr.

GREASE-PROOF BOXES.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Druggists' Circular* recommends a varnish made of white shellac, 4 oz., alcohol, 8 fl. oz. Powder the shellac as fine as possible, place it and the alcohol in a wide-mouth bottle, which place in hot water and stir occasionally until dissolv.d. Two coats are put on inside and out with a stiff brush.

EXTRACTUM STIGMATÆ MAIDIS FLUIDUM.

Mr. John H. Parker, as the result of experiments with green corn silk, has concluded that the best menstruum is composed of 12 oz. of alcohol, 4 oz. of water, with a little glycerine. To make the extract, macerate 16 oz. of green corn silk for one week in 12 oz. of alcohol, press and pack in a percolator. Add 4 oz. of water to the pressed extract, and proceed to percolate in the usual manner. Reserve the first 14 oz., and continue the percolation with diluted alcohol until the drug is exhausted or till about 24 oz. have been obtained. Add 2 oz. of glycerine and evaporate to about 2 oz., and add this to the reserved portion, and filter if necessary. Green corn silk contains about 50 per cent. of extractive matter.—

Pharm: Record.

BAY RUM PREPARATIONS.

THE use of bay rum is constantly increasing, and its applications are very numerous. Among the more com-

mon services which it renders is that of a dressing for the hair, application after shaving, addition to the bath, &c. The genuine rum is imported into this country, sometimes in large quantities in bulk, and were chemists to make a demand for it, it could, no doubt, be placed in their hands at a comparatively cheap rate. The following formula gives a rum similar to the imported article:—

Oil of bay (best)				 6 fl. drs.
Oil of pimento				 25 drops
Acetic ether		••	••	 1 fl. dr.
Deodorised alcohol	(S.V	.R.)		 1 gal.
New England (or J	amai	ca) rum		 1

Mix and allow to stand for three weeks, occasionally agitating it. Then filter.

BAY RUM HAIR TONIC.

Bay rum (imitation)	••	• •	5 pin	ts
Glycerine			16 fl. d	οz
Tincture of cantharides			8 "	
" " quillaia		••	8 "	
Rose water	••		8 "	
Orange-flower water	••	••	8 ,,	

Mix, and filter if necessary.

BAY RUM "AFTER SHAVE."

Bay rum		 	 	3 pints
Glycerine		 	 	1 ,,
Extract of vi	olets	 	 	½ fl. oz
Rose water		 	 	1 pint

Mix, and filter if necessary.

This combination also makes a splendid lotion for chapped hands and face, and is excellent to use after the bath.

GLYCERINE CREAM.

Oil of sweet	almoi	ads	••	••	 8 fl. oz.
Spermaceti					 3 oz.
White wax			••		 1 ,,
Borax	••				 1 ,,
Glycerine					 3 fl. oz.
Orange-flowe	er wat	cr			 1 "
Oil of neroli					 5 drops
Oil of rose					3

Melt the wax, spermaeeti, and oil of sweet almonds together; dissolve the borax in the orange-flower water and glycerine previously mixed; pour the solution, a little at a time, into the melted mixture, stirring the preparation without ceasing, until all the solution has been fully incorporated and a homogeneous product results; finally add the oils.

Dispense in porcelain or glass jars. Of all the preparations of glycerine those most in demand are glycerine cream and glycerine lotion; and these, when put up for stock or for the trade, should be attractively labelled and neatly wrapped, in accordance with suggestions previously given. Glycerine preparations thus presented to the public are always saleable, and are among the most profitable specialties of the pharmacy; and where uniformity of product and style is maintained, the sale of such articles increases from season to season.

Another preparation which enjoys a good sale, in the autumn and winter months especially, and one which produces grateful relief is a properly made

GLYCERINE LIP SALVE.

Glycerine cre	am (at	ove fo	rmula)	 	4 oz.
Boracic acid		••		 	½ .,
Carmine				 	4 grs.

Mix thoroughly and dispense in screw-top porcelain jars or in specially-made metal boxes.—After *Druggists' Circular*.

LE PAGE'S LIQUID GLUE is, according to a correspondent of the *Druggists' Circular*, manufactured from salt fish skins, about two thousand tons being used annually for this purpose. The cod and cusk skins furnish the most glue, those of hake and haddock containing but little. The following is supposed to be the *modus operandi*:—The skins are first desalted and then boiled with water to dissolve the glue: this is strained and evaporated to the proper consistency. There is no difficulty about the glue remaining liquid when it is prepared in this manner. Our contemporary suggests that the glue may be kept liquid by boric acid, which serves the double purpose of solvent and antiseptic.



Kiterary Hotes.

Drugs and Medicines of North America. By J. U. and C. G. Lloyd. Cincinnati.

WE have received the second and third numbers of the second volume of this work; the first number was noticed on December 25 last. In the parts before us the account of the magnolias is concluded, and there are articles on Asimina triloba and Lobelia inflata, while a commencement of L.

syphilitica is made.

The most noteworthy part of the article on the magnolias is a report on an examination of the bark of *M. glauca*. From this Mr. J. U. Lloyd, the chemical editor, has isolated three bitter resins, a volatile oil, and a glucoside which resembled the magnolin of Proctor in appearance, but differing from it in reactions, and probably, therefore, a new body. In endeavouring to obtain an alkaloid from the bark, Mr. Lloyd isolated a white crystalline substance soluble in alcohol, ether, and chloroform, but sparingly so in water, benzol, and carbon bisulphide. This body is remarkable for its splendid fluorescence, the alcohol solution being a beautiful azure blue, while the solution in dilute alkali is of an intense deep blue. The body is not alkaloidal, and is regarded as a product and not as an educt, every attempt to reproduce it having failed.

Asimina triloba is a shrub of the order Anonaceae, which is found most commonly in the States bordering the Ohio river, and in Tennessee and Arkansas. It is known as "Papaw," from a fancied resemblance between its fruit and that of the Carica papaya. The fruit of this papaw is a most unwholesome one in the unripe state, but when ripe the fleshy portion may be, and is, freely eaten. The flowers are remarkable for their brown coloured petals—a somewhat rare characteristic in the vegetable kingdom. The authors have made a chemical examination of the plant, and find all parts of it to contain a volatile oil, in the bark an uncrystallisable bitter principle, and in the seeds a crystalline alkaloid which they name asimine, the hydrochlorate of which is easily prepared. It gives a carmine red colour with nitric acid, which quickly changes to a deep dark purple. The initial reaction is somewhat similar to that of morphice, but with ordinary observation no one could confuse the one with the other. Physiological tests with asimine by Professor Bartholow have led him to conclude that it is an anodyne agent.

The essay on Lobelia inflata, which occupies the rest of these numbers, can only be regarded as one of the most valuable contributions to the literature of the subject. The authors point out that Bentley and Trimen's illustration of the pod of Lobelia inflata is inaccurate, as it represents the pod equal at the base, and large at the apex tapering to the base, which is not the case. The fruit is sub-globular, compressed laterally, and unequal at the base, the cell opposite the stem being longer at the base than the inside cell. Amongst the historical notes which are incorporated in this article are one on the drug itself, and another on Samuel Thomson, the founder of the Thomsonian system of medical treatment, the followers of which have been known as "Lobelia doctors, "heaters," "steamers," and "sweaters." Thomson began his experiments with lobelia when he was a boy at school, and continued them uninterruptedly until he devoted his whole time to curing the sick, which was before his thirtieth year. He was not a trained physician, but that he studied medicine from books as well as contemporary medical literature there seems no doubt. From the first he was bitterly opposed by the medical profession, and this opposition culminated in his arrest for murder in the year 1809. The evidence against him was, however, insufficient for his conviction, and he was acquitted. Thomson's theory was "that all diseases are the effect of one general cause, and may be removed by one general remedy applied in a great many forms as medicine." His treatment resembled "Cof-Gnism," warmth being what was aimed at in the administration of remedies.

Mr. J. U. Lloyd has re-examined lobelia herb and seed chemically, and has succeeded in getting the alkaloidal active principle, lobeline, absolutely free from crystals, and he has also failed to crystallise its salts. He shows that the statements as to its crystalline nature have been due to the presence of a crystalline substance, inflatin, which is colourless, odourless, tasteless, and does not unite with acids or alkalies. Mr. Lloyd believes that it is either a stearoptene or a vegetable wax. Amongst other interesting points which the investigation has cleared up are the alleged volatility of lobeline (its non-volatility is conclusively proved) and the existence of Enders's Lobelacrin, which Mr. Lloyd proves to have been a mixture of lobelia substances soluble in alcohol and chloroform, but not in water, and therefore a very complex mixture. It will be seen from these references to the work that its interest and value are well maintained.

Proceedings of the Chemists' Assistants' Association. Containing Papers and Abstracts of Papers read at its Meetings during the Session 1885-86. London. 1886. Pp. 144. 8vo. Price 2s. 6d.

When speaking of the success of this Association the other evening, the President of the Pharmaceutical Society stated that the best proof of its importance, as well as the value of its work, was given in these proceedings. With this statement no one who has examined the volume will disagree. Started in 1877, the Association has struggled on through many difficulties, which are inevitable with the indoor system still prevalent in English pharmacy, and which are more pronounced in the metropolis than elsewhere, until now in its tenth year its condition is so flourishing that collapse at any time would be a disgrace to London pharmacy. This we do not anticipate, for each session sees new workers added, and the work itself kept up with remarkable continuity.

The nature of the Proceedings is indicated in the title which we have quoted, and we are not called upon to pronounce upon the merit of the papers, most of which have already appeared in this and another journal devoted to pharmacy. The volume has been carefully edited, and all who wish the Association well should secure a copy of it from the publisher, Mr. W. I. Richardson, 4 Great Queen

Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

Manual of Assaying Gold, Silver, Copper, and Lead Orcs. By Walter Lee Brown, B.Sc. Chicago: E. H. Sargent & Co., 1886. 12mo. Pp. 488, 2 pl. \$2.50.

This is a second edition of a work which has met with much acceptance by assayers. It is divided into two parts and an appendix. In the first part the author describes and illustrates the apparatus and reagents which are used in assaying. The chapter on apparatus is a very valuable one to the assayer, more especially as the author has not scrupled to describe and give his opinion upon specialties—such as Battersea crucibles and furnaces, and Fletcher's gas-furnaces, of British, and the Lipey and Bosworth crushers, of American manufacture. There is nothing so important to the assayer—especially if his experience has been gained in a single laboratory—than such information as Mr. Brown gives regarding the apparatus employed by various chemists.

The chapters on reagents and testing of the same are written in a very common-sense manner, perhaps in too minute detail for the man of experience, but certainly in an instructive manner for the student and laboratory help, for whom, mainly, they are written. Part II., which is devoted to assaying of the ores, contains descriptions of the most approved methods, while special methods are treated in the first chapter of the Appendix, and the rest of the volume is devoted to tables of the ores found in the United States; list of books on assaying; plan for laboratory, and other useful information of that kind. The chapters on assaying are characterised by simplicity of diction and method; the author inculcates care and exactness in such a manner that the tyro cannot fail to appreciate the importance of these virtues in the work of assaying. The methods have been carefully selected, and are illustrated by numerous examples.

The work is well printed in clear and bold type, and is altogether a credit to the publishers.

AT THE COUNTER.

"ECTECK ESSECK."-While perusing your column "At the Counter," the above was handed to me with the demand, "What is't a gill?"—W. B.

SHE POWDERED.—A few evenings ago, says the Buffalo Express, a fine-looking, well-dressed negro, as black as black can be, entered a drug store and inquired semi-confidentially of the clerk: "Do you keep lampblack?" "I can give you some," was the reply; "how much do you want?" "Well, you see, sah-ah-is it very nice? I would like a little, sah, in a pretty box—like these," pointing at boxes containing toilet articles in the showcases. "Well," said the clerk dubiously, "I dunno; what do you want it for?" "For de toilet, sah; for my wife-she powders, sah!"

W. J. F. (Bristol) sends us the following little col-W. J. F. (Bristol) sends us the following little collection:—"Peny worth pampinanted oile, peny worth clerad lime." "1 penyorth yellow Persilicam." "2d. of Camphorated Clorefurme." - "1 Peneyworth of ludam 1 Parry groyk 2 of Anntey-money wilne, 12 pund of treack." "Quiserin" [vaseline intended]. "Please sir Give me Medicinc I bee bad all last week but I feel so bad to day head to feet like sore I think veins bad as well as eyes & feet just set thin feel core all over & so. I feel thinner and weaker. I as thin feel sore all over & so I feel thinner and weaker I am 50 next birth."

A MANCHESTER correspondent sends a collection of orders, but we find nothing very novel among them:—"Saphra," "glissren," "compound of crisp powder" (P. glycyrrh. co.), and "Burgey M. pitch" are the best specimens.

FROM Devonshire we receive a large batch, including some difficult ones:-"Pure uniter of assis," for instance, does not readily suggest nitric acid; "keyan lawsenger" cannot be mistaken, and "milk of suffer" is instantly solved; "carperated eairn" resolves itself into carbonate of iron after a brief consideration, and "bitter hawlway" would offer no difficulty if it were not for the caligraphy; "ack a fortess" is written with the confidence of one who knows; but some one who wanted some hiera picra was evidently very diffident and very anxious to spell the word correctly. He began with "hipika," and rubbed that attempt out with his finger; then started with "hikp—," but hesitated and tried again, adopting finally "hikapiaka." Our friends need not trouble to send us any more variations on Ipecacuanha unless onc of them should ever by chance get an order for it spelt correctly.

From Stamford a number of specimens of queer spelling reach us; of these "mhyrr," "oil of guniper," "gum go gi akehan," and "cold lime" are the most unusual.

THE "Modern Athens" provides a regular supply of these curiosities. From the last batch we select "termaganate of potash," "flour of macknesie," and "cloor de lime."

A FAMILIAR old recipe, which had evidently been phonetically reported by someone who had "derived benefit" to a mate in affliction, is sent to us by Mr. A. J. Palethorpe, Derby:

2 pot hass 2 q bub in pouder 2 seet niter 2 Bol piver.

WHAT'S NOT IN A NAME ?-Little boy (School Board again) to chemist: Please I want a penn'orth of methylphenyl-otolylpyrrolin-carboxylic acid for father's chilblain, and three-'aporth of amidomethamidoperchloro methylcanidine for baby's cold. [Collapse of chemist.]

SUGGESTIVE.-A pharmaceutical chemist in Reading prints his address on his prescription envelopes, "near the cemetery

"SIT on my knees, eh?" is Little Breeche's rendering of citrate of magnesia.

This is from Digby, Nova Scotia: - A native of the Green Isle came in and inquired, "Have ye any inemen?" He was asked what he wanted it for, and being told that there were many kinds of ointment, he replied, "Well, I spoase they'd be mix'd."

THE National Druggist states that some of the physicians of Chicago are using a new form of prescription blank that is somewhat novel, but quite appropriate, now that so much is said there about registered and unregistered pharmacists. The new blanks are headed with the following lines:-

A REGISTERED PHARMACIST WILL PLEASE PUT UP For M.....

These two lines are followed by the blank space for writing the prescription. "It is not to be supposed," remarks our contemporary, "that an unregistered pharmacist, who is in the habit of violating the law by compounding medicines, will refuse to put up such a prescription."

THE following recipe for some kind of ointment, written on a piece of paper dated Pembroke, July 6, 1776, recently came to light in Hanover: - " A hanful of Safent & hanful of Capnet & hanful of Shumok Rutes and the Bignest of a neg of moten taler & Bignest of neg of beswax and hanful of alder Bark & Pound of Hogfat."

A LAD at Easton, Pennsylvania, entered a drug-store, buttle in hand, and said he wanted ten cents' worth of "armakymony." The drugger told him to repeat the word, and said, "Don't you mean arnica, or ammonia?" "I dunno," was the reply. "What is it for?" asks druggist. "Can't tell," said boy, starting slowly out. When near the door a bright idea illumined him and he turned and asked druggist. bright idea illumined him, and he turned and asked druggist: "If your wife hit you on the head with a chair leg, which of them medicines would you git to take the swellin' down?" "Arnica." "Then fill her in ten cents' worth," replied the boy; and he gazed lovingly at a big stick of licorice as the arnica was being bottled.

PUNCTUATE. - A child of nine summers hastily entered a crowded pharmacy, and exclaimed in a loud tone, "Mother wants to p'ison the dorg three penorth o' soothing syrup please."

PHARMACY IN YORKSHIRE. - Mr. Alexander Ellis, Skelton, sends us the original of the following order, and suggests that along with the curriculum means should be taken for testing the acquaintance of young men with the Pharmacopæia when translated into local dialects:—"Six Peneth of open you can give it him it Will Be alrite it is for that old Women What all us have it."

ALEXANDER MACARTHUR has set out in a canvas boat from Winnipeg to discover the North Pole. He has provided himself with provisions, ammunition, and a drug clerk. Just what he wants with the latter is hard to determine. Perhaps he intends to open an apothocary's shop on the shores of the open polar sea. But, whatever may be his object, we are inclined to think that Mr. Macarthur is wise in taking the drug clerk with him. The introduction of "ice-cold soda-water" among the Esquimaux would be a distinct advance in the progress of civilization. And then. distinct advance in the progress of civilisation. And then, again, is it not time that the North Pole advertised some patent medicine? If Mr. Macarthur's drug clerk does his duty in the present expedition he may make his name immortal.—N. Y. World.

Trade Report.

Note to Retail Buyers:—It should be remembered that the quotations in this section are invariably the lowest net cash prices actually paid for large quantities in bulk. In many cases allowances have to be added before ordinary prices can be ascertained. Frequently goods must be picked and sorted to suit the demands of the retail trade, causing much labour and the accumulation of rejections, not all of which are suitable, even for manufacturing purposes.

It should also be recollected that for many articles the range of quality is very wide.

42 CANNON STREET, E.C., March 24.

THE week has been a very quict one, so far as the Mincing markets are concerned, and, unfortunately, a good many articles are lower in value since the date of our last report, while only a few have improved. The drug sales were extremely heavy, including 17 catalogues, and it seemed doubtful whether they would be got through to-day, but there was a general reluctance to continue the auctions to-morrow, and they were finally disposed of about 5.30 p.m. Before entering upon his sale Mr. Peat (Lewis & Peat) proposed to fix the next drug sales for this day three weeks, in order to avoid holding a sale on the day before Good Friday. Mr. Richard Barron, however, suggested an interval of four weeks instead of three. This was seconded by Mr. Edward Horner and carried nem. con. The next drug sales will therefore be held on April 21 next. Quinine has again declined \(\frac{1}{2} d\), per oz., Cardamoms, Buchu, Gum benjamin, and several minor articles are cheaper, but Cape aloes, Musk, Beeswax and Vanilla have improved. Among drysalteries, Shellac seems at last to have touched bottom, but a collapse in Gambier has occurred. White pepper and fine Cochin ginger are dearer, but Black pepper has lost ground. Soda crystals, Carbolic acid, and Citric acid are lower, but Soda nitrate has again improved. A further rise in the Opium market is reported from Smyrna.

STASSFURT reports state that an increase in the demand for *kieserite* is expected shortly, but the quantities obtainable at Stassfurt are so large that only by a greatly increased consumption can the available quantity be got rid of. The manufacture of chromate of sodium, which at one time threatened to supersede chromate of potassium, has been greatly reduced of late. At a recent general meeting of German chloride of potash manufacturers it was reported that sales during January and February this year had been very strong, and stocks at the moment did not amount to 80,000 ctr. Scotland had particularly developed as a consumer, chloride of potash appearing to be entirely replacing Bengal saltpetre. The demand from America is also continually increasing.

ACID (CARBOLIC) has been decidedly weaker for some days, owing to a cessation in the demand, which had been forced beyond its warranted limits by speculation. There has been comparatively little doing in the article, pure in 1-lb. bottles being held at 1s. 7d. to 1s. 8d. per lb. In the middle of this week there were again a good many inquiries, some of them for important quantities, for future delivery.

ACID (CITRIC) is now offered at 1s. $8\frac{3}{4}d$. per lb. on the spot.

ALOES.—Cape are about 2s. dearer, good hard bright selling at 28s.; fair to good, 25s. to 26s. 6d.; inferior, partly drossy to very ordinary mixed with sand, 17s. to 10s. per cwt.; and one lot 2s. There is a good supply of Cape aloes here, but it includes only a few lots of the better grades. The Curação variety is rather neglected, and only 55 boxes drossy stuff found purchasers at 10s. to 15s. per cwt.; good bright liver is held at 100s. to 105s. per cwt. Zanzibar aloes, good hard fairly bright, are worth from 7l. 10s. to 8l. per cwt.

AMBERGRIS.—Four tins were shown and bought in over value, the quality not being very fine.

AMMONIA. — Carbonate and Sal ammoniac unchanged. Sulphate is slightly lower, viz., 12l. 5s. in London, and 12l. 6s. 3d. at Hull. The market is very steady, but up to the present the Continent responds only to a very moderate extent, and buyers there will only come forward for what is absolutely required for immediate shipment, and it would appear as if the great bulk of the requirements for this season were fairly well provided for.

ANISE.—There has been a fairly brisk trade in this article at the recent quotations of 24s. 6d. to 25s. 6d. for Russian, and 50s. for Spanish. A small parcel Chilian anise was bought in at 27s. 6d. in the drug sales, and 36 bags spurious Japanese also remained unsold. In China the price of star anise is said to be advancing owing to the smallness of arrivals from the interior.

ANNATTO.—Good bright Ceylon sccd still sells at $3\frac{1}{4}d$, to $3\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb., and is in good supply. Pastc, $1\frac{1}{2}d$. to $3\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb. A consignment of 52 baskets very fine Pará roll is held at 1s. 9d. per lb., which does not seem dear.

ARECA NUTS.—Seven packages, partly split and mouldy, sold at 10s. 6d. per cwt.

ARGOL is from 3s. to 4s. cheaper, and sells at 83s. for good dusty grey to 62s. for very ordinary ditto. Five casks dark red Messina argol remained unsold.

BALSAMS.—Some arrivals of *Copaiba* are reported this week. The article remains very steady at 1s. 8d. for fair quality. *Peruvian* neglected at 4s. 6d. per lb., small private sales have taken place, but everything offered at to-day's auctions was bought in. Good *Storax* held at 52s. 6d. to 55s. per cwt. *Tolu* remains quiet.

BLEACHING POWDER is still quoted at 8l. 15s. to 9l. per ton, and orders are passing at those rates.

BORAX is not so firm, but prices show no change.

BROMINE has made no further advance; but the position of this article, and of all bromides, is thought to be very firm. *Bromide of Potass*. is quoted at 1s. 6d. per lb.

Buchu.—About 70 bales, the bulk very good fresh green leaves, free from stalk or flowers, were placed in sale to-day. Holders offered freely, and prices show a heavy decline, 6d. to $6\frac{1}{4}d$. per 1b. being accepted for good leaves, and $5\frac{1}{2}d$. to $5\frac{3}{4}d$. for fair quality.

CALUMBA.—There is still a good supply in our market, although only a limited number of packages is brought forward in public sale. The demand is stagnant, fine yellow root was bought in at 47s. 6d. per cwt. nominally.

CAMPHOR.—Under date of Fe bruary 1, it is reported from Hong-Kong that prices of Formosa camphor were rising owing to bareness of the mark et, but Japan camphor was plentiful. Our market is unchanged, both for *crude* and *refined*.

CANARY SEED has experienced a decline all round, the drop, which is heaviest for bold grained Dutch seed, varying from 1s. to 4s. The reduction in value is ascribed to the anxiety on the part of holders in Holland to realise their stocks. They consequently swamped the London market, while the New York market has been influenced by the shipment of 7,000 bales Smyrna seed to that port. The following are the present quotations:—Good Turkish, 50s. to 52s. 6d.; Barbary, 53s. to 54s.; Dutch—small grained, 51s. to 52s., bold, 51s. to 56s. per 464 lbs. ex warehouse. Finest Spanish seed realises still up to 64s., while ordinary Spanish is neglected.

CANELLA ALBA.—Only 27 bales ordinary very broken quill appeared in the drug sales and were bought in at 21s.

CANNABIS INDICA is quiet. Dusty and stalky tops are worth from $2\frac{1}{3}d$. to 3d. per lb., but sales are few.

CANTHARIDES.—No change can be reported. Russian are held at 6s. 6d. to 7s. 3d. per lb., and Chinese at 3s. 6d. per lb. Two more cases of the useless red and black flies were offered; the flies were very mouldy and found no purchaser.

CARAWAY SEED is offering at lower prices, which, however, fail to attract purchasers to any considerable extent, and our stock is accumulating. *Dutch* seed offers at 35s. to

37s. per cwt., Russian at 30s., and Mogadore at 26s. to 28s per cwt.

CARDAMOMS.—A very heavy quantity was offered, and it was generally anticipated that the importers by thus pressing forward supplies would spoil the position of this article. These fears were partly realised, and a decline of from 4d. to 6d. per lb. was established, although nearly the whole of the supply was disposed of, and the American and Continental demand showed no abatement. The following prices were paid:—Ceylon-Malabar, good plump pale, 3s. 1d. to 3s. 2d.; palish plump to long slightly specky, 2s. 9d. to 2s. 10d.; medium to bold plump, partly warty, 2s. 4d. to 2s. 7d.; small to medium palish plump, 2s. 2d.; ditto yellow and brown mixed, 1s. 11d.; longish yellow, good appearance, 1s. 10d.; yellow, shivelled and specky, 1s. 8d. to 1s. 9d.; dull brown split, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 5d.; ordinary to low, 1s. 2d. down to 8d. per lb. Mangalore, fine bold pale smooth long, 3s. 6d.; small ditto, 2s. 6d.; specky and small, 1s. 11d. Aleppy character, good greenish, 1s. 10d. to ordinary 1s. Bombay, pale bleached, but shelly, 1s. 11d. to 2s.; brown, 1s. 7d.; small, 1s. 4d. Secd, 1s. 9d. to 1s. 10d. per lb. The exports from Ceylon from October 1 to February 24 are given as follows:—Season 1886-7, 148,147 lbs.; season 1885-6, 112,990 lbs.; season 1884-5, 63,903 lbs. About one-third of the exports are shipped to this country.

CASCARILLA.—A consignment of 46 bales, including some very good silvery quill, was taken out, no mention being made of the price required.

CASSIA LIGNEA is somewhat steadier, up to 25s. 6d. having been paid for a parcel of old import. We hear from Canton that the Chinese authorities have it in contemplation to considerably reduce the local taxes which are now levied on the article in the interior. If this intention should be carried into effect, a considerable reduction in the price of the article may be looked for.

CHAMOMILES.—Five casks small, stalky and dusty wild German flowers sold at 22s. per cwt.

CHIRETTA.—Nine bales ordinary weed sold at $1\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb.

CINCHONA.—According to the latest mail advices a decided improvement has occurred on the Colombo market, where the unit has made an advance of about \$\frac{1}{4}\ell}\$. The shipments of bark from Ceylon now exceed those of the previous season, and there is every probability that they will continue to grow proportionately. The figures from October 1 to February 24 are:—1886-7, 6,291,948 lbs.; 1885-6, 5,882,029 lbs.; 1884-5, 3,881,262 lbs. It would seem as if the estimate of 1,433,250 lbs. as the probable crop of Java cinchona in 1887, which was recently given by the British consul at Batavia, does not include the estimated Government crop, which is 715,000 lbs. In the drug sales to-day 98 out of 123 packages offered, flat, hard yellow Calisaya imported from Arica and Valparaiso sold at very high prices, 2s. 1d. to 2s. 2d. for sound, and 1s. 11d. to 7d. for first-class to badly damaged. A heavy consignment of good Lowa and Huanoco quill also sold at full rates, 1s. 3d. to 2s. 3d. per lb. for the former.

CINCHONA ALKALOIDS.—Sulphate of Quinine.—The official makers' quotations still remain unaltered, and manufacturers do not seem anxious to offer. We hear, however, that 2s. 7d. per oz. has been paid for a second-hand parcel of Howard's brand in bottles, which is only 1d. below the makers' price, although to-day offers of Howard's brand in bottles were made at 2s. $6\frac{1}{2}d$. second hand. In the drug sales to-day 4,000 oz. Whiffen's brand were offered; 3,000 of these sold at 1s. $10\frac{1}{2}d$. per oz., a fresh decline of $\frac{1}{2}d$. Of 2,000 oz. Pelletier's in bottles, 500 were sold at 2s. 2d. per oz. Sulphate of Quinidine.—10,000 oz. "Brunswick" brand in tins were offered. A bid of 4d. per oz. for the whole parcel was refused. The holder suggested $5\frac{3}{4}d$., and finally bought in the whole at 6d. per oz. Sulphate of Cinchoridine.—25,000 oz. "Brunswick" found no purchasers; $2\frac{1}{4}d$. per oz. was refused, and the whole bought in at 4d. It is understood that $2\frac{1}{3}d$. per oz. would have been accepted.

COCA LEAVES.—No parcels of any importance were offered at the public sales.

COCAINE is somewhat easier and second-hand holders of

German in bulk offer a trifle under 1s. per gramme. Bottles are held at 1s. 1d. per gramme.

COCCULUS INDICUS.—Forty bags from Cochin bought in at 11s. per cwt., much above value.

COLOCYNTH without inquiry. Twenty-eight packages Turkey all bought in, nominally at 1s. 2d. per lb. for good pale apples, mixed with fragments, and rather seedy.

COWHAGE.—One case from Bombay was withdrawn, no price being mentioned.

CUBEBS.—In the drug sales 2 cases bold brown berries were sold at 171. 7s. 6d. to 171. 10s. per cwt., while 141. was refused for 12 bags shrivelled, mouldy, and very stalky berries. The article appears rather weaker, but many parties here being interested in keeping prices at a high level it is not considered likely that it will experience any great change in value, altbough two shipments came to hand since last week. The Singapore market is said to be very firm, and the supplies there reduced to a minimum. In our last report a paragraph referring to cubebs was inadvertently headed "Cutch."

CUMIN SEED has made no further advance, but holders are very firm at 45s. for *Maltesc*, 26s. for *Grech*, and 27s. for *East Indian* seed.

CUTCH.—A consignment of no less than 1,300 tons, the heaviest ever received by any single vessel, has just come to hand at Liverpool, and buyers are awaiting the landing of this shipment before operating to any large extent. It is said that 400 tons of the consignment will be transshipped directly to America. RS slabs have been sold at 27s. 6d. per cwt.

CUTTLE FISH.—Ten cases good whitish sold at $3\frac{1}{4}d$. per lb.

DRAGON'S BLOOD.—Only two cases sold, good bright, slightly seedy cake at 91. 15s. Dull bricky slabs in reed bought in at 41.

ERGOT OF RYE quiet. The quotation for good Spanisb ergot is 1s. to 1s. 1d. per lb.

FENNEL SEED.—Although there has been a fairly brisk demand recently, yet values fail to improve; 26s. is still quoted for *German* seed, and 21s. to 22s. for *East Indian*.

FENUGREEK SEED has been very firm, and sold up to 8s. 9d. per cwt., but this improvement may not last, although our stock is lessening.

GALANGAL.—57 bales good bright root bought in at 7s. 6d. per cwt., but less would be accepted.

GALLS—China unchanged. The stock at Shanghai was estimated at 700 cases on February 1. A good quantity of Turkey galls was offered in the auctions, but no sales were effected.

GAMBIER.—Some importers having shown extreme anxiety to sell, the market has collapsed. 21s. per cwt. has been accepted for block, to arrive per March-April steamer. There are no further sellers at that figure, but no more than 21s. 6d. per cwt. can be obtained for block on the spot. Cubes sold at 32s. for slightly blocky Singapore, and 30s. for blocky Malacca.

GAMBOGE very firm, and held at 11l. 7s. 6d. for rather dark coloured and very broken pipe. Fine qualities are scarce.

GENTIAN ROOT remains firm. Eleven bales rather ordinary Indian root sold at 26s. per cwt. to-day.

GINGER.—Supplies of *Cochin* on a very large scale are now placed on our market, about 2,000 packages being offered in Wednesday's drug sales. Fine qualities, both cut and rough, are about 1s. dearer, but inferior and middling grades show a decline of about 1s. 6d. per cwt. New *Jamaica* is also about 1s. cheaper.

GUINEA GRAINS in fair supply. Good quality is worth 17s. to 17s. 6d., being slightly easier.

GUM AMMONIACUM.—Seventy-one cases were offered today, but mostly bought in, offers not reaching recent valuations. Good pale grain and drop bought in at 50s. per cwt. nominally; fair block sold at 26s. 6d.; drossy and seedy ditto, at 21s. 6d., and fair partly blocky siftings, at 10s. per cwt.

GUM ANIMI is very quiet; only a small proportion of the 45 cases Zanzibar offered in the last auctions were quitted at a decline of 20s. per cwt.; pale and amber sorts, partly weak, at 10l. 12s. 6d. to 12l.; fair bean and pea, 6l. 10s.; dark pickings, 51.; siftings, 34s.; pale mixed copal, 80s. Bombay sold at 17s. to 80s. for dark pickings to medium mixed; rough red Madagascar at 50s. to 61s. Demcrara gum sold at full rates, viz., 5l. 2: 6d. to 8l. for small to bold yellow and red mixed, and 60s. to 90s. for drossy rough and weak.

GUM BENJAMIN.—Large quantities were offered, including all varieties and qualities. Only a few cases were sold at steady prices, holders not showing much disposition to accept lower values. Sumatra, dull grey, almondy centres, false packed corners, 7l. 10s.; yellow centres, very false packed, 6l. 15s.; low, false packed, with very few almonds, 5l. 5s.

GUM COPAL is in good demand and sold at an advance of 3s. for good Manilla. Altogether about 400 packages were offered in the recent sale, the greater part of which found purchasers at 84s. to 85s. per cwt. for very fine pale scraped; 54s. to 70s. for bold but dark to fine pale selected; 41s. for inferior dark; chips, 24s. to 37s.; pickings, 25s. to 26s.; yellow, soft and blocky, 15s. 6d. to 18s. per cwt.

GUM DAMAR steady at 95s. to 96s. for fine pale Batavia.

GUM ELEMI.—35 cases fine white Manilla realised 35s. per cwt, a very good price.

GUM KAURI.—In the last public sales about 950 cases were offered, about one fourth of which sold mostly at a decline of 1s. per cwt., but in some instances at previous The following prices were obtained: Fine, hard, pale, scraped, 121.; good bold scraped amber, 84s. to 89s.; ordinary to fair brownish, partly scraped, 70s. to 77s. 7d.; rough and pickings at from 64s. down to 44s. per cwt.; chips realised from 40s. to 65s. per cwt. for dark to very fine, and low dark dust 4s. per cwt. It is thought that the exports of Kauri gum from Auckland will exceed those of the last season by about 30,000l. or 40,000l. value, not with standing the fact that supplies from the Kauri forests are not coming forward freely.

GUM MASTIC.—Out of 12 cases offered, one case fair pale sold at 3s. per lb.

GUM MYRRH steady. 100s. per cwt. is still the price for good pale Aden sorts, only dull pickings sold at the auctions, 35s. being the price paid.

GUM OLIBANUM.—A large quantity, principally new crop gum, was again offered at the last public sales. Prices for drop must be quoted 2s. lower, 44s. per cwt. being accepted for fair, but somewhat badly garbled yellow and red drop; garbling and siftings, on the other hand, are quite 1s. dearer, viz. 15s. to 16s. 6d. per cwt. for middling to fair garblings, and 13s. to 14s. for siftings. Several parcels of Aden gum were bought in at 60s. to 62s. 6d. per cwt. nominally.

GUM SANDARAC is cheaper and neglected. Sales "with-out reserve" were made at 55s. to 62s. per cwt. for dull and dusty to fair. Pickings realised 22s. to 23s. per cwt.

GUM TRAGACANTH.—Of 15 cases placed in sale, 13 were disposed of; good pale second at 91. 10s., dull darkish ditto at 7l. 10s., good pinkish thirds at 7l. 2s. 6d., and fair yellow thirds at 6l. 15s.

HEMPSEED is lifeless, and must be quoted about 1s. lower since our last report, viz. good Russian at 22s. per 336 lbs., and fine Dutch at 37s. per imperial quarter. Supplies are still flowing in.

Honey.—Our market is quiet, some dull Chilian sold at 17s. 6d. per cwt. Twenty casks New Zealand bought in. Reports from California state that the last season has been an unfavourable one for honey farmers on the Pacific coast, for, although the quality of the product was generally good, the prices obtained on the Western markets did not recoup the farmer for his outlay. The demand from Europe was very restricted, and nearly all the honey had to be consumed in the States. The 1886 crop is estimated at 2,000 tons of extraeted and 500 tons of comb honey, while the entire crop of 1885 was only 700 tons. Of the very large crop of 1884, large quantities were carried over, so that in 1885 there was actually a larger supply of honey than in

were as follows as compared with the two preceding years: 1884, 1,600,000 lbs.; 1885, 2,000,000 lbs.; 1886, 2,500,000 lbs. Exports were as follows: England, 3,475 cases; France, 588 cases; other countries, 1,200 cases; total, 5,263 cases, to which should be added about 2,000 cases shipped overland viâ New York and New Orleans, which is a very large quantity, and may be ascribed to the low rates of freight prevailing on the Pacific railroad, and the small crop in the Western States. It is said that the prospects for the coming crop have been much improved by abundant rainfall, which will undoubtedly be a late one, and most producers claim that this year's crop can only be half its usual size.

IODINE is unchanged at 9d. per oz., while the *iodides* are very firmly held and in good demand. Makers are not anxious to book orders of any magnitude for forward delivery.

IPECACUANHA -- An arrival of 22 serons has taken place viâ New York. This parcel was offered, along with 11 packages of old import, in to-day's drug sales. Purchasers hold back, and so do owners, the latter maintaining that it is now certain that no further arrivals will take place before the end of May. The entire supply, with the doubtful exception of 2 serons good short stout root, for which 6s. per lb. appears to have been paid, was consequently bought in.

ISINGLASS.—At the periodical auctions 318 packages East India went off quietly at irregu'ar prices; Bombay, new tongue at previous rates; old ditto, about 2d. lower; bladderpipe, 1d. to 2d. lower, except for fine; cake at steady rates to a slight decline. *Penanj* leaf sold steadily; tongue brought extreme rates for fine, and the previous value for other kinds; cake, steady. Saigon, unchanged. Brazil, dull, at a decline of 1d. per lb.

JALAP.—Twelve bales Vera Cruz sold at 6d. to 61d.

KOLA NUTS — Two boxes good bold nuts sold at 5d. per lb.

LIME (ACETATE) is not in much demand for immediate delivery, consumers being well provided. Prices are therefore rather lower, say 101. 5s. to 111. 5s. per ton, according to place of delivery.

LINSEED.—Most varieties are decidedly cheaper, Canadian as much as 4s., and Indian from 6d. to 1s. Fine Dutch linseed alone maintains its price at 50s.; Canadian is quoted 46s. to 47s; Bessarabian at 47s.; and Sicilian at 50s. per 424 lbs.; while Bombay is held at 40s. 6d., and Calcutta at 39s. per 416 lbs.

LIQUORICE ROOT.—One hundred and fifty-six bales were offered, of which 64 sold at 5s. to 8s. 9d. per cwt. for inferior Good bold decorticated root bought in at 40s. quality.

Musk is again dearer. Two caddies very fine bold Tonquin pods, thin blue skins, sold at 90s., an advance of about 2s. 6d. per oz. Several bottles Nepaul "grain musk" sold at 22s. to 36s. per oz. One thin fine Assam in thin shaven pods (this variety is very seldom met with in pod) realised 51s. per oz. Some China cabardine bought in. A curiosity was shown in the shape of 8 pairs of musk-deer tusks, articles which have never yet been offered in the drug sales. They were taken out; if sold privately, we shall probably see large consignments of these tusks in future.

MUSK SEED held at 5d. for fair East Indian.

MYRTLE WAX.—One case sold at 50s. per cwt.

NUX VOMICA.—Seventy-eight bags good Calicut seld at 10s. 6d. to 11s. 3d. per cwt.

OILS (ESSENTIAL).—Star anise firm. We hear from China that the stock at Macao is exhausted, and nothing is known as regards future arrivals. Cajaput held at 3s. to 3s. 2d. Cassia unchanged. The stock in China is rather heavy, notwithstanding which the market is firm, and holders are not disposed to give way. Cinnamon is worth from 1s. 4d. to 1s. 6d. for fair to good. Of Cinnamon leaf 11 cases were offered at the drug sales, but nothing was done. ronclla quiet, although holders appear rather firmer and demand a fraction more. The Ceylon exports from October 1 to February 24 were: 1886-87, 3,246,856 oz; 1885-86, 3,388,065 oz.; 1884-85, 2,275,328 oz. There has been an advance of about 4d. per lb. in the price of French Lavender, but Lemon and other Italian essential oils are 1886. The receipts at San Francisco by steamer and rail | quiet at the recent reduction. Two bottles oil of Marjoran

were shown in the drug sales, but taken out without quotation. Neroli is quoted about 8d. per oz. dearer in the South of France; the best quality is worth about 14s. here. Ten cases fine Nutmeg oil (Fisher's brand) were bought in. Peppermint oil is quiet, American HGH at 16s. per lb., although we have heard of even lower quotations, and Japanese at 4s. 9d. to 5s. per lb. Menthol crystals are slightly lower, 4s. 9d. to 5s. per lb. would buy fair quality, although Cocking's brand is quoted higher than that.

OIL (CASTOR) is quoted dearer. Good *Italian* is firmly held at $4\frac{1}{4}d$, per lb. (4d. being refused), and first *Calcutta* at 4d. per lb. In Liverpool prices have also advanced, $2\frac{3}{4}d$. being now asked for good seconds Calcutta on the spot; to arrive $2\frac{11}{16}d$. per lb. has been paid.

OIL (COCOANUT) remains quiet, at 25l. 10s. to 26l. 10s. for Ceylon, according to packing; 33l. to 36l. for ordinary to very fine Cochin; and 26l. 10s. to 27l. for Mauritius. On March 1 the Colombo market was extremely quiet, and holders were compelled to accept reduced rates in order to sell. The shipments from October 1 to February 24 amounted in 1886-87 to 120,274 cwt., against 109,643 cwt. in 1885-86. Great Britain and the United States take the bulk of the exports, India, France, Germany, almost sharing the remainder.

OIL (COD-LIVER).—Latest advices from Norway state that the weather has been calmer recently, but even in the most favourable case the loss sustained during the first part of the season will be difficult to get over, especially so as the Lofoden fishing closes on April 2. Arrivals are taking place daily from the Continent, but it is said that the principal English buyers have only bought from hand to mouth thus far, and that there is every prospect of a further advance. In the drug sales 43 casks were offered, 10 of which, of nondescript quality, sold at 3s. 9s. to 3s. 11d. per gallon. New Newfoundland oil was bought in at 2s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. per gallon.

OIL (OLIVE).—Our markets are quiet at unchanged rates. Recent advices from Italy confirm the reports previously received from that quarter in regard to the olive crop of the present season. In some of the southern provinces, where the crop has been exceptionally abundant, the oil-mills have not yet completed their work. The average quality of the Riviera oils is very low, and the prices paid correspond with it. These Riviera oils, however, do not rule the market, having been more or less superseded by the oils from Southern Italy. Oils of inferior quality are very plentiful this year. The sale of new Bari oil meets with some difficulty, as this variety sometimes has a slight bitter flavour, which it only loses in the course of a few months. The new Calabrian oil, and particularly the variety known as Basilicata, is very much inquired for this year, being of excellent taste and colour, and fit for immediate consumption. The superiority of this year's Basilicata oil may be ascribed to the fact that the crop was so abundant as to cause a delay in the pressing, which enabled the fruit to attain full maturity.

The Naples market remains neglected, but an improvement is shortly expected on account of anticipated purchases for

shipment to Russia.

OILS (VARIOUS).—Cottonseed oil is quiet, although prices are about maintained, refined on the spot being held at 18l. 5s. to 19l. 5s. in London, and crude at 16l. 2s. 6d. to 16l. 5s. Linseed oil unchanged, at 20l. 2s. 6d. to 20l. 5s. landed. Palm oil neglected. Rape oil has declined a fraction, but closes steadily at 20l. 15s. to 21l. for English brown, and 22l. 5s. to 22l. 10s. for refined. A slight improvement has occurred in Petroleum since last week, and the market closes firm with an advancing tendency, viz. 5d. to $5\frac{1}{15}d$. for American on the spot, according to brand, and 5d. to $5\frac{1}{5}d$. for Russian. Turpentine is also 3d. dearer on the spot.

OPIUM—Prices have again advanced on the Smyrna market, and it is thought that a further rise will shortly occur. The Constantinople market holds a stock of 300 cases, and is extremely firm.

ORRIS ROOT.—Three casks good white fragments sold at 20s. per cwt.

PAREIRA BRAVA.—One bale genuine root, which has been offered in sale time and again, was bought in at 105s. per cwt., nominally.

PATCHOULY LEAVES.—1s. 1d. per lb. is demanded for 5 bales dark but not very stalky leaves. Small parcels arrive from time to time.

PEPPER (BLACK) is again cheaper, at $7\frac{1}{6}d$. for Aleppy, 7d. for good Penang, and 6d. for ordinary dusty Ateheen.

PEPPER (WHITE).—A firmer feeling prevails for white pepper, caused, it is said, by the recent adulteration prosecutions in different parts of the country; and, under the stimulus of the increased inquiry, Singapore white pepper has made a decided advance, although speculators are endeavouring to bring down values by placing considerable quantities upon the market. Penang at the end of last week sold at 11\frac{1}{4}d. per lb., while fine Singapore in this week's sales 12\frac{3}{4}d. per lb.

QUILLAYA.—Considerable quantities arrived from Valparaiso at the end of last week.

QUINCE SEEDS.—A few barrels good seed sold at $6\frac{1}{3}d$, per lb.

RAPESEED is much inquired for, especially the better grades. *English* seed is worth 45s. to 47s. per 424 lbs. Crushing rapeseed is unchanged.

Rhubarb.—There was a good supply, but it consisted of wormy and inferior root, and sold partly at previous rates, with the exception of one parcel, which realised about 5d. over valuation. This transaction does not, however, influence the general position of the market. The following prices were paid: Shensi, small sound root, round, pale fracture, 1s. 9d.; ditto, flat, partly rough in coat, fair appearance, 1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d.; bold round, rather dark and spongy, and partly wormy, 1s. 2d. to 1s. 3d. Canton, good bold flat, $\frac{3}{4}$ grey fracture, 1s. 9d. to 1s. 10d.; round, 1s. 8d.; spongy round and flat mixed, 1s. 3d.; dull pickings, 1s. High dried, very bold, but rough and wormy, 1s.; small dull, 8d. per lb.

SARSAPARILLA.—A large supply sold at about previous rates: grey Jamaica, country damaged, 1s. 8d. to 1s. 10d.; red ditto, 1s. 6d. to 1s. 7d.; good Lima Jamaica, damaged, 1s. 6d.; sound, 1s. 7d.; Honduras, inferior, 1s. Fourteen bales very inferior Honduras imported viâ Hamburg were bought in at 1s. 3d. per 1b., an offer of 8d. being refused. A parcel of 94 bales good Mexican (Tampico) is said to have changed hands privately at $3\frac{3}{4}d$. per 1b.

SENNA.—A large supply sold with fair competition, in some instances at a decline of $\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb., but generally at previous rates. The assortment, as regards quality, showed an improvement upon recent offerings, and it included several parcels Alexandrian leaves. The following prices were paid: Alexandria, small broken leaves, 11d.; fair greenish siftings, 8d. per lb. Tinnevelly, good bold, 8d. to 9d.; fair to good fair, 5d. to 6d.; ordinary down to 2d. per lb. Fresh arrivals of Tinnevelly leaves have been received this week.

SHELLAC.—There is a little more inquiry for this article, and shippers at Calcutta are asking somewhat higher prices. For standard second orange (TN) for arrival 44s. is now wanted. In the drysaltery sales exceptionally fine first orange (H in diamond) was offered, and sold at 59s. per cwt., a high price under the circumstances. Button lac is again from 2s to 3s. lower. First button offers at 57s. per cwt.

SNAKE ROOT is held at 1s. 8d. per lb.

Soda.—Crystals are lower, at 49s. in London and 43s. on the Tyne. Nitrate: Prices for prompt delivery, in this country, and also in Germany, have experienced a very rapid advance, and exceptional sales have consequently been made under the pressure of immediate requirements. The market appears to be in a very sound position. 11l. is quoted here. Valparaiso advices from February 11 state that the association of producers of nitrate of soda was to hold a meeting at Iquique, on February 28, in order to decide whether and under what conditions the present combination will be carried on after the end of March. So far opinions on this subject are much divided, and it is therefore quite impossible to foresee the result.

WAX (BEES') is in very good demand, and realises full values. Australasian grey and dark, 135s.; Jamaica orange, 122s 6d.; red and brown, 115s. to 120s.; East Indian yellow and orange, 115s.; fair Cape, 105s.; dark and drossy Mauritius, 88s.

THE AMERICAN MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 11.

SINCE last writing the drug market has been less active; not that the consumptive demand has fallen off, but there appears a disposition on the part of large operators and buyers to take matters quietly now that the market has been established on a steady basis. It was thought by some that the sudden decline in quinnie would cause a drop in the prices of other articles that had advanced collaterally, but up to the present there are no signs of weakness so far as regards the latter. Now that political affairs in Europe appear more settled, an active inquiry for export has sprung up.

- The prices sterling (in parentheses) are what the different articles would cost delivered in London, all market allowances, discounts, &c., being taken into account. Importers car therefore see at a glance the course of this market compared with their own.

ACETATE OF LIME.—Considerable transactions in brown took place for the United Kingdom at about 10l. c.i.f. on contract. There is a scarcity of spot stock, and 11l. c.i.f. is now demanded for prompt shipment.

ALOES (CURAÇAO).—The importers have raised their pretensions for what they hold here. No arrivals are taking place, and if they only cease altogether for six or nine months, we may see good prices realised. The United States used formerly to consume large quantities of *Cape* aloes, but since the *Curação* variety became so cheap, the importations of the former variety have considerably fallen off.

Balsams.—With the exception of a few cases Maracaibo Copaiba and 15 barrels Pará from Liverpool, no arrivals have taken place since last advice. The former brought 37c. (1s. 8d), while the Pará went to a distillery. Maracaibo is quite scarce, the quotation being nominally 40c. (1s. $9\frac{1}{2}d$.). Tolu is cheaper, sales being reported at 27c. (1s. $2\frac{1}{2}d$.) for 40-lb. tins. Peru remains neglected; there are several parcels in the importers' hands unsold.

CASCARA SAGRADA—Freights from the Pacific overland having been restored to the old high rates, this bark will now cost 2c. to 3c. per lb. more to bring here; an advance may therefore be expected before long.

CUBEBS.—The price demanded and obtained in this market for genuine berries is \$1.50 (37%. 9%. 6%. per cwt.). Stocks are said to be small, but so, it need hardly be said, is the demand at such a high figure. The oil sells at \$10.00 (42%), and if pure is too low altogether in comparison with the drug.

GUM CHICLE.—There is a demand for this article springing up from France and England. At present there are enormous stocks here, at the market price of 30c. (1s. 5d. per lb.).

GUARANA.—Supplies of the new crop may be expected to arrive soon from Pará.

OIL OF PEPPERMINT.—The demand appears to be dead' and so also does the speculation which usually takes the place of consumptive inquiry. The position of the article is unchanged for the last month, and shows no weakness. Holders of the small stock appear to have every confidence in better prices during the summer. H. G. Hotchkiss is quoted \$3.65 (16s. 9d.), and pure bulk Wayne county oil in tins \$3.25 (13s. 9d. net).

QUININE.—Speculators took hold of the market when the late boom was at its height, and began offering large quantities. German in bulk at lower and lower rates. It appears to be a fact that within a few days the market dropped from 60c. (2s. 6½d., 5 per cent.), at which a large business was passing, to 50c. (2s. 1½d., 5 per cent.), with very few sales at intermediate prices. Consumers and small dealers ceased purchasing; and the market becoming demoralised, offers were made down to 45c. (1s. 11d., 5 per cent.), at which a halt was called, for plenty of buyers were forthcoming at that figure. To-day the market for bulk has improved, and may be called 50c. (2s. 1½d., 5 per cent.). The domestic makers reduced their price on Monday to 65c. (2s. 9d, 5 per cent.) for ounces. The operations here were aided by London

parties in bearing the market down, and it is thought here that the forced sale of Brunswick and Mannheim brands in the London drug sales of the 10th was part of the deal.

SARSAPARILLA (MEXICAN), as predicted some time ago, is now I rastically controlled by one holder, and has advanced to 9c. $(5\frac{1}{8}d.)$ for *Vera Cruz*.

SERPENTARIA has declined again, and large sales are said to have taken place at 27c. (1s. $3\frac{1}{2}d$.) per lb. to arrive in two or three weeks. The old price of this article used to be about 20c. (11d.); it may fall to that figure again.

Spermaceti is dearer. Very little can be had at 41c. $(1s. 9\frac{1}{4}d.)$; an order for 100 boxes would clear the market.

CABLEGRAM.

NEW YORK, March 23.

OPIUM.—There has been an active market for prime druggists' opium during the past few days at advancing prices.

BALSAM COPAIBA.—Large purchases have occasioned advances in this drug.

SULPHATE OF QUININE.—Home makers have reduced their quotations to 62c. in oz. vials = 2s. $7\frac{5}{5}d$. in London.

THE GERMAN MARKET.

HAMBURG, March 22.

THE general features of the drug and chemical market remain the same as at the date of our last. Trade has been confined to supplying the immediate wants of consumers, and the established prices generally have been steadily adhered to.

Quotations in this column are given in marks $(11\frac{7}{4}d)$ per 100 kilos, or per kilo. (1 kilo = 2 lbs. $3\frac{1}{2}$ oz.; $50\frac{3}{4}$ kilos. = 1 cwt.). The prices in parentheses show the parity in London.

ALOE (CURACAO) was again offered in great abundance, and holders had to reduce their pretensions in order to find purchasers. Good qualities are held at 60m. to 65m. (27s. to 30s.)

BALSAMS.—Copaiba is firmly held at 3 40m. (1s. &d.). The stocks are small, and the tendency is towards further improvement. Peruvian.—Although a good business has been done in this article, no confidence is manifested in the speculative movement, and prices are unchanged, at 10m. (4s. &d.). Tolu still neglected.

CAMPHOR unchanged; refined is held at 185m. $(8\frac{1}{2}d.)$ per lb.

GALLS.—China are quiet; there is very little doing in the article. The last arrival of about 200 cases fair Shanghai found no buyers as yet.

OILS (ESSENTIAL) have generally been very quiet the last fortnight. Star anise is rather easier, and 14 60m. (6s. 6d.) per lb. is asked. Oil of Peppermint, American (H. G. Hotchkiss brand) is again cheaper, $15\frac{1}{2}$ m. per lb. (15s. 6d.)

OIL (COD-LIVER).—A good business at rapidly advancing prices has been transacted during the past fortnight, and an advance of 115m. to 135m. for fine Lofoden must now be paid. The market is very firm, and prices for genuine new oil are tending upwards.

QUININE.—There is no change to report. Holders who expected the upward movement to continue are rather disappointed, but still hold firm. Second-hand owners ask from 72pf. to 75pf., according to brand.

ROOTS.—Jalap.—No sales to record, but prices remain firm at 102m. to 105m. (4½d. to 5d.). The arrivals of the new crop, only 20 bales very ordinary Vera Cruz, are held at 90pf. (4d.). Rhatania, Payta, prime quality, is very scarce, and is quoted 140m. to 150m. (6d. to 7d.).

SEEDS.—Sabadilla are inactive, and business unimportant; the imports of the new crop (altogether about 350 bags) remain held at 60m. $(2\frac{3}{4}d$. to 3d.), unsold.

WAX (VEGETABLE).—The market for Japan wax is very quiet, 131m. to 102m. (45s. to 46s.) being the quotation for prime hard and whitish squares.



Memoranda for Correspondents.

Always send your proper name and address: we do not publish them unless you wish.

Write on one side of the paper only; write early; and devote a separate sheet of paper to each query if you ask more than one, or if you are writing about other matters at the same time.

If you send us newspapers please mark what you wish us to read.

Ask us anything of pharmaceutical interest: we shall do our best to reply.

Letters, queries, &c., not noticed in this issue will, if possible, be attended to next week.

Before writing for formulæ eonsult the last volume, if you have it.

Lime in Filtering Papers.

SIR,—I can verify the statement made by your French correspondent that filtering papers contain lime. Some time since I had occasion to filter a beverage; to my surprise the filtrate tasted very limey, and could be compared only to flavoured lime-water, which of course had to be thrown away. The origin of the lime was a puzzle to me, but now I have the mystery solved. This is a serious matter if looked at from the "analyst" point of view, because it would be a fruitful source for actions for adulteration.

Yours truly, CAUTIOUS. (55/71.)

The Sun in the Window.

SIR,—My experience has been similar to Mr. Fitton's. My shop faces the south, and on the top of window enclosures of each window there are two carboys and one specie jar. On windy days the sun-blinds are not always put out, in consequence of damage done to them by the wind; and if the inner blinds are not drawn down the sun's rays passing through these carboys have repeatedly burnt papers, &c., that have been placed casually on the top of enclosure. At the present time the stand for the specie jar is burnt—completely charred—in several places. Some blinds on a loose roller were placed on top one day, and were afterwards found all ablaze. Enclosed is a specimen of it. The blind would be rolled round about twenty times, and where the rays fell the blind and roller were completely charred. Experientia docct. I have not placed anything else there since.

Yours faithfully, PHENIX. (71/26.)

SIR,—Mr. G. W. Fitton, of Hertford, is not singular in his experience of his carboy acting the part of a lens, and igniting his window-fittings. Some years ago I experienced the same result (also, I believe, in the month of March). The explanation is obvious: the rays of the sun do not strike at the same incidence in winter as in summer, and the globeshaped carboy acts as a solid lens when the rays fall directly on the upper shoulder of the carboy.

Some years ago I witnessed the sudden fracture of one of Treble's bent plate-glass counter-cases, through change of temperature, and my latest experience is the sudden fracture of several of Maw's fig. D opaque-glass show-jars, attended with a report as loud as that of a pistol. The jars are not exposed to the rays of the sun, and evidently there has been some defect in annealing.

W. D. (71/20.)

Apprentice (Guisbro') tells us of a similar occurrence.

Pharmacy in South Africa.

SIR,—In reply to a letter signed "Samuel Cox," which appeared in The Chemist and Druggist of December 11, 1886, referring to my remarks on "Pharmacy in South Africa," I have pleasure in notifying that what this gentleman's letter states as to "a portion of my letter being utterly incorrect," does not refer to anything stated by me. It will be seen on reference that I specially mentioned that the prices were not obtained in Cape Town, and, by way of enabling readers to get at the difference, I gave an example of the carriage of a ton of coal to the Fields from Cape Town. However, in order that there may be no further comment on the accuracy of my statement of prices, I beg to refer inquirers to Mr. A. Davison (one of the leading chemists in the Fields), whose dispensing list was copied in my letter to you of September 12, 1886. I remain,

Planet Chambers, Yours faithfully, Collins Street East, Melbourne. W. S. SHEPPERSON.

Mr. Mackenzie's Action.

SIR,—The action brought against the Edinburgh Exhibition Association and raised in my name, as noticed in your journal of March 12, was initiated by me as representing a committee of gentlemen, acting under an Act of Parliament, in order to have a public park called the West Meadows restored for the use of the inhabitants, and to effect the removal of hideous obstructions and remains of the late exhibition. The executive committee, to whom these were given up, seemed to have forgotten they had to be restored. The action had an immediate effect, as the day after it was called the obstructions were removed and a beginning made with the remains.

Yours truly,
JAMES MACKENZIE.

March 17.

Lyons's "Pharmaceutical" Assaying.

SIR,—In your kind review of my little "Manual of Pharmaceutical Assaying," you call attention to a claim on my part for originality in the method given for the valuation of amyl nitrite. The originality in any case would have been small, since the process was confessedly but an adaptation of Mr. Allen's method of estimating ethyl nitrite. That the author had anticipated me in making this adaptation was not strange, but it had not come to my knowledge. My esteem for that gentleman, no less than my self-respect, would have forbidden me to wear honours that were his due. Again thanking you for the generosity of your critical notice,

I beg to remain, very respectfully,
Detroit, Mich., March 9.

A. B. Lyons, F.C.S.

The Pharmacy Acts Amendment Bill.

SIR,-Believing that the "Pharmacy Acts Amendment Bill" shortly to come before the House of Commons is not promoted in the real interests of the majority of the chemists and druggists of Great Britain, but is merely the thin end of the wedge to vex, rather than benefit, the trade at large, would it not be well to have the whole subject of proposed "Bloomsbury Square" legislation thrashed out in your columns before the next election of the Council? There are weightier matters affecting the trade awaiting legislation than any increased stringency in the examinations. So long as ignorant grocers-nay, ignorant surgeons-can keep open drug shops, and the cream of dispensing be performed by "limited liability" companies, what is the use of adding to what is called our professional status? When the Pharmaceutical Council have come to a knowledge of what trade requirements really demand, and have satisfactorily proved that they have exhausted the legal forces at present to their hands, then perhaps it will be possible to persuade the legislature to grant them further powers. In the meantime I have taken upon myself to recommend an influential member of the Commons to block the Bill, should the riddance of the Irish bugbear make it possible for even a first reading to ensue.

COMMON SENSE. (72/63.)

Itinerant Pharmacy.

SIR,—Times are bad, and the firm in which I am interested, living in a provincial town, have under their consideration the advisability of sending one of their assistants round the country to solicit orders from the clergy, gentry, and farmers. Would you, through the columns of your valued journal, The Chemist and Druggist, specify some of the difficulties likely to be met with, or if it would transgress any pharmacy law or rule? They propose employing a pony and trap, and literally hawking proprietaries, &c. In case the assistant prescribed while on such journey, and sent the medicines afterwards, would be einfringing any law? Would not a licence be necessary to hawk medicines? The experience of my brethren who have tried the "Travelling Druggist" business would be much appreciated, and whether it paid or not.

Yours already greatly obliged, LUTHER SOULEY.

Ipswich, March 21.

Linimentum Terebinthinæ.

SIR,—I gather from your report on Professor Redwood's paper that this liniment, as regards fluidity, should at least be pourable; if that be so I am grieved to think that my thick white and goodly-to-look-upon jelly in the pot is, so to speak, out of form. Thinking the cause of thickening was due to free carbonate in the soap, I straightway examined the sample that I received some six months ago from a respectable firm, none the worse for bearing a name suggestive of the finny tribe, and freed the soap by rectified spirit from a little free carbonate; then, having convinced myself that the turpentine used did not boil under 320° F., made another lot, but with a result as before. I should mention that before adding the last drachm or two of camphorated turpentine the emulsion was fluid, but a few seconds after adding the entire quantity, though stirring the while, it became as thick as vaseline, and continued trituration would not resolve the too too solid product into the wished-for consistence. Then, sir, I gave Mr. Richards's plan a trial, and used a twopenny pastebrush. After brushing in the water a drachm or two of the camphor, turpentine was added, which, under the severe thrashing it was receiving from the brush, caused the soap to separate into little lumps; after two minutes' treatment of this kind the lumps gave in and coalesced. Then more turpentine was added; this did not take so long to incorporate, and when the whole of it was added I obtained a product in no way different to the previous one.

I think Mr. Richards's suggestion very good; I made about $2\frac{1}{2}$ oz. in less than twelve minutes—the pestle process required nearly twenty minutes. But, sir, I am not ashamed of my product, as I do not think it can be improved upon; and I further think if Professor Redwood and Mr. Martindale produced the like of it, instead of their pourable emulsion, they would be equally proud of the achievement. I think a liniment that is bland and of the consistence of vaseline is more suited for its intended use than one that is too thick for a narrow-mouthed bottle, and becomes too thin for a pot.

Yours obediently, TOPSY. (71/73.)

DISPENSING NOTES.

[The opinion of practical readers is invited on subjects discussed under this heading.]

Ac. Nit. Mur. Dil. and Nux Vomica.

SIR,—I think your reply is hardly an answer to my query. After describing the colour of the mixture as dispensed by the Brighton chemist and by myself, I ask, "which was the right colour?" Your answer would imply that you had not considered the tinc. chlorof. co. a factor in colouring the medicine. Now I ask, was not the tinct. chlorof. co. sufficient of itself to impart a "pinky" colour to the mixture, putting aside the probable action of the acid on the tinct. nux vom.? There can be no doubt that the acid destroys the deep colour of the tinct. chlorof. co., changing it from a lake colour to a pink; yet I cannot understand how our Brighton friend produced a cream-coloured mixture. [Nor can we.—ED]

SALICIN. (38/72.)

Potas, Iodid, and Spt. Æther. Nit.

SIR.—Is it possible to dispense the following mixture so as to prevent any decomposition taking place? I have tried it several times, and always with an unsatisfactory result.

Manganes, sulph. gr. 16 Ferri sulph. .. Potass. iodid. 5j. Liq. pot. arsenitis зj. ٠. . . 3iv. Spt. æther. nit. 3iss. Tinct. nucis vom. ٠. .. Aq. menth. pip. Zviij. M. Ft. mist.

Yours truly,
DISPENSER. (36/70.)

[This mixture cannot be dispensed satisfactorily, owing to reaction between the iodide and spt. ather. nitros., and, if possible to consult the prescriber, he should be asked to omit the spirit.]

21/74. C. C.—The decomposition occurring in your prescription is similar to the above.

An Examination Prescription.

L. M. N., who sent a prescription last week stating that it was for an emulsion, now writes to say that he omitted "Tincturæ tolutanæ 5ij." (the most important ingredient). It is only necessary in order to make an emulsion of this to add 2 drachms of mucilage of acacia to the solution of chlorate of potash, and pour the tincture into the mixture, adding the simple syrup and the glycerine last.

31/74. Carl.—You should not hositate to dispense tr. comicifugæ, B.P., for Tr. Aeteæ Racimosæ. When you are reduced to a choice between "Squire" and "B.P.," stick to the latter.

17 BLOOMSBURY SQUARE.

I LOVE it, I love it, and who would dare
To chide me for loving that house in the Square?
'Twas there that I sought for the coveted prize,
And passed thro' the mill at the hands of the wise.
'Tis bound by a student's love to my heart,
Not an atom will break, not a molecule start.
Would ye learn the spell?—my "exam" was there,
And a sacred place is that house in the Square.

In student's days how I lingered near
That hallowed place with listening ear,
To listen to words that my tutors said
When they taught me the means of earning my bread I
They told me that wealth would flow like a tide,
With truth for my creed and skill for my guide;
They taught me the uses of chemicals rare,
And I studied hard at the house in the Square.

I sat and I listened for many a day
To the wise professors, old and grey;
And I almost wept when they told me plain,
If I failed at first, I must try again.
But days flew on, the last one sped,
My hopes sank low, and my eyes were red;
I learnt how much the heart can bear
When my "exam." was on in that house in the Square.

'Tis past, 'tis past! when I think of it now
It causeth the tide of feeling to flow.
There I was tested, by questions plied,
My knowledge—or, rather, the lack of it—tried.
Ye who are older may deem me weak
When I tell you my tongue reftsed to speak,
So pleased was I when I came out there,
"A Minor man" from that house in the Square.
February 22.
Soda Carb.

LEGAL QUERIES.

63/69. Subscriber.—Dentists are not in any degree exempt from the provisions of the Pharmacy Act.

3/70. Ignoramus asks:—"Can an apprentice be legally compelled to clean show windows, shake mats, and do other such work, generally that of an errand boy?" [It is impossible to answer such an inquiry without knowing all the circumstances. There is no Act of Parliament defining the duties of an apprentice, and it would be unreasonable to lay down a regulation applicable to all cases.]

13/194. G. G. asks:—"Can a grocer (not a registered chemist) sell laudanum labelled 'anodyne,' with a patent-medicine stamp on it?" [As this would be an obvious evasion of the Pharmacy Act, we should think the grocer would most likely get the worst of it in the event of a trial.]

Pharmacist (6/73) asks:—"Can any of your subscribers recommend or tell me the most economical way of obtaining register for label? I have the stamped notices to the amount of 25s. [We do not understand this inquiry. There is only one legally effective way of registering a label, namely, at the Trade-marks Office, and, as this costs 25s., our correspondent seems to have adopted it.]

53/73. Fish.—Unqualified persons may make and sell compound medicines containing poisons as patent medicines. If, however, such medicines are fairly preparations of the poison, they are required by the Pharmacy Act, 1868 to be labelled as if they were not patent medicines, whoever sells them.

(2) Messrs. Burgoyne & Co. publish a little pamphlet giving information about the use of salicylic acid, which try to get.

17/74. *Pharmacy.*—Only pharmaceutical chemists can use or exhibit the title "pharmacist."

33/74. Tinct. Opii.—It is illegal to supply a veterinary surgeon or any one else with methylated tincture of opium.

MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES.

46/65. B. W.—The title Blood Mixture is registered, and if you put up any similar preparation you should be careful as to what you call it. The following is a formula for iodised sarsaparilla, which gives an effective spring medicine:—

 Potassii iodidi
 gr. 36

 Potassii ehloratis
 gr. 30

 Liq. arsenicalis
 Mıxxiv.

 Spt. ehloroformi
 3iij.

 Dec. sarsæ eo. ad
 3vj.

M. 3ss. ter die.

Non-Official Remedies.—Could any of your numerous readers decipher the following order, handed into my shop the other day? Was told that it was a Bradford chemist who was advertising it as "Hop Bitters."

1½d. hops
2d. condru bark
1½d. kradna root
1½d. rolique root
1½d. noil root
1½d. rock root
1½d. tacher

NIL DESPIRANDA. (65/72.)

10/188. R. H.—It has lately been stated that Freckles can with certainty be removed by touching them with liquid carbolic acid. The acid causes the spot to become white (without pain), and after a few days the old skin peels off and the freckle is gone. For ordinary use, especially as a pre-

ventive, sulphocarbolate of zinc in the proportion of 5 gr. to 1 cz. of rose water, with a little glycerine added, appears to do good.

65/74. F. C.—Peroxide of hydrogen is use I for bleaching the hair.

Tincture of Podophyllin (Soluble).—Resin podophyllin, gr. viij.; spt. ammon. arom., 3j. Digest for two or three days and filter.

Tincture of Euonymin (Soluble) is best made from the bark, $2\frac{1}{2}$ oz. to 10 oz. of spt. ammon. arom. These tinctures may be mixed in equal proportions for a compound preparation. Dose of each (alone) for an adult, 10 to 30 minims.

Washing Fluid.—*Phanix* (26/71) kindly sends the following formula in reply to "Magister" (13/187):—

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Dissolve the soap in a little water, ald sufficient to make 1 gallon, then add liq. am. fort. and well shake.

56/71. C. G. Y. asks:—"Will you kindly tell me, if you take a situation in one of the stores, does it go against you afterwards if you want to get into a good house?" [Some employers are prejudiced against assistants from stores, while others are glad to get such. The matter balances itself.]

Assist Nature.—Dusting Powder for curing blotches of the skin may be made of ordinary violet powder by adding a fifth of its weight of cleate of zinc or boric acid.

7/69. W. S. C.—Stephanotis Perfume.—Essence white rose, 20 oz.; ext. jasmine, 10 oz.; ext. civet, ½ oz.; otto rose, 7 minims. You will find a large number of formulæ for popular perfumes in our 1885 volume, page 368.

12/70. E. S.—A popular Starch Gloss which we examined some time ago we found to consist of about 8 parts of borax and one of starch.

13/70. F. C. S.—You will find the formula for Nubian Blacking in our last volume, page 476.

43/70. Santonine draws attention to the dose of santonine in a recipe for worm powders given in our last volume, page 221; there we recommend half a grain as the dose for children under one year. Cassell's "Family Physician" recommends 3 grains for children of from two to ten years, and Squire gives 2 to 6 grains for children. We may say that 5 grains is the ordinary dose for an adult, and though it were doubled no greater effect is produced unless upon the patient who is apt to suffer from toxic symptoms. The remedy is generally administered to children in too large doses, and the consequence is that santonine-poisoning is not uncommon, although fatal results have not occurred. The official dose is 2 to 6 grains for adults.

J.J.—Elliman's Royal Embrocation.—Hager gives the following:—White of eggs, 2 parts; turpentine, 8 parts; crude acetic acid, 50 parts; water, 50 parts; methylated spirit, 60 oz. Mix s.a. Yolk of egg is a better emulsifier. The Universal Embrocation resembles Dr. Stokes's liniment, for which the formula is:—Turpentine, 3 oz.; acetic acid, 5 drs.; rose water, \(\frac{3}{3} \)iss.; ess. of lemon, \(\pi \) 80 (may be omitted); yolk of one egg.

31/72. Rhubarb.—There is nothing to prevent you using any name you like for trade purposes. Milk of lime is freshly slaked lime made into a cream with water.

36/192. I. H. Duncalf.—The following works on skin diseases, published by Churchill, are useful:—"A Practical Treatise upon Eczema" (McCall Anderson, 7s. 6d.); "Manual of Diseases of the Skin" (Bulkley, 6s. 6d.); "Healthy Skin" (a popular treatise by Erasmus Wilson, 2s. 6d.).

Devon asks:—"Do you think a town address would prove more successful in advertising a proprietary than one in the country? Are there advertising agents who especially attend to these matters for chemists?" [There are obvious advantages in having a London depôt for an article in frequent demand. Any advertising agent will spend a chemist's money for him, but he had much better attend to that part of his business himself.]

Weeds on Boats.—Our boatmen here use arsenic stirred in with red lead paint to prevent the weed and shell growth on bottom of their boats.—Country Chemist (6/72).

18/71. C. recommends a preparation for this purpose made by Stevens & Co., Brixham, Devon.

Warts.—For "small doses of magnesia," read "sulphate

of magnesia"

I gave 15-grain doses of mag. carb. ter die, and produced most unpleasant loud gastric rumblings and severe griping. Have since seen, I think in THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, the same French doctors say that mag. sulph. is intended, but must be long continued to ensure success.—Country Chemist (6/72).

SIR,—In your issue of December 4, 1886, page 736, it was stated that sulphate of magnesia taken in small doses would remove warts. I lost no time in trying the experiment, and am pleased to say that it answered perfectly. I directed a small thimbleful (about 10 grains) to be taken early every morning for about a month. Before this, several "remedies" had been tried, without much apparent result.

Yours truly, HEDER. (72/51.)

Aquarium.— Valisneria is now easy to be obtained through columns of Exchange and Mart. I have a nice lot, bought two years ago, grows well in my $4\frac{1}{4}$ -gallon aquarium. Secret of good growth seems to me to be not to disturb the bottom when drawing off, and not to change water too often. I let it stay three months in winter.— Country Chemist (6/72).

Tin to Cardboard.—Get penny stick Prout's elastic glue and use as directed; no trouble and sets at once. The shellac composition must stand to dry and set.—Country Chemist (6/72).

24/69. G. A.—Dextrin and sugar may be added to ink for copying purposes in the proportion of half an ounce of each to the pint.

31/71. S. L.—Apply at 28 Eastcheap Buildings, E.C.

Liquor Fastoni.

Dissolve each of these salts in 5 oz. of boiling water, mix the solutions and add 28 grains of bicarbonate of soda. Stir well, collect the precipitate on a calico filter, and wash with 20 oz. of warm water, press out as much water as possible, and transfer the precipitate to a mertar. Separately dissolve:—

In 3ss. of acid. phosphoric. conc. and 20 grs. of citric acid dissolved in 1 drachm of water. Add this solution and 3v. of acid. phosph. coxc. to the phosphate of iron, dissolve, filter, and make up to 1 oz. if necessary with water.

One drachm of either of these solutions is to be mixed with 7 drachms of syrup to make the medicinal syrup.

T. R. I. C.—Packets of chlorinated lime are rendered airtight by dipping them in melted pitch after the packet has been secured in the ordinary manner. Liquor Ferri Iodidi.—Iron wire (cut small), 1 oz.; iodine, 2 oz.; water, 5 oz.; digest in a flask for a day, then transfer to an evaporating-dish, and heat to boiling until the solution measures 4 oz. Then filter and add 5j. of hypophosphorous acid (30 per cent.) to preserve it.

15/70. Credo Signo.—A solution of cosin (an aniline red) to which a little muzilage of acacia has been added makes an excellent Red Ink. The following gives a good ink:-Pure carmine, 3ss.; solution of ammonia and mucilage of acacia, of each, 5ss.; water to 5iv. Dissolve the carmine in the ammonia and add to the other ingredients. See also last volume, p. 714. Blue-black Ink.—A formula was given in last volume, p. 565. Here is another: - Macerate 4 oz. of coarsely-powdered galls for twenty-four hours in 16 oz. of water; strain, press, and digest the galls with another 8 oz. of water for a few hours; again strain and press. Mix the liquors with 2 drachms of white bole; shake well and strain through flannel, making up to 22 oz. if necessary. Next dissolve sulphate of iron, 3iv.; sugar, 3vj.; and hydrochloric acid, 5j., in 8 oz. of water, and add to the gall infusion. Then dissolve 15 grains of aniline blue in $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of water with the aid of heat, and add it to the ink. Allow to stand for a fortnight before using. Add 10 drops of carbolic acid or one drop of oil of cloves to each pint of ink in order to keep it. Violet black Copying Ink.—Add to the formula (30/60) given on p. 308, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of sugar and the same of glycerine or mucilage.

71/74. Bentley.—Oleum Pini Pumilionis, or pine-needle oil, is a colourless or greenish-yellow oil of an agreeable terebinthinate odour. According to Hager, it has a sp. gr. of 0.850. See this journal, May 1, 1886, p. 388, and the Throat Hospital Pharmacopæia, in which it occurs.

5/72. J. Thompson.—We again print the formula for Glycerine and Cucumber: White glycerine soap, 5ss.; cucumber ointment, 5j.; distilled water, 5xxxij.; ess. jockey club, 5ss.; shave the soap into shreds and dissolve it in 2 oz. of hot water (by the aid of a water-bath). Transfer to a hot mortar and incorporate the ointment, previously liquefied with it. Gradually add the rest of the water (hot), stirring constantly and dexterously; add the perfume before it cools. The methods which you have used to remove ink are all that we can recommend. See our issue of December 4 for formula of Fehling's solution. The following is the method for Estimating Sugar in Urine.—Dilute 5 c.c. of the urine with distilled water to 100 c.c., and fill a burette with the mixture. Then mix 10 c.c. of the Fehling's solution with 40 c.c. of water, and bring to the boil; while boiling run in the urine mixture cautiously, until the blue colour of the copper solution has just disappeared. In order to note the end point exactly, the urine mixture must be carefully run in towards that point, the precipitate being allowed to subside; 10 c.c. of Fehling's solution is equal to 0.05 gramme of sugar. The volume of urine mixture used divided by 20 gives the quantity of urine which contains that amount of sugar, and from that the percentage may be calculated.

30/72. *Homer.*—We have not yet noticed any medical account of the case of the Hon. F. Strutt.

29/72. Waxy Kidney.—The Local Board of Health at Carlsruhe states in a proclamation that Warner's Safe Cure consists of a decoction of liverwort (*Hepatica triloba*), with saltpetre, glycerine, and alcohol mixed therewith and flavoured with oil of wintergreen.

28/72. Durham.—Fermented liquors, such as beer, do not keep more than a few hours in warm weather, but if bottled, and if they contain a little bisulphite of lime (the usual preservative) they will keep for years. Unfermented wines are of the nature of syrups, with lime juice as a basis.

Hair Wash Powder:—Powdered borax, 1 lb.; camphor, 1 drachm; oil of bergamot, 20 drops. Mix well.

36/72. Gamboge.—The yellow colouring preparation which you send appears to be made from puree.

49/63. Ung. Oxygenatum—There seems no doubt that both the ointments which you send are the same. The statement that citrin ointment cannot be analysed is erroneous. When prepared below 212° F. it is entirely soluble in ether and benzol, because the mercury in it exists as elaïdate; but when heated above that temperature nitrate of mercury is formed, and this is insoluble in the solvents named, hence there is no difficulty in separating the mercury.

26/42. M. D. asks "why salicylate of potassium does not exist as a remedial agent, considering potassium preparations are more effectual in cases of gout, &c., than those of soda." [It is entirely custom which has favoured the use of salicylate of soda in preference to the potash salt. Some physicians recognise the superiority of potassium salicylate in some cases by prescribing salicylic acid and bicarbonate of potash in mixture. But there is this against potash salts, that their long-continued use have a depressing influence on the system.]

71/36. J. W. puts this question—" whether acetic acid or ammonia predominating in a liniment is the better for a stock preparation, supposing the other ingredients to be the same in both cases—i.e., out of the two which to choose?" [There can be no doubt as to ammonia being the better if a rubefacient action is desired. A much larger proportion of acetic acid is required, and this would interfere with the "rubbing" properties of the liniment. On the other hand, for a liniment which is merely required to assist rubbing, one with a small excess of acetic acid is preferable to one with an equal excess of ammonia.]

21/72. Pax (Paris).—You will find a formula for butter colouring in our issue of February 19, p. 248. Cheese Colouring.—Roll annatto and carbonate of potash, of each 1 oz. Digest for a day in 10 oz. of water and filter, making up the filtrate to 10 oz. with water if necessary. Essence of Rennet.—Chop up a fresh and clean rennet into small pieces, and digest in a solution consisting of salt, 4 oz.; rectified spirit, 4 oz.; glycerine, 2 oz.; syrupy lactic acid, 1 drachm; water, 30 oz. Allow to digest for a week with frequent agitation, then filter. Add 10 minims of chloroform and sufficient tincture of cochineal to colour. Make up to 40 oz. with water.

65/68. W. Gregory.—The butter colouring referred to in neply to "Pax" is a good colour for pomade. Ol. flavæ conc. may also be made by digesting turmeric or gamboge in cottonseed or olive oil.

55/72. A Lancashire Chemist complains that a certain patent medicine maker has used the pages of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, to wrap up \(\frac{1}{4} \) and \(\frac{1}{2} \) dozens of his cough mixture. This, it is considered, may be detrimental to the interests of chemists. The proceeding is calculated to hurt our feelings, but we do not see that we can make any effective remonstrance.

10/73. Apprentice.—Dulcified Spirit of Salt.—This was an old preparation, formulæ for which at one time appeared in the Edinburgh and Dublin Pharmacopeias. It was made by distilling dilute hydrochloric acid and rectified spirit. Ethyl chloride (C₂U₅Ol) was its principal constituent, but, like sweet spirit of nitre, its composition was very variable.

17/73. G. E. T.—Please refer to pages 21 and 22 of our Diary for 1887. These firms will supply you with all information.

60/72. G. F. Brimson.—Solution of chloride of antimony, to which a little nitric acid has been added, is used for bronzing gun-barrels. Very full directions are given in this journal January 1886, page 62.

12/73. W. H. C.—The addition of a drachm of bicarbonate of potash, or half a drachm of bicarbonate of soda, to the water in a 5-pint gazogene is sufficient to make potash or soda water.

25/74. Berks.—The "Art of Pharmacy" contains full information regarding concentrated infusions. Silver marking ink, for which we have recently published a formula, serves on the addition of a little glycerine for use with the stamp.

Labor (18/74, Canton) and J. J. (18/74) will find what they want in our issue of February 26, page 260. Salicylate of quinine contains about 74 per cent. of hydrate of quinine.

Information Wanted.

[Replies to the following requests are solicited by Correspondents of The Chemist and Druggist.]

49/67. "Mylo" (a tonic bitter). Maker's address wanted.

J. J. Formula for Roger's nursery hair lotion.

35/70. Composition of Beecham's patent pills.

7,70. Materials for brass repoussé work. Where obtainable

Dentat Notes.

AMALGAM FILLINGS.—After excavating the cavity as usual, but without depending much upon undercats or retaining points, mix the amalgam ready for use; then dry out the cavity with the chip-blower and warm air, keeping it dry by placing bibulous paper around it. Then put into the cavity and against its walls some of Weston's oxyphosphate cement, and pack the amalgam carefully in, squeezing out all the superfluous material and covering the whole surface of the cavity. After that the edges are trimmed all around, so that none of the oxyphosphate is exposed; then finish the filling in the usual way. Dr. Rees, of New York, who proposes this method, finds that teeth filled in this manner keep their colour, no matter if the pulps are dead; and also that there is no discolouration of the amalgam between the wall of the tooth and the filling proper. The same method is applicable to gold fillings.

IODOL IN DENTISTRY.—For several years iodoform has been used in conjunction with eucalyptus oil for preparing carious teeth previous to stopping, and also in combination with wax as a temporary stopping. Its very unpleasant odour is, however, against it, and the recent introduction of iodol has been taken advantage of, and the new remedy is now gradually replacing iodoform in dental practice. Mr. Lloyd Williams gives the following formula (Journ. Brit. Dent. Assoc.):—

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Spermaceti	 	 	 3ij.
Iodol	 	 	 3j.
Carmine	 	 	 gr. j.
Vellow way			 3iii.

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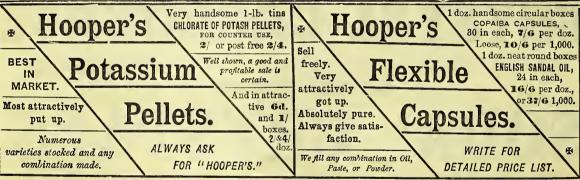
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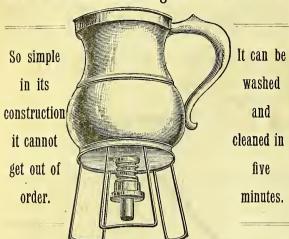
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VICE-CHANCELLOR SIR W. PAGE WOOD, by whom the suit in Chancery was first heard, stated in his judgment that 'Dr. J. Collis Browne was undoubtedly the Inventor of Chlorodyne, that the whole story of the Defendant Freeman was as deliberately untrue as the falsehood he had deposed to with reference to the use of his Chlorodyne in the Hospital,'

The VICE-CHANCELLOR also stated, 'that Chlorodyne was a fanciful name, and had application been made sooner, the Court would have given Dr. Browne protection.'

LORD CHANCELLOR SELBORNE coincided with the judgment of the Vice-Chancellor upon this point, and stated 'that

had application been made at a proper time and place, the Court would have found means to restrain the Defendant from misrepresenting the decision of the Vice-Chancellor.'

LORD JUSTICE JAMES, on appeal, stated in his judgment, 'that the Defendant Freeman had made a deliberate misrepresentation of the decision of Vice-Chancellor Wood.

It was proved in Court, on affidavit by Mrs. Forbes, of Paris, that the testimonial published in the Times, November 14th, 1865, speaking of the great efficacy of Chlorodyne in Cholera, referred to Dr. J. Collis Browne's Chlorodyne, and that she never used any other, that she had written to the Defendant Freeman to that effect; notwithstanding which notice the Defendant

publishes the said testimonial as referring to his medicine.

The Editor of the Medical Times, in his report on Chlorodyne, January 13th, 1866, gives information that the Chlorodyne referred to was the medicine introduced by a retired Army Medical Officer, which was Dr. J. Collis Browne; still this is published

by the Defendant as testimony to his medicine.

Numerous affidavits from eminent Physicians and others were produced in Court, stating that Dr. J. Collis Browne was the inventor of Chlorodyne, and that when prescribing they mean no other.

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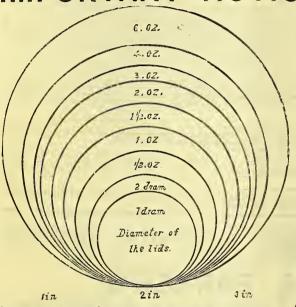
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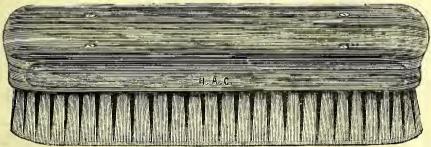
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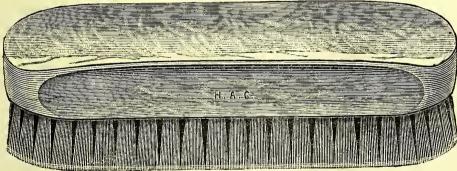
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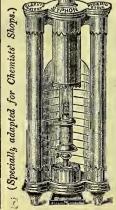
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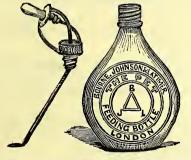
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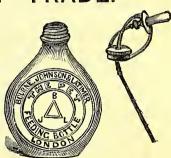
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