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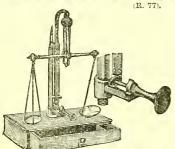
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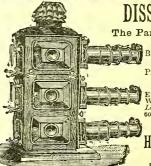
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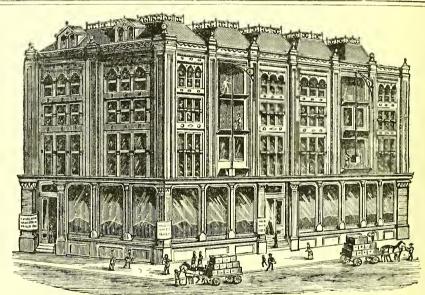
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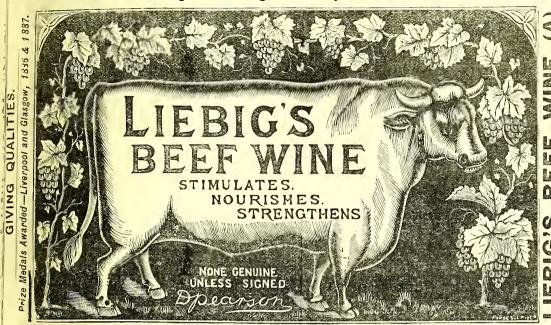
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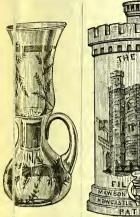
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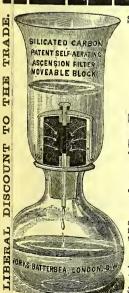
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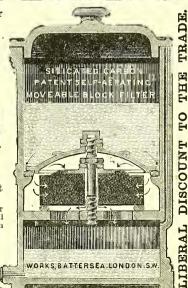
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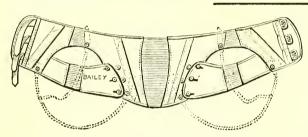
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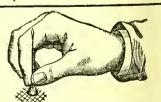
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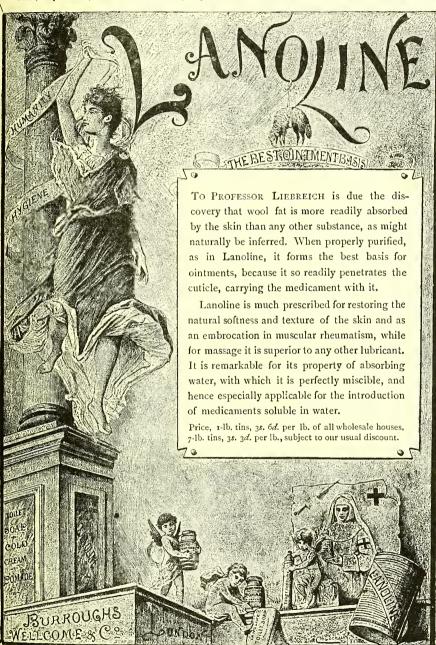
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N T week being Easter week we shall have to close for presentier than usual, in order to be sure of our foreign mai. Advertisements for assistants, situations, &c., will not, berefore, be available for insertion if they reach us late han the first post on Thursday morning.

Pr-CARD COMPETITION, No. 3.—We remind subscribers that his competition will close on Saturday of next week, Mail 31. We ask for election addresses on post-cards supped to be issued by Mr. Blank, pharmaceutical chemist, who we assume is a candidate for the Pharmaceutical Coull. We shall try to award the prize to the author of the iddress which most effectively presents any pharmaceural policy, without regard to whether that policy may be our view either wise or popular.

To CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST OF AUSTRALASIA, published monly at our Melbourne office, can be supplied to subscripts outside Australasia at 5s. per annum, payable in advice, and commencing at any date. Chemists interested in edrig trade and the pharmaceutical affairs of the Auglasian Colonies will find a full record of all events affe ing their occupation in The Chemist and Druggist of Auglasia. Single copies can be supplied at 6d. each. Ap cation should be made by English or American subscripts to the office at 42 Cannon Street, London.

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS.

THE PHARMACY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL.—In the House of Lords on March 16, the Earl of Milltown moved the third reading of this Bill, which was passed without opposition.

The Bill has now passed through the House of Lords.

APPRENTICESHIP INDENTURES.—In the House of Commons on Monday, Mr. Bristowe asked the Secretary to the Treasury what was the annual revenue from the stamp duties on the indentures of apprentices, and whether the Government would take into consideration the propriety of substituting for the present ad valorem duty of about 5s. charged on the premiums paid by apprentices a small stamp applicable to all cases. In reply Mr. Jackson said the annual revenue from the stamp duties on indentures of apprentices cannot be stated, not being separately recorded. The Board of Inland Revenue do not think that there is any occasion to interfere with the present scale, which they have no reason to believe is regarded as too high.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.—A question was put by Mr. Hanbury on Monday to the Postmaster-General, in reference to the Government contract for post-cards, newspaper wrappers, and stamped envelopes. The Postmaster-General's reply, which was unusually frank for a Minister, is worthy of very careful note by economists and all taxpayers.

Mr. Raikes said: In 1840 the duty of making what was then called "franking-stamps" and postage-envelopes was intrusted to the Commissioners of Stamps and Taxes, the predecessors of the present Board of Inland Revenue, This function now includes the supply of English thin cards, English stout cards, newspaper wrappers, and English envelopes of three sizes—for the manufacture of which articles contracts were, I understand, made in the year 1880 by the Board of Inland Revenue with the firm of De La Rue & Co. I believe that these contracts were made for ten years from that date. As far as I can ascertain, these contracts were made

without any competition.

The officials of the Inland Revenue are not responsible to, or controlled by, the Postmaster-General in making such contracts, but act, I presume, upon their own discretion. I have no official knowledge which would enable me to give a precise answer to my hon. friend's last question, but from iuquiries which I have endeavoured to make unofficially, I am led to believe that, out of the sum of nearly 100,000l, the present annual net charge of De La Rue & Co. for supplying these articles,

not much less than half may be estimated as net profit

to them, and my hon. friend will probably exercise his own judgment as to how much of this sum should be described as unnecessary extra expenditure.

Mr. Hanbury gave notice that on going into Committee of Supply he would call attention to these contracts, and move for correspondence.

DIARY FOR NEXT WEEK.

Secretaries of societies are requested to send early information of approaching meetings.

Monday, March 26.

Society of Arts, John Street, Adelphi, W.C., at 8 P.M.
Professor W. Chandler Roberts-Austen, on "Alloys."

Tuesday, March 27.

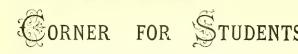
Society of Arts, John Street, Adelphi, London, W.C., at 8 P.M. Mr. J. Stephen Jeans, on "The Panama Caral."

Wednesday, March 28.

Chemical Society, Burlington House, W., at 8 P.M. Anniversary meeting. President's address. Election of office-bearers.

Thursday, March 29.

Chemists' Assistants' Association, 103 Great Russell Street, W.C., at 9 P.M. Short papers by members.



CONDUCTED BY RICHARD J. MOSS, F.C.S.

QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS.

A MIXTURE of two salts will be the subject of the next exercise in qualitative analysis. It is to be examined for all the ordinary metallic and acid radicles. Not only are its constituents to be detected—all other substances must be shown to be absent. In reporting students are to give a brief account of the analysis, with a summary of the results obtained, distinguishing as far as possible any accidental impurities detected from the chief constituents of the mixture.

Students' applications for portions of the mixture should be sent in before Saturday, March 31; the samples will be forwarded to applicants a few days later.

Students' reports will be received up to Saturday, April 21.

REPORTS.

The mixture of salts distributed for analysis last month consisted of one part of mercuric chloride and two parts of potassium nitrate; its calculated composition was therefore:—

$_{\mathrm{Hg}}$				• •			24 60
K	• •	• •	••	••			25.75
NO_3	• •	• •	••				40.92
Cl	••	••	• •	• •	• •	• •	8•73
							100.00

There were 37 reports received, and of these there were only ten in which the constituents of the mixture were not correctly reported. Only two students failed to detect mercury, four failed to detect potassium, one student omitted chlorine and reported bromine present, and six failed to detect the nitric radicle. The most common error was, therefore, the failure to detect the nitric radicle, although it constituted nearly 41 per cent. of the mixture. This quite accords with previous experience, and it shows the necessity for paying special attention to the reactions by which nitrates are distinguished.

In the course of the ordinary preliminary examination of a solid, nitric acid may reveal its presence by two or three reactions. When the substance is heated in a tube closed at one end a nitrate, if present, will be decomposed; but the nature of the decomposition depends upon the temperature and upon the metallic radicle present. In the case of the nitrates of the alkali metals nearly pure oxygen is at first evolved, the nitrate becoming a nitrite, and the latter salt is subsequently decomposed, a mixture of oxygen and nitrogen passing off, and an oxide remaining. Ammonium nitrate yields nitrous oxide and water. The decomposition of the nitrates of the heavy metals by heat generally results in the production of an oxide and the evolution of an oxide of nitrogen and free oxygen. Plumbic nitrate, for example, yields deep red fumes of nitrogen peroxide and oxygen, while plumbic oxide remains. Heated on charcoal, all nitrates deflagrate; but chlorates behave in the same way, as well as some other salts of less frequent occurrence, such as iodates, hypophosphites, and permanganates. Treated with sulphuric acid, nitrates invariably yield free nitric acid. In the presence of metallic copper the nitric acid is reduced to nitric oxide; ferrous sulphate acts in a similar manner. These reactions may be represented by the following equations:—

 $\begin{array}{l} 2{\rm KNO_3} + 4{\rm H_2SO_4} + 3{\rm Cu} = {\rm K_2SO_4} + 3{\rm GnSO_4} + 4{\rm H_2O} + 2{\rm NO,} \\ 2{\rm KNO_3} + 4{\rm H_2SO_4} + 6{\rm FeSO_4} = {\rm K_2SO_4} + 3{\rm Fe_2(SO_4)_3} + 4{\rm H_2O} + 2{\rm NO.} \end{array}$

The colourless nitric oxide on coming in contact with the oxygen of the air is resolved into N2O3 and N2O4 which anpear in the form of red fumes. In the presence can excess of a cold solution of ferrous sulphate the nitric ox e, instead of being disengaged, passes into solution in t form of (FeSO₄)₂NO, a deeply-coloured compound, whicl mparts a brown colour to the liquid. This compound is unstal and even a moderate increase of temperature decomposes. Hence the necessity for preventing the heat produce by the hydration of the strong sulphuric acid from intering with the reaction when it is employed as a test for ric acid. The compound of ferrous sulphate with nitric ide is so very deeply coloured that a minute quantity of it h be distinguished in solution. The test is, therefore, a ve delicate one if carefully performed. The precautions to boserved can only be learned by actual experiment, and w strongly recommend students to make a practical stu of the reactions until they clearly understand how to of ate and what to observe.

PRIZES.

The First Prize for the best analysis has been arded to WILLIAM BURNS, care of Messrs. Davidson & Idie, 20 Castle Place, Belfast.

The Second Prize has been awarded to
A. H. OWEN, Stanpit, Christchurch, Hants

Marks Awarded for Analyses.

William Burns	(1st prize)	100	Н. С	75
A. H. Owen (2nd	prize)	57	W. H. Grime	75
Perseverer		95	L. N. W	73
W. Hurd		95	S. W. H	70
Carbo Ligni		93	John Neil'	70
F. N		90	A. Reith, jun	70
E. Turton		90	Merenry	65
Seconds		90	E. Swallow	60
W. A. G		90	G. P. Jesson	60
A. Shaw		90	Frigidus	50
Jeems		87	A. Lifton	45
Tyro		87	Nnnqnam Desperandum	40
Friquet		85	Hirudo	40
T. Darlington		85	A. W	76
Halez		83	J. Wilson	70
Ernest A. Hay		82	Carbon	25
A. Brunger		80	W. R. G	5
н. с. с.		80	Hederal	
H. Bowden		78		

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Prizes.—The students to whom prizes are awarded are request to write at once to the Publisher, naming the book they select, and stating owther wish it forwarded.

Any scientific book that is published at a price not greatly seeding half-a-guinea may be taken as a first prize.

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Any scientific book which is sold for about five shillings may baken as second prize.

** All communications should include the names and address of the writers.

W. Burns.—Your analysis was evidently conducted with great ready you furnished a very good report.

E. Turton.—The conclusion that potassinm nitrate must be resent because the salt deflagrated when heated on charcoal was more in you were warranted in drawing from the reaction. Several other sale way.

Tyno.—More information ought to be obtained from the prainary examination; you ought at least to have ascertained that the platile metal was merenry.

S. W. H.—When you added ferrous sulphate to the ammoniaca aution some of the iron was precipitated, probably as a mixture of fer a and ferrie hydrates, hence the colonration you observed. The test full interest the presence of undecomposed ferrous sulphate in as it is this solution which acquires the brown colour by dissol g the liberated nitrie oxide.

MERCURY.—You omitted to give a summary of your results, and some cases it is difficult to make out what your conclusion was.

G. P. JESSON.—The solution tested for a chloride should he been acidulated with nitrie, not sulphurie, acid. Magnesium should tought

for in t sitrate from the group reagent ammonium carbonate, not in the origina lution. You omitted the preliminary examination in the dry way; t examination generally gives information which is of great value in the sequent wet analysis.

Fate s.—You do not give sufficient detail to admit of your test for nitrous id being repeated. Solutions of nitrites, when decomposed with dilute is, or even with acetic acid, give an instantaneous liberation of a iolides. In this analysis it must be remembered that the additio f an excess of strong acid caused a liberation of both hydrochloric and ni acids, or, in other words, nitrohydrochloric acid, the free chlorin f which would liberate iodine.

A.L. N.—The test for nitrates with ferrous sulphate and sulphuric acid recessome nice manipulation, and unless you have learned by trial what a be conditions to be observed you are not likely to succeed. You will find tan instructive exercise to try what is the smallest quantity of anitra ou can detect with certainty by this test.

NUMAN DESPERANDUM.—The several tests by which you demoustrated the prece of bromine were no doubt conclusive, and the only thing required make them quite satisfactory was the actual presence of that elemen. The smell you perceived was due to chlorine, and the colour to nitrou inness. The production of a colourless solution in the chlorochromic hydride test must have been imaginary. The irregular behavior the silver nitrate precipitate was no doubt due to the presence of mer v.

A. When the solution in which ammonium carbonate had failed to give a cipitate was evaporated and the residue ignited a considerable residue mained, and as all the other metals had been removed this could only east of salts of the alkali metals. The precipitation of potassium requir one care, and it is only by trial that you can learn the precautions to be cerved.

J. Wsox.—You tested for some metals and some acids, but you cannot claim have made a complete qualitative analysis.

Car t.—The presence of a volatile salt such as mercuric chloride ought to be tected with certainty in the preliminary examination. It is evided hat you did not employ an excess of sulphuretted hydrogen. The product a of a light-coloured precipitate, which darkens and finally becomes case the sulphuretted hydrogen is added in excess, is characteristic of eventy.

W. G.—The presence of mercury interfered with the silver-nitrate tests chlorides. When you added ammonia to dissolve the precipitate merca amonium chloride was thrown down. To avoid such complications becal solution should be prepared for the examination for the acids; u will find the method to be employed described in your text-b.

HEF AL.—The precipitate you attributed to bismuth was due to mereu; and the mirror was caused by the same metal, as you might bavel ned by examining it with a lens.

NEW COMPANIES.

BONE COMPANY (LIMITED).—Capital, 35,000*l*., in 1*l*. share Object, to acquire interests arising from the manufactor and sale of certain productions, all protected by tradebark patent, known as the Bovine horse and cattle spice be Bovine brick of health, the Bovine specific, and the Bovine saccharum lactis.

CHRLES L. BAKER & Co. (LIMITED).—Capital, 25,000l., in 5l. si res. Object, to acquire and carry on the business of Chais L. Baker & Co., of Worsley Street, Chester Road, Man ester, telegraphic, electric, surgical, and scientific appartus makers. Mr. C. L. Baker is appointed managing direc rat a salary of 500l. per annum.

St IAM CHEMICAL WORKS COMPANY (LIMITED).—Capital, 20,0 L, in 100L shares. Object, to acquire the lands, with erect in plant, &c., formerly used by Messrs. Watson, Kippling Co. as chemical works at Seaham Harbour, Durham, and to cay on the business of chemical manufacturers. The first subsiders are:—John Spencer, steel manufacturer, Whorlton III, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Michael Spencer, steel manufacturer, Newbottle Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Thomas Spencer, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Thomas Lomas, chemical manufacturer, Seaham Harbour; Henry W. E. Spencer, seaham Harbour; J. Frederick Spencer, of the being appointed directors, and Thomas Lomas the manufacturer, and the seaham Harbour in the four first named manufacturer.

Metropolitan Reports.

GETTING THEM OUT.—In the window of an open surgery in the S.W. district may be seen a large leech aquarium containing a fine assortment of teeth in various stages of decay. Affixed to it is a written label bearing these ominous words, "Teeth got out at 1s. each." Possibly some sceptic has suggested to the proprietor that his peck of teeth bear the appearance of age, and has further inquired what a job-lot like that would be worth; for one morning this week, to convince the most incredulous, two pairs of forceps, each grimly grasping a freshly-extracted tooth, garnished the top of the aquarium, while nine other examples, more or less recent, scattered around bear witness to the doctor's skill in the "getting out" line.

THE LONDON COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS' BENEVOLENT Society.—The first annual general meeting of this society was held on Saturday in the Cannon Street Hotel, D. R. Harvest, Esq., in the chair. There was a large attendance. The report showed that the society is in a prosperous condition, and it was carried unanimously. The chairman said that the board of management had been actuated by one motive and desire, namely, to do the best they could to promote the interests of the society. Twenty-seven m mbers of the board who retired by rotation were then re-elected. The following nine new members were proposed and elected on the board to replace the nine retiring members:-F. Beavis (Ridley, Whitley & Co.), G. Capstick (R. Owtram & Co.), R. W. Duckett Clarke (Fownes Brothers), W. Gubbins (Game, Harrison & Larner), G. Knight, J. S. Richardson (Faudel, Phillips & Co.), S. Sanderson (H. Stevenson & Co.), C. J. Strother (Meggeson & Co.), E. Thomas (Fourdrinier, Hunt & Co.). Mr. J. E. Alger, the late chairman of the society, in replying to a vote of thanks to the board for their services in the past year, said it seemed perfectly marvellous that an institution which had sprung up early in 1887 should at the present time be wielding such an influence for good. The members of the society represented some of the largest firms in the City, and their influence would be very powerful. (Cheers.) He pressed upon each member of the society the advisability of individual exertion during the coming year, and he felt sure that at the next meeting their record would be even better than it had been at that one. (Cheers.) A vote of thanks was given to the chairman, and the proceedings then terminated.

Probincial Reports.

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

BIRMINGHAM.

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHEMISTS' ASSOCIATION. — The secretary informs us that the musical and social evening which was to have been held on March 29 will not take place until after the Easter week.

THE INLAND REVENUE AUTHORITIES are doing a roaring trade with our chemists. It is said that a visitor to Waterloo Street (their local offices) saw table after table filled with 1d. boxes of pills, lozenges, powders, and ointments. Many have settled by payment of sums varying from 1l. to 10l. The apostrophe and "s" seem to be the bête noir.

THE MINERAL WATER TRADE.—On March 16 the first annual dinner of the Birmingham and District Mineral Water Trade Protection Association was held at the Grand Hotel, Mr. H. Sanderson presiding. In replying to the toast of "Success to the Association" the President said there was every reason to believe that the Association would so develop that every respectable member of the trade would be anxious to enrol himself as a member. (Hear, hear.) The only means of putting a stop to the dishonest practice of using other manufacturers' bottles was by the strong arm of the law. (Applause.)

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CHEMISTRY SECTION AT MASON COLLEGE — The report of the chairman of the Academic Board of Mason College has been issued upon the several departments in the faculties of arts and science for the year ending February 23 last. Alluding to chemistry and metallurgy, he says satisfactory progress has been made in the number of students attending the classes, and a high standard of work has been maintained. At present the general course is attended by 60 students, the largest number since the opening of the college, and the laboratory is practically full. Two students of the department obtained the degree of B.Sc. (London) in October last, one, Mr. T. J. Baker, with first-class honours, and the other, Mr. A. L. Stern, with second class honours in chemistry. Mr. Baker has since been appointed honorary demonstrator. Attention is called to the inadequacy of the grant for current expenses, for chemicals, &c., and the need for new apparatus and the want of a laboratory servant. The report goes on to state that the work of the physics department has progressed steadily and satisfactorily during the year. Special attention has been paid to the thorough organisation of the practical classes in connection with the junior and middle classes, and it is believed that they have been rendered more efficient. The general report of the College states that Professor Tilden has been elected an examiner in chemistry to the London University.

FALSE IMPRISONMENT AND ALLEGED MALICIOUS PRO-SECUTION.—At the Birmingham Assizes on Wednesday, Alfred Edward Davis, of 74 Pershore Road, and 91 Balsall Heath Road, Birmingham, colour importer, and a partner in the firm of Pronk, Davis & Co, brought an action against Leopold Barouche, colour importer, of Colmore Row, Birmingham, to recover damages for false imprisonment and malicious prosecution. Mr. Jelf, Q.C., for the plaintiff, stated that Mr. Davis had been approached by a servant of Mr. Barouche, named Price, who desired a situation as district agent, and had, after some negotiation, offered to appoint him. Price, however, then declined the situation. In the course of the negotiations the plaintiff had asked for some samples of the defendant's phosphine, and afterwards, in the Birmingham Reform Club, Price gave him some samples with the cognisance of the defendant. As he came out of the club the defendant was waiting outside with a detective, and the plaintiff was arrested at midday in a crowded street. The charge of felony broke down when it came before the magistrate, Mr. Barouche having admitted that it was a constant practice to give away such samples, and that the sample in question was not stolen. | Here the Judge called attention to the fact that there was no amount mentioned in the statement of claim, and on Mr. Jelf handing up his own statement it was found that it also had only a blank, but in the margin some one had written, "I should think that would be large enough," this referring to a pencilled figure. This incident caused considerable amusement. record was ultimately amended by leave. Evidence was then taken, and the plaintiff's case substantiated so far as the wrongful imprisonment was concerned. It also appeared, however, that the plaintiff asked Price, at an interview which he had with him, something about the names of the defendant's customers. He wanted to know what Barouche sent to "Aston, of Spring Hill," and what price was charged to that dealer. His Lordship, in summing up, reviewed the facts of the case, pointing out the nature of the interview, and especially that the arrest was a wrongful arrest. The jury then retired, and, upon returning into court, gave a verdict for 20%, in addition to 10% which had been paid into court. His Lordship entered judgment for that amount, with costs.

DUBLIN.

A DISASTROUS FIRE occurred here on Wednesday morning, which resulted in the establishment of Mr. C. Mannin, pharmaceutical chemist, 2 Great Brunswick Street, being destroyed. The fire raged fiercely for two hours and a half, at the end of which time the premises were completely gutted, in spite of the efforts of the fire brigade, which arrived on the scene at nine o'clock. It appears that one of the assistants had spilled some oil on his apron. This became ignited owing to contact with a candle which he held in his hand, and as he tore off his apron and flung it from him it set fire

to the woodwork of the counter, whence the flam all over the shop. The stock destroyed was valued 4,000%, and was partly covered by insurance.

LEEDS.

THE EXTRAORDINARY CHARGE OF BABY-ST) LING.—At the Town Hall on March 16, Owen Stafford, 34 ormerly in business as a chemist at Hyde, near Manchester and chemist's assistant at Morley, was charged on rernd with having feloniously taken a child, aged three weeks, om the custody of its mother, Margaret Elizabeth Woo ouse, a domestic servant. The details of the allegation has already been reported in this journal. The chief constable to stated that nothing had yet been heard of the infant, an applied for a further remand. The prisoner was acrdingly remanded.

WATERED LARD.—At the Police Court on Tuesd, before Mr. Bruce, the stipendiary magistrate, William allon, a grocer and provision dealer, who has three shops, was harged with selling two samples of lard, one of which plained 9 per cent. and the other 20 per cent. of added wer. In the latter case, however, it was shown that a label is lying on the dish upon which the lard was standing stang that the lard was "watered." A fine of 5t, was inflict in the first case, and 1t. in the other, hoth including costs.

LIVERPOOL.

Sociable Druggists.—A very pleasant every was spent by the staff of Evans, Sons & Co. last Saturd in the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association on occasion of their annual gathering. At 6 P.M. a cotany of about three hundred partook of an excellent teaproded by the firm. The large reading room of the Associabn was set apart for this purpose, and was tastefully decored with plants and flowers. After tea a concert was held in plants and flowers. After tea a concert was held in plants and flowers. After tea a concert was held in plants and flowers. After the according to the chall Mrs. John J. Evans, Mrs. William P. Evans, Mrs. Shack by Mr. Brinson, and others assisted in the programme.

MANCHESTER.

SUICIDE OF A CHEMIST'S ASSISTANT.—The dely city coroner, Mr. S. Smelt, held an inquest on March 10n the body of John Mundey (23), a chemist's assistance deceased, who for some time past had been suffer; from religious mania, stayed away from business on the evious Tuesday. In the afternoon he went out for a wt, and about two hours later he was found in a semi-conscistate leaning against a hoarding half a mile from home. e was taken to his house and put to bed, where he remain until about three o'clock the following day. He then go out of bed, and having procured a knife, inflicted such a wind on his throat that he died shortly after being admitted the infirmary. The jury returned a verdict to the effect pat he committed suicide while suffering from temporary in nity.

NEWTON HEATH.

A JURY AND THE SALE OF POISONS.—Mr. Freder Price, the county coroner, held an inquest on March 15 at a woo, on the body of the wife, 30, of a carter, living at ewton Heath. The deceased had been ailing for some ti, and sent her daughter on the Tuesday afternoon previctor a pennyworth of oxalic acid, and told the girly tell the chemist, if he asked her what it was for, lat it was to take out iron-mould. The acid was obtain, and after she got the woman swallowed it, dying before medical assistance could be procured. The jury remed a verdict that the deceased committed suicide whilst imporarily insane, and added the following rider:—"1 jury regret that the facilities for the public obtaining deadly isons are so great, and think that additional legislative restricts."

SHEFFIELD.

Mr. Alfred Wood, chemist, South Street, Moo s renoving to Ecclesall Road.

A DICAL DISPUTE.—At the County Court last week, Dr. J. es Mason, Infirmary Road, brought an action against Mr. | liam Cullen, Leeds Road, surgeon's assistant, for breac of an agreement dated April 2, 1884, made hetween them id also claimed a perpetual injunction restraining the defen at in committing any further hreach of the agreement by prtising on his own account, or as assistant to any physi n, surgeon, or apothecary, within five miles of Sheffield Attercliffe. Mr. A. M. Wilson, who appeared for the plain, read the agreement, in which Dr. Mason agreed to emple Cullen at a salary of 60l. per year, with use of house, &c, a on his part he agreed that he would not on leaving plaint's employ act for any other physician, surgeon, or apothary within five miles of Sheffield or Attercliffe. On Decei er 1, 1887, that agreement was determined by Mr. Culle and since that period he (Cullen) had joined a gentleman to used to be in the plaintiff's employ, and they carrie in the practice of medicine and surgery at Attercliffe. Mr. ckpatrick, surgeon, was called, and admitted that Culle had introduced him to certain patients, but he denied that had employed Cullen as assistant, or that he had acted r him. His Honour, Judge Ellison, said there was nothi to prevent Mr. Cullen introducing anyone. It must be pred that he acted as practitioner. After other evidence had t n given, the case was adjourned.

SOUTH SHIELDS.

TR E-MARKS CASE.—At the Police Court, on Wednesday, Robe Spoor, mineral water manufacturer, was summoned for w wfully applying the trade mark of Edward Handslip to the bottles of lemonade, and further for applying a false scription to three bottles of lemonade. Mr. McAnulty, for tl prosecution, said the defendant was charged under the Merc adise Marks Act with having sold goods to which he had plied a false trade-mark, and also with selling goods to wha false trade description was applied. The bottles bore c. Handslip's registered trade-mark—a hand, with the word slip" across the palm in capital letters. Mr. Mabane, for t defence, submitted that no injury had heen done to Mr. lodslip; the defendant had received the bottles instead of hi wn, and had used them without any idea of fraud. The agistrates having consulted in private, the Mayor intimed that the defendant would be fined 20s. and costs in th first case, and that the second summons would he dism ed

SCOTLAND.

ABERDEEN.

Tr business of Davidson & Sim is again in the market.

M.W. G. GORDON, 111 George Street, has taken over the busins of Mr. Murison in Skene Street.

MIFINDLATER, who has sold his husiness in Aherchirder, to MJ. J. Petrie, Aboyne, is transferring his energies to York ire.

F(FDEE.—This hitherto uncultivated field is now to he tilled by one whose identity is overshadowed by the sign "Deal Laboratory."

Breter and John Webster, chemists, are amongst its first com ssioners.

PC OFFICE APPOINTMENT. — Mr. Spence, chemist, Monhooly, has been appointed postmaster for the district. The athorities seem to like chemists, four of the district offic now being held by them.

Molecular Officer of Health.—Dr. Matthew Hay, Profess of Medical Logic and Jurisprudence in the University, has been elected to this post. This election is directly antenistic to a resolution arrived at by a committee of the Tow Council.

A RDEEN AND NORTH OF SCOTLAND SOCIETY OF CHEISTS AND DRUGGISTS.—The annual meeting was held on 1rch 14. About fifteen members were present. No busiss of any great importance was transacted. A rather destory conversation on prices was indulged in to little or no 1 pose. The following were elected office bearers for 188):—President, Mr. W. Reid; vice-president, Mr. D. A.

Mortimer; treasurer, Mr. Jas. Paterson; secretary, Mr. A. Strachan; curator, Dr. Presslie; librarians, Messrs. Reid and Coutts; auditor, Mr. W. Gordon.

BURNTISLAND.

Mr. George Pringle, who has heen for some years principal assistant to Mr. Storrar, Kirkcaldy, is, we hear, ahout to commence husiness here. The town hitherto has been in the sole possession, pharmaceutically speaking, of Mr. Andrew Gilmour.

EDINBURGH.

It is currently reported that one of the "qualified" assistants so much advertised in connection with a cutting establishment not a hundred miles from Edinhurgh has been deriving his "qualification" from a convenient change of surname to that of a chemist in husiness in the North of England with which his own corresponded. His hubble is reported to have been burst by a travelling book canvasser.

THE UNIVERSITY winter session is just closing, and at the same time the class examination results are heing made known. In Dr. Macadam's chemistry class at the College of Surgeons the first prize is taken, with 99 3 per cent. of marks, by Mr. James T. Grant, who took the prize scholarship of the local Chemists', Assistants', and Apprentices' Association this session. Mr. Grant gets the silver medal, and another pharmaceutical student, Mr. Alex. Furness, a hronze medal, being bracketed with other two for second place.

THE INCOMES OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSORS of the University are notoriously large. Not only is the medical school the most popular and largest attended one in the kingdom, but the chairs are richly endowed. The total income of the chairs in the medical faculty is 26,628*L*, the expenses in connection therewith, 5,180*l*, so that a sum of 21,230*l*. remains for division amongst twelve professors. Five of them who do not practise privately as physicians receive each an income of ahout 2,200*l*., and seven who do practise get about 1,460*l*. each. Some people think that these salaries are too high, and would like a redistribution.

THE ARBORETUM is now being put into a condition to be of some interest and service to the student of hotany. On the northern side a nice collection of pines is heing formed. Among the specimens already planted are examples of the silver pine, Scotch, Austrian, and Corsican pines; African cedar, from Algeria; cedar of Lebanon, from Syria; Indian cedar, from the Himalayas; spruces, from Norway; the black spruce, from E. N. America; Eastern spruce, from Asia Minor; Indian spruce, from the Himalayas. From Japan there are Abies brachyphylla and Abies firma. These look exactly like the trees with which Japanese landscape pictures have familiarised us. China is represented by a specimen of Pinus Bungeana. A portion of the west side and most of the southern houndary has heen laid out in plots containing plants arranged according to their orders. For example, plots are devoted to grasses, Liliaceæ, Salicineæ, and so on. In the collection of Thymelaeeæ, Daphne mezercum is at present in flower; it is the white-flowered variety. Among the Labiatæ there are specimens of Lavandula spica and Rosmarinus officinalis. The Scrophularineæ are represented solely by veronicas. Among the Loganiaceae, a specimen of Gelscmium simpervirens in its appearance sadly belies its specific name. Examples of Eucalyptus Globulus and several species of Eucalyptus are among the Myrtaccæ. The Hamamelideæ include specimens of Hamamelis virginica and Liquidambur styraciftua; the latter, a native of Central America, yields the halsamic resin known as sweet gum. Several species of Euonymus may be seen among the Celastrinea. The Rhamnacea include Rhamnus Purshiana and Rhamnus frangula, and in this plot are two plants, one labelled Rhamnus alpina and the other R. alpinus. It is left to the student to determine which termination is correct. From being a mere wilderness with a few trees and a great many crow's-nests, the Arhoretum is now supplied with the elements of instruction and pleasure. With the exercise of a little more judgment in the choice of specimen plants, its usefulness might he still more increased. To the pharmaccutical student it offers the great advantage of heing, unlike the Botanical Gardens, open on Sundays. From the centre of the city it is only about twenty minutes' easy walk. It deserves to be better known than we believe it is.

FRENCH PHARMACEUTICAL NEWS.

(From our Paris Correspondent.)

NEW PHARMACEUTICAL PAPER.—Journal de Pharmacie de Lorraine is the name of a new periodical to be published monthly at Nancy. It is edited under the auspices of the Lorraine Pharmaceutical Society, and with the collaboration of the professors of the Nancy College of Pharmacy.

THE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE has lost another member in the person of Dr. Hippolyte Blot, who held a seat in the section of accouchements. Several berths are thus now vacant, among them that of M. Méhu, in the section of pharmacy, a successor for whom is to be elected at an early date. As usual the candidates are numerous.

Poisoning with Sal-ammoniac.—A whole family near Breuil, in the Nice district, has been poisoned with sal-ammoniac, added through mistake to the evening meal instead of common salt. All the family, consisting of father, mother, two daughters, and a son-in-law, were taken sick after the supper. Although medical aid was summoned, the mother, who made the mistake, died during the night, and the other members of the family were dangerously sick for several days.

THE INTERNE PHARMACISTS of the Paris hospitals and asylums have been notified that they will be expected to take part in a competition for prizes, to be held on May 7, in the Avenue Victoria Building. One gold and one silver medal will be awarded, besides some book prizes. All the interne pharmacists in the employ of the Seine Department authorities must enter the lists, as the jury will not only confer the prizes, but also decide upon the merits of each young man, and judge whether the progress he has made in his studies entitles him to be continued in his service. Thus there will be prizes for some, and possible dismissal for others.

NITRIC ACID AND RAILWAYS.—A physician in a country town, wishing to have some mono-hydrated nitric acid for a patient, asked a pharmacist of the place to procure for him some ten grammes of the chemical. The pharmacist ordered some of his wholesaler in Paris, but soon received, instead of the ten grammes of acid, a note informing him that, "according to the police regulations for railways, mono-hydrated nitric acid can only be shipped by special iron-clad waggon (ragon spécial blindé) supplied by sender. It is therefore impossible to fill your order." The incident seems ludicrous enough at first sight, but as it will take but little mono-hydrated acid, under favourable circumstances, to set a railway train on fire, the exclusion is perfectly proper. Besides, the chemical can casily be prepared with very simple apparatus found in most pharmacies, and every pharmacist knows well enough how to do it, if he will but take the trouble.

AMMONIA IN DISTILLED WATERS,-Professor Schlagdenhauffen, of the Nancy College of Pharmacy, while examining some fenugreek-seed water of his own make, for its volatile principles, was surprised to observe the characteristic reaction of ammonia and its compounds when adding to the distilled product an alkaline solution of iodohydrargyrate of potassium. On repeating the operation with great care, not only was the same effect reproduced, but it was equally evident with the water distilled over various other substances. Moreover, upon evaporating the distillates, acidulated with muriatic acid, crystallised ammonium chloride could easily be separ-Fifteen different plants were thus tried, such as pyrethrum tops, mustard seed, angelica seeds, pcas, beans, orris root, star-anise seeds, &c., and afforded a proportion of chloride varying between the minimum and maximum of 0 03 to 1.10 per thousand. Without attaching too much importance to the facts, in the present stage of his experiments, the professor merely suggests that the presence of ammonia in distilled waters must be the cause, or one of the causes, of their alteration on keeping; that it is always to be found in such waters, and they would keep better if this natural food of micro-organisms could be left out.

GRAINS OF PARADISE IN PEPPER.—A new adulteration of pepper has just been noticed by M. Fabri, a student at the Nancy College of Pharmacy. Grains of paradise is the substance employed. As the prices of the two substances are

not very different, there seems to be no reason for a frau of the sort, were it not that the grains being about twice as ngent as pepper, every pound of these added will enae the sophisticator to introduce one pound of some inert su tance. The most usual mixture is said to be made wit equal weights of pepper, grains of paradise, and starch which gives powdered pepper of very fair appearance. It the fraud is easily detected, because true pepper contas no tannin, while the adulterant does in notable proportion. test may be applied by macerating the suspected power with a mixture of two parts of alcohol and one of eth, and adding to the filtered liquor one drop of ferric chlorid solu-Pure pepper affords no colouration, while deep greenish brown will indicate the presence of grains charadise. Other common adulterants of pepper, such as te or olive seed, strike a slight green colour with the ferric setion; but it is so different from the other that no possible loubt can be entertained.

GERMAN PHARMACEUTICAL NEWS.

(From our Berlin Correspondent.)

THE LATE EMPEROR.—With the "going home" great Emperor, the followers of science mourn a frie and patron. He continually took the greatest interest the advancement of science. The last meeting of the man Chemical Society was therefore a memorable one, sin it is during the twenty years of Emperor William's reign the German science has grown in importance. The late Eleror always realised the value of new discoveries in the id of natural philosophy, and generally invited celebrated sants to explain to him anything novel or recently develod in science. The genial affability of the "father of the pole" is shown by the following incident: -His Majesty set one day for the well-known Professor v. Hoffmann, now resident of the Chemical Society, and asked him to explain the rationale of the methods used for the condensation of mospheric gases to the liquid state. Hoffmann illustrat his explanation by practical demonstration. When the pet of condensation was reached, and the first drops of liqu appeared, the Emperor wittily observed, "Oh, see! no the real Hoffmann Drops are beginning to come!"

A GERMAN COLONIAL EXHIBITION.—It is possible hat next year Dr. Holub will institute a grand South African this bition in Vienna on lines similar to those which regulate the Colonial and Indian Exhibition at South Kensington Dr. Holub is a staunch Prussian, but, like all Germans, is quantification in the same of the property of the principal industries and the various export trader of the principal industries and the various export trader of and enterprise.

UNEMPLOYED SCIENTISTS.—Germany has always en regarded as "the happy hunting-ground" of the scient; but this state of things seems likely to be reversed. he number of students who have passed the examination in various arts and sciences, and who, being fully qualified re unable to obtain any position, is just now a clamant evil on the one hand, the Government cannot possibly make off rs of them all, and so draft them into the military; and one other, commercial positions are already the objects of pe keenest competition. During this winter more than 600 medical students have been engaged in qualifying force profession of medicine, and it is a fact that the number licences issued to medical men yearly has more than dou'd during the past six years. University students are awa ing to a very similar dilemma, and besides these perenny flowing sources of educated youth, we must also take of account numberless "polytechnics" and private college r seminaries. That these latter are often extensively patron d may be seen from the statistics of the attendance at e "Chemical Laboratory of Professor Fresenius in Wicsball which has always attracted students from every part of globe. This year his disciples number 75, of whom 45 Germans, 7 Americans, 6 Austro-Hungarians, 5 Sweet, 4 English, 4 Russians, and some from France, Belgium, It., East dia, &c. Special attention is now directed in this labor ry to bacteriology and other large subdivisions of chem ry, under the directorship of the well-known Professo uppe.

NE REMEDIES.—In pharmacy the influx of new drugs and parations is becoming quite bewildering, and it is impo ale to bear in mind the ever-increasing list, which, if it go on augmenting at the present rate, will ere long baffle escription. The enterprising chemist is obliged to stock ese things, although they are often only once called for, a then left to spoil upon the shelves, and considerable loss i ntailed. Nevertheless, the influence of competition keeps lem constantly on the alert to be first in procuring and i oducing new remedies. This is unfortunate, though the plic always expect to get a prescription made up direc, and hence such activity is necessary, for a doctor will can prescribe a remedy which he has seen for the first time alf an hour before in some scientific paper. Such medi es as mollin, creolin, anthrarobin, lepanin, guaiacol, trefu, &c., are among these recent fashionable compounds.

SAL AS AN ANTISEPTIC.—Just as antipyrin after its origii applications was found to have numerous others equal effective, so it is now with salol, which seems likely there e to presently command a more extensive patronage. One these seems to be really important. The antiseptic propeles of the compound have always been recognised, but ol had never been applied externally. Now, however, ntinuing the parallel with antipyrin—the most importa property of which was discovered in a country other than at in which it was first used—salol has been proved to be valuable antiseptic in France, Italy, and Switzerland. It is ecially recommended as a substitute for iodoform, in all ess in which the latter has been previously used, and consiring its freedom from objectionable odour, it is not astorning that its application in this direction should find favor Moreover, it is not toxic, which is more or less the case th iodoform. Another advantage is that it is about 20 perent. cheaper than iodoform.

THE PTOMAINES.

A par read before the Chemists' Assistants' Association, Meh 22, by A. P. Luff, M.B., B.Sc., F.I.C., F.C.S. Astant-Physician to the North-West London Hospital; Lurer on Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology, and Veden of the College, St. Mary's Hospital.

The athor stated at the outset that he had selected the subje "The Ptomaines" for a discourse because it occurred to hit that an account of these bodies, which have been so compatively recently discovered, and which, even at the press time, are so little known, would be of interest, and it stek him also that he might perhaps be able to give his rers an insight into the vast benefit that may possibly sult to mankind by a closer acquaintance with, and a more ccurate knowledge of, the properties of these peculiar compinds, and that by a few speculations of his own he might point out the rôle that they may be destined to play in the drama of life in the future.

I pose, he continued, to discuss the subject under the five lowing heads:—

(1 What are "ptomaines"?

(2 From what substances, and under what conditions, are pton nes formed?

(3 What is the chemical constitution of the ptomaines, and what other bodies are they related?

(4What are the properties of the ptomaines?

(5 What possible importance may a knowledge of the

ptonines assume in the future?

I. tomaines are alkaloids produced by the decomposition of a nal substances. By the term "alkaloid," as generally empred, we understand "an organic base derived from a vege ble source;" by the term "ptomaine" we are to understan an organic base derived from an animal source." The word ptomaine, which is derived from ptoma, a corpse or deal ody, and inus, belonging to, was at first restricted to alka ds produced by cadaveric decomposition, but it is now also uployed to designate alkaloids of animal origin formed duri life, as a result of chemical changes induced by some

agency or other acting within the organism. The term "leucomaine" has recently been introduced to particularise the animal alkaloids formed during life from those produced by decomposition of dead animal matter. I shall not, however, in this paper use that term much, as the name "ptomaine" is more familiar, and, moreover, it is probable that in the near future the terms "ptomaines" and "leucomaines" will be dropped, and that these bases of animal origin will be classed in one category as "animal alkaloids."

II. At the beginning of this century the power of plants to form alkaloids had been conceded, but until 1872 the power of manufacturing alkaloids was believed to be restricted to plants, and not to be shared by animal organisms. The first faint foreshadowing of the production of alkaloids by animal substances occurred in 1820, when Kerner pointed out the resemblance between the symptoms of poisoning by sausages and by atropine. In 1822 Gaspard and Stick extracted a venomous principle from corpses. In 1856 Panum detected a very active poison, which was neither albumenoid nor alkaloidal, in putrid matter. In 1866 Dupré and Bence Jones found an alkaloidal substance, resembling quinine in some of its properties, in the liver. In 1868 Bergmann and Schmiedeberg obtained from putrid beer a nitrogenous crystalline substance, which they called sepsine, and which was subsequently thought to be discovered in scpticæmic blood. In 1870 Gautier, in France, commenced his researches on putrefying albuminous substances. A little later Selmi, in Italy, examining the dead body of a person supposed to have been poisoned, extracted an alkaloid which he was unable to identify with any known body, and was led to suspect that it had been produced after death. In 1877 Selmi announced that by subjecting pure albumen to putrefaction he had been enabled to produce and separate two new alkaloids.

Since then Gautier has made a series of elaborate and prolific researches, as the result of which several animal alkaloids have been discovered. To Gautier is due the honour and the credit of being the first one to demolish the artificial barrier that had been erroneously interposed between the physiological phenomena of the animal and vegetable kingdoms, and to clearly establish the doctrine that plants possess no monopoly, no exclusive power to manufacture alkaloids. Creatinine, xanthine, hypoxanthine, guanine, carnine, and betaine, all genuine alkaloids, were found in the tissues of

animals, or in their excrementitious products.

Creatinine, discovered in urine by Liebig and Pettenkofer, was the first body of animal origin acknowledged to be an alkaloid. Later Liebreich detected the already known vegetable alkaloid, betaine, in normal urine. In 1880 Pouchet detected carnine in human urine, and this was confirmed in 1881 by Gautier, who showed that it possessed the general properties of a ptomaine. In 1882 Bouchard demonstrated that not only were alkaloids present in appreciable quantities in normal urines, but that they augmented notably in the course of certain maladies—in typhoid fever, for instance; and later Lepine and Aubert concluded that these alkaloids in the urine increase in quantity until the crisis of the disease is reached, after which they diminish (no alkaloid was isolated by these workers in connection with any disease in sufficient quantity, or sufficiently pure, to admit of its ultimate composition being determined). Since then Gautier, as the result of his investigations, has affirmed that the incessant production of alkaloids at the expense of albumenoid materials is a function of all the animal tissues, and is an essential concomitant of the vital phenomena of all living things, animal and vegetable.

It is to albumen, then (a body alike present in animals and plants), that we must look as the common ancestor of alkaloids, whether animal or vegetable. Now what is it that brings about those changes in the albumen molecule, that revolution amongst its constituent atoms, as the result of which follows the rearrangement of those atoms into other bodies, among which are the ptomaines? The force necessary to effect these changes in the albumen molecule is a vital force, a force intimately associated with living matter, whether animal or vegetable; for even in the case of the corpse alkaloids, the ptomaines produced by decomposition of animal matter after death, these bodies are formed as the result of changes induced by the vital activity of microorganisms which set up cadaveric putrefaction. The changes induced in the albumen are such that the complex albumen molecule is split up into several less complex molecules,

among which are the animal alkaloids. Albumen is almost insoluble in water, and quite insoluble in alcohol. Now during its putrefactive destruction it passes through the three following stages:—

1st Stage.—It yields products which are soluble in water,

but insoluble in alcohol.

2nd Stage.—It yields products which are soluble in alcohol, but are non-crystallisable.

3rd Stage.—It yields erystallisable products, among which

are ptomaines.

The following is a list of the principal ptomaines that have been extracted from putrefying animal matters and submitted to ultimate analysis:—

I. Non-oxygenous ptomaines

Belong to pyridinc (CnH2n-5N) series.

Collidine, $C_aH_{11}N$, from putrefying horseflesh and mackerel. Parvoline, $C_aH_{13}N$, from putrefying horseflesh and mackerel. Unnamed base, $C_{10}H_{13}N$, from putrefying fibrin of bullock's blood. Ilydrocollidine, $C_aH_{13}N$, from putrefying horseflesh and mackerel. Putrescine, $C_aH_{13}N$, from human corpses. Neuridine, $C_aH_{14}N_a$, from human corpses, and from putrefying fish

and cheese.

Cadaverine, CsH16N2, from human corpses.

II. Oxygenous ptomaines:

Neurine, C₅H₁₃NO, from cadaverie putrefaction. Muscavine, C₅H₁₃NO₂₀, from putrid fish. Choline, C₅H₁₅NO₂₀, from cadaverie putrefaction. Gadinine, C₅H₁₆NO₂₀, from putrid cod-fish.

Recently Vaughan, in America, has extracted a ptomaine named *tyrotoxicon*, from decomposing cheese, milk, and cream.

But, as I previously stated, not only are alkaloids produced from albumen by its putrefactive decomposition, hut also by the chemical changes occurring within the organism during life. In my opinion the formation in the human economy of animal alkaloids will, in all prohability, explain the genesis of many diseases. But not only in connection with disease, but every instant of our lives are alkaloids being manufactured within us as a result of the chemical changes upon which life is dependent. Gautier has shown that animal alkaloids are a necessary product of vital physiological processes, poisonous alkaloids having been extracted by him from the secretions of living beings. The following is a list of the principal animal alkaloids so obtained:—

Creatinine, $C_1H_2N_2O$, from urine. Pseudoxanthine, $C_4H_3N_3O$, from urine and flesh. Surkine, $C_2H_1N_2O$, from urine and flesh. Xanthine, $C_2H_3N_4O$, from urine and flesh. Crusocreatinine, $C_3H_3N_3O$, from fresh meat. Xanthocreatinine, $C_3H_3N_4O$, from fresh meat. Guanine, $C_3H_3N_1O$, from flesh and gnano. Carnine, $C_3H_3N_4O$, from fresh meat. Betaine, $C_2H_{11}NO_2$, from fresh meat.

Alkaloids have heen detected in the liver, brain, heart, lungs, spleen, and saliva of man; hut these have not been submitted to an ultimate analysis, but only recognised by their reactions with the general reagents for alkaloids. The poisonous effects of certain shell-fish (mussels, &c.) have been shown by Brieger to be due to a ptomaine which he has

named mytiloxine, C6H15NO2.

As I previously stated, animal alkaloids are being incessantly produced within our bodies as a result of the normal physiological processes of life. Side by side with the manufacture and building up of fresh cell-materials must go the destruction of pre-existing cell elements, and amongst the débris resulting from this destruction are animal alkaloids. These alkaloids are eliminated by the bowels, kidneys, liver, skin, and lungs; if from any cause these eliminating organs fail to perfectly fulfil their excretory functions, then an accumulation of these alkaloids in the circulation occurs, and a toxic action is exerted by them on the nervous centres. In this way can be explained the headache resulting from constipation, and the more serious nervous symptoms resulting from deficient exerctory action of the kidneys in certain diseases of those organs. But it is not only on these excretory organs that we depend for the removal of these alkaloids. A powerful agent is at work, destroying them and preventing their infecting and poisoning the being that

gave them hirth, in the oxygen of the blood, whi is continually burning them up. With this new knowl to be wondered at that health is so precarious a saw know it to be, when we see that from imperation, imperfect destruction, or from increased mi facture of these alkaloids, the human body is at the mere fell poisons manufactured within its own recesses enunctories remaining sound, there is still exceed and in all forms of over-exertion, as in a bloom obtained in all forms of over-exertion, as in a match—then accumulation of material elaborated and imperfectly eliminated occurs, an auto-infecting the nervous centres and producing the fever exertion, the fever of prostration.

III. Ptomaines are divided into two classes, e non-oxygenous and the oxygenous. A few of them belog to the pyridine and hydropyridine series, showing a close elationship to some of the vegetable alkaloids. Those a present known all have simpler chemical formulæ than the ajority of the vegetable alkaloids. A number of the lemmaines have been prepared synthetically. Let us here onsider the question as to whether the animal and vegetile alkaloids form two distinct groups. Is there a well-defined frontier line between them? No; on the intrary, these two groups dovetail: they are inseparable linked together hy certain alkaloids common to both. For stance, muscarine, an alkaloid present in the fly-mushroom as been found in putrid fish; betaine, an alkaloid contained in betroot, has been found in the urine of man; guanine and arkine, two alkaloids found in flesh, have recently been dested in the young sprouts of the plane-tree, vine, and other ants.

IV. Ptomaines are generally powerful poisons, le free ptomaines being more energetic than their salts; ley are either solid or liquid hodies, very alkaline, unit; with acids to form crystalline salts. They are precipied by the general reagents that precipitate alkaloids, viz leyers solution, the double iodide of bismuth and potassit, phosphomolybdate of sodium, pierie aeid and tannin; trunite with platinic chloride and auric chloride, forming will both

double salts.

Several of the ptomaines give colour reactions strong mineral acids. They are very oxidisable on posure to the air, and therefore are powerful reducing igents, liberating iodine from iodic acid, and reducing ferric to the ferrous state; they, therefore, when added t mixed solutions of ferric chloride and ferricyanide of powerful throw down the dark blue precipitate of Turnbull, lue, a reaction which was until recently thought to be chart eristic of ptomaines, and to differentiate them from the vetable alkaloids; but Gautier has shown that apomorph e and muscarine act in a similar manner. Gautier states, twent, that the negative test can he used to differentiate that the cartinty the ordinary vegetable alkaloids from ptomain.

A most important practical point is, whether in edicolegal investigations there is a possibility of eoning a ptomaine produced by decomposition with any fitte poisonous vegetable alkaloids that might have been ministered or taken during life. I can most emphatica that it is practically impossible in a medico-legal example of the viscera, for an expert to confuse the very finute quantities of animal alkaloids, which have been proded by post-mortem decomposition, or which exist natura any of the vegetable alkaloids which might have been intro-

duced during life.

V. I will now say a few words as to the probable nesis of the contagious diseases. As you are aware, some ocial miero-organism has been traced, or relegated, by bar riologists to each contagious fever, and has by many been rirded as the materies morbi, the causative factor of the though no explanation has been offered as to be the miero-organisms start their own special disease in they have invaded. Now, one explanation which I is some time entertained is that after the admission these conditions suitable, they live and multiply, and the result, or a residuum, of their vital activity, a powerf alkared poison is produced, the toxicity of which is the of the symptoms of the disease. If so, each condisease would be the result of a fermentative decomposed albuminous matter within the hody, induced by a civil with the contagions.

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ch sease. In e case of some of the non-contagious diseases, which. all rents at present, we do not believe to depend on the ter ition of a micro-organism, it is probable that some no al chemical decompositions occur within the body d e rise to a poison, possibly alkaloidal, which exerts a

xic fluence on the organism.

the views? Yes, but they are meagre, as one would tury expect considering the primeval condition of this me, but I think that they are prophetic. Pouchet has traid from the faces of a cholera patient an alkaloidal dy hich injected into animals produces slowing of the art and later death, followed quickly by rigor mortis. The me thor has obtained from cultivations of Koch's cholera cil traces of an alkaloid which appeared to be identical the preceding one. Again, from cultivations of the phe bacillus Brieger obtained a small quantity of a iso usalkaloid that he calls typhotoxine, and which yielded acts different from the alkaloids he had previously lar from putrefying animal matters. Quite recently to Mann, of the Victoria University, has extracted m he abdominal and thoracic organs of a patient in of typhoid fever during the third week of the ac an alkaloid, which was obtained in too small a say to enable its composition by ultimate analysis be determined, but which by its qualitative reactions fer from the typhotoxine obtained by Brieger, although I nk is quite possible that the differences as regards the io of reagents might be caused by impurities or changes lul in the alkaloid during extraction by one or the other rk Again, Brieger from cultivations of the tetanus cils extracted four ptomaines, all of which when injected o ce produced tetanus.

If is view as to the dependence of each contagious dise an alkaloidal poison is received with scepticism, as it by will be by many at first, I would recall the fact that rver of plants to manufacture alkaloids was also first eil with a great deal of doubt, and that later a similar it on was shown to the admission of animals also possess-

Th whole subject of the causation of the contagious et is at present enveloped in an almost Egyptian darks, it through this darkness the light of chemical science b nning to struggle. Chemistry has commenced the tion of this dark continent of disease, and to those opploy this science as a means with which to search elly and diligently, I feel hopeful that it will reveal the upoisons of these diseases. If we become acquainted these poisons and their properties, is it too much to penat we shall be able to directly treat fevers, and so the reproach that, in the case of the contagious et the medical man is obliged to stand by helpless and treat untoward symptoms that may arise? If a knowledge of the animal alkaloids leads us in this eon, an immense progress in medical and in chemical will have been made, and the truth of Bacon's axiom ce more be manifest, that "The end of knowledge is l-being of the human race."

MARRIAGES.

Nices of Marriages and Deaths are inserted free if sent h oper authentication.]

A' ERTON—CLARKE.—On March 20, at St. John the pt Catholic Church, Brighton, Will. U. Atherton, of a rd, Essex, to Ada, eldest daughter of the late F. J. r, Esq., J.P., of Bracebridge Hall, Lincolnshire.

H-PROSSOR.—On March 13, at the Church of St. clarks and All Angels, Portsea, James Hay, A.P.S. ich Road, Herne Hill, S.E., and Alford, Aberdeen, to e, fifth daughter of George and Ellen Prossor, of

ANEW CURE FOR WHOOPING-COUGH.—A Norwegian y ian avers that whooping-cough may be readily cured, a a single night, by causing the patient to sleep in a lin which sulphur has been burned.

Gazette.

THE BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1883.

RECEIVING ORDERS.

BARNES, W. J., Rainham, Essex, chemical manufacturer.

CHITTENDEN, CHARLES PIERCE DOWNEY, Bexhill, Sussex. surgeon.

POWELL, DAVID, Swansea, chemist and druggist.

FIRST MEETINGS AND PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

BARNES, LAWRENCE ROBERT (trading as Barnes & Co.), York, chemist and druggist. March 26, Official Receiver's Office, York. April 13, Guildhall, York.

MARSTON, GEORGE HENRY, Lordship Terrace, East Dulwich, late of Swiss Terrace, Forest Hill, Commercial Road, and Whately Road, East Dulwich, chemist. March 27, Bankruptcy Baildings, Portugal Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. April 19, 34 Lincoln's Inn Fields.

POWELL, DAVID, St. Thomas, Swansea, chemist and druggist. March 27, Official Receiver's Offices, Swansea. April 12, Town Hall, Swansea.

PAYNE, JACOB HUGH, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, chemist and druggist and sauce manufacturer. March 26, Bankruptcy Buildings, Portugal Street, Lincoln's Inn. April 17, County Hall, Northampton.

WOLSTENHOLME, JOHN HANCOCK, Abergele, Denbighshire, surgeon. March 23, Official Receiver's Offices, Chester. March 29, Court-house, Bangor.

ADJUDICATION.

CROOKES, JOSEPH, Dundee, late of Eckington, Derbyshire, chemist and druggist.

ORDERS ON APPLICATIONS TO APPROVE SCHEMES.

ACKERMAN, HENRY, Bristol, wholesale druggist, chemist, and dentist. Composition of 4s. within seven days.

MILWARD, W. CLEMENT, St. Stephen Square, Westbourne Park, late of Brixton Rise, Brixton, doctor. 3001. paid to the Official Receiver to be applied after payment of fees, costs, charges, and expenses, &c., pro ratâ, among the creditors. Receiving order rescinded.

Notices of Dividends.

BADGER, WILLIAM JAMES, Allcroft Road, Haverstock Hill, and Drury Lane, mineral water manufacturer. First and final div. of 1s. $0\frac{1}{4}d$, any day except Saturday, Chief Official Receiver's Offices, 33 Carey Street, Lincoln's

HANNAY, JOHN, Lea Cross, Salop, surgeon. Second and final div. of 3_4^3d , any day, Mr. F. Cariss's, Mill Street, Ludlow.

WRIGHT, THOMAS POYNTZ, Oldham, surgeon. First and final div. of 9d., March 23, 12 Greaves Street, Oldham.

WHITHAM, JOSEPH, trading as Joseph Whitham & Co. at Miles Platting and Pendleton, Lancashire, as a chemical manufacturer. First div. of 7s. 6d., March 27, 2 Clarence Buildings, Booth Street, Manchester.

ORDERS MADE ON APPLICATIONS FOR DISCHARGE.

DENNAN, JOHN EUSTACE, Lower Phillimore Place, Kensington, surgeon dentist. Discharge suspended for one

LIGHTBOWN, THOMAS, Rishton and Padiham, Lancashire, wholesale druggist. Discharge suspended for nine

SCOTLAND.—PETITION FOR CESSIO.

LEITCH, ARCHIBALD J., 146 George Street, Glasgow, artificial limb, truss, and bandage maker. To be examined in the Chambers of Sheriff Substitute Balfour, County Buildings, Glasgow, on March 27, at ten o'clock.

MR. BLANK'S ADVERTISEMENT.

WE now append our final selections from the post-cards sent us in the competition No. 2, which, it will be recollected, was for a general or specific 2-inch advertisement in a local paper likely to promote business.

We regret that we cannot endorse the recommendation of "Bon Accord," who proposes to buy testimonials as

follows :-

Mr. BLANK, Chemist, Dull Town, offers Six Money Prizes, one of 21., one of 11., and four of 10s. each, amounting in all to

FIVE POUNDS,

to any who have used his "Nerve Tonie," for the best testimonials to its efficaey. The winners' names, addresses, and testimonials to be advertised in this paper during the month of March.

Competition to close on the 25th instant.

BON ACCORD.

V. would allure the unsuspecting reader by the delusive idea that there was a thousand pounds to be picked up in the following manner:-

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE.

ONE

Trial of Dr. Black's Liver Pills will convince the most sceptical of their efficacy in Nervous and Bilious Disorders. For wind and pain in the stomach, chest or back, loss of appetite, sickness, headache, giddiness, costiveness, female complaints, they are unequalled, and afford almost instant and permanent relief, and lay the foundation of perfect health and strength. More than a

THOUSAND

Can already testify to the great benefit of such a remedy, in relieving and curing the above painful and annoying disorders, and many

POUNDS

May be saved by the afflicted, if, instead of buying worthless imitations, so cupningly advertised, they will take Blank's Liver Pills. Any person doing so will meet with his or her own

REWARD.

Call at Blank's Popular Pharmacy and get a 1s. hox, and see the numerous testimonials received, which will prove the above statements.

The following would be effective from a sensational point of view :-

APPALLING

Are the hundreds of deaths every year from Lung Diseases. These may have been prevented by taking

BLANK'S

GREAT LUNG HEALER. In bottles, at 1s. 11d. and 2s. 9d.

ACCIDENTS

Of all kinds, whether bruises, sprains, kicks, &c., or mishaps in the hunting-field, may be speedily cured by

BLANK'S

UNIVERSAL SPRAIN LOTION.

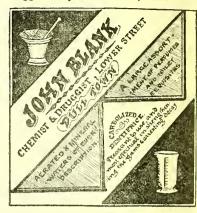
Prepared, together with many other valuable remedies, only by T. L. BLANK, Pharmaceutical Chemist, Dull Town. RICHARD BILTON, Holsworthy, Devon.

Mr. Wilson's idea, which we subjoin could be more forcibly shown if the alphabetical arrangement were printed in a long column :-

ALBERT Judiciously Remedies. He New and Kept, the BLANK. Saves Chemist, Time by ALBERT Dispenses Understanding BLANK, English, Very CHEMIST, French, and Well the e-DULL TOWN. German Xpectations of prescriptions, Having Your Prescriptions and Zymotie and In stock. Medicines, also Quaint other patients.

JOHN WILSON, Birmingham General Dispensary.

We next give two very artistically designed generadvertisements suggested by Mr. F. Smith, Deal:-



Ye Olde Pharmacie at ye head of ye High Street Prescriptions and family recipes accurately dispensed A choice assortment of perfumes and toilet requisites always in stock. Established 1780 Proprietor W.H.BLANK www.www.www.

The idea involved in the next design is to so array the type as to give the appearance of a bottle by the side f the general advertisement. For such a purpose, how ir, it must be remembered that type is a little less elast than penmanship.

"Curâ et Labore"

TRY MY CURES

FOR

NEURALGIA! DYSPEPSIA! RHEUMATISMI

WEAK JOINTS!

COUGH & COLD! CORNS & WARTS!

IN BOTTLES ONLY

MODERN PHARMACY.

JOHN BLANK Dispensing Chemist, &c.,

HOPE STREET, DULL TOV begs to introduce to extended publication his medicinal preparations, which a nade with great care, as the result of his piessional experience and knowledge docal requirements.

requirements.
Each article has been proved use the purpose intended.

THE DISPENSING DEPARTMEN

FALLING HAIR! has been furnished with modern applaces for elegance and dispatch; and mo are ful attention is given to every delto

HIGH CLASS DISPENSING

At ONE SHILLING. Feb., 1888.

J. J. E.

A Canadian competitor announces himself laco ally thus:-

PEOPLE OF DULL TOWN,

Kindly remember that Mr. Blank has opened a drug-store in yo town, where every transaction will be conducted on honest business pr iples.

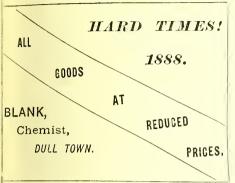
Dispensing done properly by a competent chemist.

I will endeavour to merit your patronage.

Yours respectfully,

MR. ENK.

I next is a startler, but it suggests poverty on the part advertiser, which is not, perhaps, a desirable impressoreate.



GEO. O. PEARSON, Northallerton.

I re is some novely and ingenuity about the following siement which would probably render it a successful

Registrar-General's return shows that 32 per the deaths in 1887 were due to discases from common coughs and colds.

How many lives may not therefore be saved by a reliable and trust-worthy remedy!

BLANK'S COUGH LINCTUS

gives relief quickly, and cures effectually, and cures

SPORANGIUM.

Stephenson, of Bradford, offers a similar idea in the bing, which is extracted from his post-card:—

A COUGH! and the finder may do the same by taking ——'s $^{\rm tol}$ Cough Balsam, sold in bottles at $7\frac{1}{2}d$. and 1s. each, by, &c.

ce competitors adopt the idea suggested by Messrs.

and propose the insertion of optical illusions as

The first is sent by Mr. T. D. Wright, Southport:—

A CURIOUS OPTICAL ILLUSION.

liding this in a slanting direction, looking down the thick black, will be seen that they are parallel, although they appear to taper lipte directions.



WINTER LOTION is a valuable preparation for chaps, chilblains, roughness of skin, &c.

In 6d. and 1s. bottles.

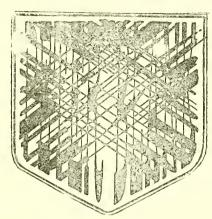
Prepared only by BLANK, Chemist, DULL TOWN.

advantage of this advertisement (says Mr. Wright) is at cut out (as in all probability it will be) and pasted on in into a book to be kept, the words, "Blank's winter cannot be got rid of without spoiling the illusion.

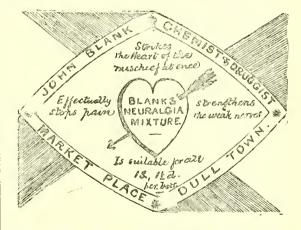
A correspondent in Paris (T. A. K.) sends the following:

"Patience is a salve good for all sores."—(Ancient proverb.) This may be true, but patience is a virtue for which we shall have necessity no longer, for BLANK, Chem'st and Druggist, possesses a lotion named BALSAM OF FLOWERS which cradicates spots, pimples, and hardness of the skin, rendering itsoft, delicate, and blooming. Our lady friends have found it very useful during the late severe weather, which, according to bar metrical reading, is likely to continue for some time to come: hence make a note of this.

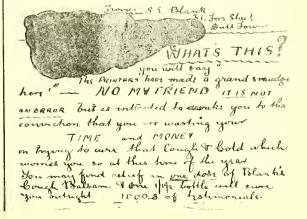
Mr. F. Smith, Deal, sends the next one, which will be easily read by looking at it with the eye on a level with the page.



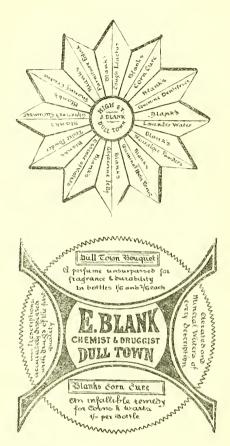
We presume we are indebted to St. Valentine's Day_for the design annexed.



The suggestion which follows is more striking than lovely:—



We wind up with two more very excellent designs, facsimiles of drawings on post-cards sent us hy Mr. F. Smith, Deal.



We have still a very large heap of post-cards, many of which we had hoped to make room for. But the awards were made from a careful examination of the whole parcel before any were selected for printing. We decide to pay the guinea to Mr. Frederick Smith, 196 High Street, Deal, who, it will he admitted, has given us several artistic and effective designs for general advertisements. We name especially the first of his printed (the one showing the mortar with the graduated measure at its corners) as the one for which the prize is awarded. We also award half a guinea each to W. G. Blackham, 165 Brecknock Road, London, N.W., for his advertisement of "Wild Cherry Cough Elixir" (printed last week on page 368), which, we think, is so worded as to attract customers; and to Mr. T. S. Pearson, Maidstone, for his advertisement headed "Found Dead," printed last week on page 369.

A BROOKLYN physician, who gives particulars of sixteen cases of poisoning with castor-oil heans, in all of which vomiting and nausca were extremely severe, mentions the fact that in not a single case was purging produced by the heans.

To Paint a Black Eye there is nothing to compare with the tincture of Capsicum annuum, mixed with an equal bulk of mucilage of gum arabic, with the addition of a few drops of glycerine. The mixture should be painted over the hruised surface, a second and third coating heing applied as soon as the first has dried. If applied immediately after the injury is inflicted, it will almost invariably prevent discolouring of the tissue. The remedy is also of value in rheumatism, sore or stiff neck.

NOTE ON THE FRUIT OF EVODIA FRAXINIFLIA.

By II. HELBING, Apotheker of the German Hospital, ndon.

HAVE recently received from different commercia ouses parcels of fruits under the name of Evodia frax folia, which, although they were also obtained from Ind differ very widely from that which I investigated some tie ago, and the essential oil of which I recommended at elast meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Conferent deodorant for iodoform. I therefore think it necessal to explain the anomaly.

The plant and fruit which first came under my not, and the oil of which formed the subject of the communication referred to, are described in Christy's "New Con ercial Plants," No. 10, p. 58, by Mr. Lewis Castle, who scially draws attention to the fact that E. fraxinifolia her been frequently delineated under various other generic nies, as tetradium, xanthoxylum, philagonia, megabotrya, le , and hoymia, and it seems from the inquiry which I have made that Mr. Castle was mistaken in his classification the plant. I forwarded a sample of the fragrant oil ding fruits, and of the ahove-mentioned commercial article of Mr. Jackson, curator of the Kew Museums, and for the fowing botanical particulars I am indehted to his kindness.

It seems now almost indubitable that the fruits had in hand at first were derived from Xanthoxylum amiltonianum, and that the drug now offered is the real oduct of Evodia fraxinifolia. The latter are somewhat larg that the herbarium specimens at Kew, hut the fruits are leved to vary in size, and the small aromatic ones, as above ated, are considered to be those of X. Hamiltonianum, the hate material now available is not sufficient for positivater mination of this point.









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a. Fruit of Evodia fraxinifolia (viewed from the apex), two of the apple of which dehiseed. b. Seeds of the same. c. Fruit of Xan yolum Hamiltonianum, with four earpels, all of which have dehiseed level from the apex). d. A three carpelled fruit of the same (viet from the base). c. A seed of the same. These drawings are of size as the fruits and seeds.

The fruits of the true Evodia fraxinifolia consist carpels upited into a star-like shape, each of which ctains two longitudinal and three rounded angular sceds poied at the two ends. The seeds are of a dark brown, faintly lrous appearance. The epicarp is parchment-like, more less speckled, and dirty earthy hrown in colour. The fruit of X. Hamiltonianum consist of from three to four carpels is larly arranged, and the pericarp is hrown, and dotted with nute warty points. The seeds are heart-shaped, and have a identent hlack colour. The fruits of this plant are only bout half as large as those of E. fraxinifolia, though the race much more elegant in form and appearance, but the sls of the last named are the smaller.

I consider it desirable to make known this correct name to the supposed source of the fragrant seeds, as the dof the true E. fraxinifolia does not seem, judging from the samples now in commerce, to contain any oil suited purpose ahove named; as far as can be judged, the quite valueless, and their continued introduction into merce would apparently serve no useful purpose. What therefore to transfer the source of the iodoform deed sing properties of the oil I extracted to the fruit of Xanth item Illamiltonianum, and I hope that the difficulty in ing the original drug will for the future be avoided, correct name of the plant is now known.

DR. LAUDER BRUNTON has stated that salicylate of immonstance in some persons tends to cause most disagreeable whenever the eyes are shut, and this is fully corrobord to the observers. The hallucinations which are occupied by the drug are of the most curious character, and verificating to those patients who thus suffer.

AILURES AND BANKRUPTCY REPORTS.

PATRICK LETTERS, lately of Dundee, Doctor of Medicine.

TH xamination of this bankrupt, whose apprehension in plar we reported last week, took place at the Edinburgh nk tcy Court on March 14. In reply to the trustee, Jes F. Mackay, W.S., the bankrupt stated that for a mb of years he was a medical practitioner in Dundee, ere le had also four drug shops. About the end of the the entered into negotiations for the sale of his sin es and practice with Dr. McGregor, who ultimately rch d them, giving three bills and 801. cash, amounting all 500%, in part payment. He promised to make paynt one of his creditors, Messrs. John Mackay & Co., ole le druggists, Edinburgh, in August. They were to eiv the 500%, pay themselves 300%. he owed them, and nd m over the balance. This arrangement was made der mpulsion of a decree which Messrs. Mackay & Co. dained against him, and which they threatened to organless they obtained payment of their debt from the Ie left Scotland on August 1, having got payment r. McGregor of the 500l. The arrangement with ssr Mackay & Co. was not carried out. He tried to sell to is furniture, and took the rest with him to Ireland. le ng Dundee he acquainted Messrs. Mackay & Co. of fa by postcard, but did not give his address. It was inition to commence practice in Dublin, but he afterrds lought he would do better in Carlow. His wife had rol ty worth 130% per year, and he offered to leave the es it with Messrs. Mackay & Co. as security for his it they declined. His wife had advanced him at er times sums amounting to about 250l., and he repaid tl money out of the proceeds of the bills. She had na ed repayment. Before leaving Dundee he paid various dits what he owed them. He remained for three months Carw. His wife took a house in her own name there f nished it. After further examination, directed to wat the bankrupt while in Ireland was evading arrest, stad that he was willing to make up a statement of his ir n getting access to the necessary papers, which were Ma oom. He kept the transactions of his Dundee busiprinted slips, which he was aware had been destroyed.

t as after Dr. McGregor had inspected them. He pt) kept no books in connection with his Dundec in Mr. Mackay, in asking an adjournment, said the estere only 130l. or 140l., and that the expenses had not tremely great. The further examination was admitted in March 28. On emerging from the Bankruptcy the Letter was correlated by a sheriff-officer troup. rt r. Letters was apprehended by a sheriff-officer from nd under a warrant charging him with an alleged ingeent of the Bankruptcy Act.

ood & Leith, St. Helens, Manufacturing Chemists.

T e Liverpool Bankruptcy Court on Monday last, before istrar Bellringer, William Lockwood and John Leith, line as Lockwood & Leith, of the Boundary Road, and remical Works, St. Helens, appeared for their public mition. Mr. Sparrow appeared for the debtors, and the executors of W. L. Evans; Mr. Hawkins appeared it itors.

betatement of affairs showed that there were unsecured it's to the amount of 19,475*l*. 6s.; secured creditors, 15, showing a slight surplus; and partially secured it's, 11,680*l*., holding securities valued at 5,055*l*., and in 6,625*l*. 1s. 7d. to rank against the estate; making the left indebtedness 26,100*l*. The assets consist of cash hel, 66*l*. 10s. 6d.; stock-in-trade, 1,807*l*. 1s. 8d.; mand, plant, &c., 3,398*l*.; and good debts, 905*l*.; making a d 6,107*l*.

hebtor William Lockwood was first examined by Mr. in the Official Receiver. He stated that the partnership was himself and Leith commenced in December, 1873. (pekwood) introduced 5,000% of capital, and Leith coed 600%. He had drawn 7% a week as a salary, and the like amount during the last few years, and each 5% e before that, but he (Lockwood) had drawn, in addition, wn 1,100% and 1,200% during the fourteen years. There

were articles of partnership drawn up, but he could not sav where they now were. In regard to his 5,000%, he had received 3,000% from Mr. Evans on the understanding that if the business succeeded it was to be repaid, and if not it was to be treated as a gift. He also had 1,500l, from his mother. and this money had come to him as part of his share under her will when she died. The balance was from a gentleman named Haxby, under whose will he also had an interest. He had a letter from Mr. Evans showing the conditions upon which the 3,000l. was advanced. He had not scheduled Mr. Evans as a creditor for that amount. Witness was to look after the commercial, and Leith after the practical, part of the business. They first of all purchased the Boundary Road Works for 3,000*l*., subject to a ground-rent of 108*l*. per annum. The only article they had manufactured there was caustic soda. In the first year, 1874, they lost 1,277l. 16s. 2d.; in 1875, 1,780l.; in 1876, 922l.; in 1877, 477l. 7s; in 1878, 1,451l.; in 1879, 987l.; and in 1880, 2,631l. In 1881 there was a profit of 166l.; in 1882, a loss of 572l.; in 1883, a loss of 120l.; in 1884, a profit of 269l.; in 1885, a loss of 408l.; in 1886, a loss of 408l.; in 1887, a profit of 269l.; in 1885, a loss of 408l.; in 1886, a loss of 408l. in 1886, a loss of 1291; and in 1887, 5,3411.; which, with the estimated depreciation, &c., on the works, made up the deficiency of 19,993/. Up to the year 1880 they had made a loss of 9931. on a salt-cake contract, but it was not written off until 1887; and other amounts of 530l. and 258l. incurred before 1880 were not written off until 1887. On June 30, 1880, by their books, witness had a balance of 2,695l. to his credit, and Leith had 3,964l. to his debit; but if they added the losses then accrued, but not written off till 1887, they would have a clear deficiency of about 3,000l. at that date. Witness had since then paid in a sum of 80l, and Leith had recently paid in 8001, obtained by mortgage on his dwellinghouse.

The Registrar: So that they have been fighting against a

deficiency since 1880.

The debtor continued to say that in 1887 they made a contract to supply "bleach," which they expected would prove very remunerative, but the loss, through non-fulfilment, was about 3,000l. They had not made bleach previously; but they had taken the Parr Works in the interval. The Boundary Road Works now stood in their books at 11,187l., but they had allowed a depreciation of 5,601% upon them in their deficiency account. That was taking them at their breaking up value, if sold by auction. They had not written off depreciation as they had gone along, as they considered that they had kept up the works in full working order; had spent as much as 500%, a quarter in keeping them up. In the same way they had estimated the depreciation on the Parr Works at 4,167*l*. They had spent 7,000*l*. upon these works in addition to their first cost, which was 10,000*l*. They bought them in May last year. They did not consider that it was a very serious undertaking for them to purchase those works in their then state of insolvency. One reason for the purchase was that they had no room at the Boundary Road Works for the deposit of their waste. There were 35 acres of land at Parr. They also intended to make caustic soda there as they expected to do so when were clearly the control of the contro there, as they expected to do so much more cheaply. There was a good deal of plant there which could be converted cheaply. They purchased the Parr Works from the bank, which had a mortgage on them to the extent of 25,000l., for 10,000l., the payments to extend over twelve years. Nearly all their present trading debts had been incurred since September last. There was an account in the private ledger headed "W. L. Evans—Special Account." Mr. Evans was his brother-in-law, and was now deceased. In March, 1883, they had a fire at their works, and, pending settlement with the insurance company, Mr. Evans advanced them 500%, on an assignment of the insurance money. When this was paid, they, with his consent, used the money, and substituted as security assignments of customers' debts, increasing the amount to 7001. As the debts were paid they continued using the money, and substituting fresh assignments. This continued even after his death in October last, until just before the bankruptcy. They came to the conclusion that they would have to stop payment on February 4 last. They had consulted about it previously, and come to the conclusion that they must stop unless they could raise some more money, which they failed to do. On February 4 they issued notices to certain debtors giving notice of the assignment of their debts to Evans's executors. They were advised to do this by their solicitor, Mr. Moore. He was himself one of

Evans's executors. On February 10 they had a meeting of their creditors, and the petition in bankruptcy was filed on February 23. They had made a complete disclosure of their affairs, and of all their property.

Examined by Mr. Pierce, a creditor:—It was not a fact that Mr. W. L. Evans was a partner in the business. The claim of 2,900*l*. odd by Knight, Hill & Co., of London, arose through their not being able to carry the bleach contract through.

By Mr. Sparrow: At the time they bought the Parr Works there was every prospect of the bleach contract turning out very remunerative. Their contract failed partly owing to a delay caused by a dispute as to the boundary of the Parr Works, and partly to damage caused in the works by a heavy storm. A great portion of the plant they wished to utilise for the bleach manufacture was on the land in dispute. They had hoped to be in a position to deliver "bleach" early in January, and as it was a cash contract they had hoped after that to be all right. Mr. Evans was his brother-in-law. The executors, or rather his co-executor, Mr. Thomas Evans, sent a notice to the debtors whose debts were assigned on the same day as the firm—February 4. Mr. Evans was advised to give the notice. Witness had told him that the firm was in difficulties, and he thought he also told him that they thought they had better suspend.

John Leith was next examined. He said that Mr. Lockwood's evidence was correct except as to some details of practical working with which Mr. Lockwood was not as conversant as himself. The damage done by the storm was much more extensive and serious than Mr. Lockwood had He also considered that large amounts had gone down in the books as loss on caustic soda which had really been spent on new buildings and works. He considered the Boundary Road Works had cost at least 15,000*l*. in all, instead of 11,000*l*. It would cost them 1,200*l*. a year to provide land for depositing their waste, so that for that reason alone the purchase of the Parr Works at the price was desirable. They also expected there to save 10s. to 15s. a ton on the cost of making the caustic soda. The "bleach" contract, he had calculated, if carried out, would have yielded them a profit of 5,000l. The contract was to extend over the current Mr. Lockwood had no doubt consulted him as to Evans's matter, but he could not remember what had passed.

At this stage the public examination was adjourned to April 9.

The first meeting of creditors was held on Tuesday, at the offices of the Official Receiver, Victoria Street, Liverpool. There was a large attendance of creditors. After going through the proofs and reading the statement of affairs, Mr. Oppenheim, on behalf of the debtors, asked for an adjournment to enable them to make an offer which it was thought would be accepted. After considerable discussion it was arranged to adjourn until Monday next.

The following is a list of the principal creditors on the

		£
Auglesey Limestone Company		135
Aspinwall, J., Blognegate, coal merchant		468
Buxton Lime Company		114
Blundell, J., & Co., coal merchants		190
Brownlow, Foster & Co., coal merchants		56
Burrows, E., & S.n, St. Helers, engineers		87
Bibby, J., & Sons, St. Heleng, copper works		93
Blockhairn Fireclay Company		77
Cheshire Amalgamated Salt Company		64
Charnock, J., & Sons, Halifax, stone merchants		154
Dunn Brothers, Manchester		104
Dobell, G. C., & Co., Liverpool		417
Dawson, C, & Co., Mold		111
Gamble, J. C., & Sons, St. Helens		922
Glover, Urmson & Co., St. Helens		83
Garnskick Fireclay Company, Glasgow		111
Henderson & Co., Irvine, N.B		177
Hellewell & Co., Liverpool, rubber merchants		147
Holman, Mitchell & Co., St. He'ens		672
Johnson, Clapham & Co., Liverpool, iron merchants		797
Kurtz, A. G., & Co, St. Helens	•••	107
Kneeshaw, Nupton & Co., Liverpool		612
Knight, Hill & Co., Billiter Street, London		3,452
Lathom, James, St. Helens, timber merchant		642
Laneasbire Alkali and Sulphur Company		91
McKechnic & Co., St. Helens		175
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Melling, Thomas, Newton, eoal merchant	• •		70
Moore, Stuart & Co., Temple, London			07
Newsome, W., St. Helens, coal merchant]	23
Parr's Banking Company, St. Helens			02
Oppenheim, Malkin & Co., St. Helens			60
St. Helens Chemical Company			14
St. Helens Corporation			52
St. He'ens Colliery Company			45
Simpson, Davies & Co., Runeorn, coal merchan	ts		55
Simpkin, Thomas, Runcorn, contractor			00
Till annuage Calmain & Co			30
Tit day Gara & Ga Garana			29
Titanian T & Co Ob Halana			30
Wigan and Whiston Coal Company			19
Ward, James, Grange-over-Sands, lime works		•••	10.7
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Re WILLIAM FREDERICK BIRCH, Cherry Street, Birn gham, Dentist.

This debtor applied on March 15 for his dischar. Mr. Sharp reported that the debts were 1,240*l*., and the were put down at 961*l*., but the trustee had only alised 184*l*. The bankrupt had carried on a business we title of the Odontobaph Company for the sale of title of the Odontobaph Company for the sale of toilet powders. The business was managed by a Mr. Schift, and no proper books had been kept. Mr. Vachell (who cheared for the bankrupt) stated that the debtor's positives entirely due to Mr. Schfeldt, who was an artful standard, and who had recently served twelve months' impriment for forgery. Schfeldt managed the business entirely, surred all the debts, and the bankrupt could get no proper count from him. His Honour granted the discharge, such to judgment being entered up for 150*l*.

Re J. CROOKES, Dundee and Eckington, Chemist and Druggist.

The receiving order in this case was made on t petition of Messrs. J. T. Dobb & Son, Sheffield, c nists, creditors for 22l. 6s. 11d., and Messrs. W. T. Wyley & Co., manufacturing chemists, of Coventry, for 36l. 5s. 8 The debtor has filed no accounts, but amongst the credit; who have proved are Messrs. Greaves & Sons, 54l. 4s. 1, and Messrs. Richardson & Co., 11l. 5s. 3d. The first meet was then carried to wind up the estate in bankrupt Wednesday the debtor was to have attended before Mr Vednesday the debtor was to have attended before Mr Vednesday the debtor was to have attended before Mr Vednesday the debtor was to have attended before Mr Vegistaria Giffard in the London Bankruptcy Court for his examination, but nothing was done beyond making a order to transfer the proceedings to the Derby Court.

Re G. H. MARSTON, East Dulwich, Chemist.

In this case the receiving order was made on Marcl, the debtor being described as George Henry Marston, of lordship Terrace, East Dulwich, in the county of Surrey, c nist, lately carrying on business at 2 Swiss Terrace, Forest II, in the county of Kent, and 371 Commercial Road, E., the county of Middlesex, and 4 Whately Road, East Duly h, in the county of Surrey, having for the greater part of I past six months resided at 7 Lordship Terrace, East D ich, aforesaid. He has now filed accounts showing fully-s red creditors 4351. (the estimated value of the security being 01.); creditors for 351l., secured to the extent of 75l.; credit for rent, rates, taxes, &c., 47l. 13s. 10d.; and unsecured bts, 4091. 7s. 8d. On the other side the stock in trade is re ned at 51, the fixtures at 71, and the furniture at 51; t, of course, being all absorbed by the preferential claims. A rding to the Official Receiver's observations, "The btor states that he commenced business at Forest Hill in 186 vith a capital of 50%, has also traded at Commercial Road an last Dulwich, and opened his present premises in March 385. He attributes his insolvency to his expenses having being excess of his profits, and to loss by seizure and sale his stock, furniture, and effects in June, 1884. His bot of account consist only of a takings-book and a rough note ook referring to his creditors' accounts in respect of his p ent business. He has by consent been adjudged bankrupt.

Re RIPPON, 85 Upper Street, Islington, Chemist and Druggist.

In s case the receiving order was made on February 22; ed or has been adjudged bankrupt and an order made the summary administration of the estate. Mr. G. W. apro, one of the assistant official receivers, presided on ours y at the first meeting of the creditors. The accounts of ow gross liabilities of 3241. 19s. 8d., of which one is expected to rank against assets estimated at 1.1 At a private meeting of the creditors in January last off of a composition of 10s. in the pound was refused.

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a summary case no resolution was passed, and the lock Receiver will in due course wind up the estate. The bli examination is fixed for April 12. A creditor exset an opinion that the lowest sum for which the lowest sum for which the set the premises had, however, been sold for 50*l.*, and seck, &c., at a valuation. Considerable dissatisfaction scressed at this.

e Marcus Leon, 129 Grosvenor Road, Pimlico, Manufacturing Chemist.

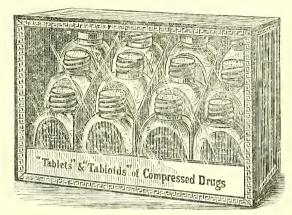
Ne London Bankruptcy Court on Thursday, this debtor to Mr. Registrar Hazlitt for his order of discharge. lure took place in July last, and the accounts filed w liabilities of 1,8811. 17s. 6d., and assets 511. 10s. 4d., ic lave, however, only realised 10%. 6%. The estate was up up in bankruptcy. The Official Receiver reported that thrupt stated be had in January, 1873, carried on busis a general merchant, under the name of Max Benjamin mann. His affairs were liquidated by arrangement, his is then amounting to 46,1937, and assets 25,2527. He and his discharge in April, 1873. In 1879 he entered ottership with another in Hamburg as Edward Lax eshipping agents. He left the firm in July, 1885, and is le no liability in respect of it. In his public examination akrupt stated that he adopted the name of Marcus which was his wife's name, in 1886. He began his st business as a manufacturing chemist in November, st vithout any capital of his own, but borrowed 550l. from e (and still owes 3561. of that), which she obtained by render of a policy over his life, effected for her benefit the Married Women's Property Act. The bankrupt suently borrowed 9021. 17s. 9d., all of which is still The Official Receiver reported that the bankrupt dnitted to keep such books of account as are usual and of in his business; that for the purpose of establishing usiness the bankrupt opened various agencies and ged a hrigade of 300 boys; that the loss incurred by speculation amounted to 950*l*.; and, having regard to the that the bankrupt had no capital of his own, "he has ht about his bankruptcy by rash and hazardous specu-; that the bankrupt in June, 1887, handed over stock t value of 801. to two of his creditors by way of security. s therefore, "within three months of the receiving order, unable to pay his debts as they became due, given an preference to creditors." Mr. Salmond opposed the arge, and the Registrar ordered a suspension for eighteen as, but on the application of Mr. Rosenthal, the banksolicitor, withdrew that order, and granted a discharge et to judgment being entered up against the bankrupt 6d. in the pound.

I. BRYCE BARR, chemist and druggist, has acquired the interest in the firm of Fraser & Barr, Medical Hall, s, N.B., by the retirement of Mr. Fraser, who will now e all his time to his dental practice. The business is nued under the same name.

Notes of Nobelties.

A COUNTER REQUISITE.

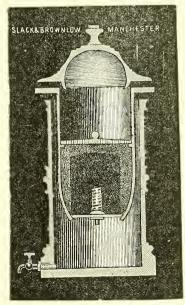
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UNQUALIFIED MANAGERS.

THE clause requiring that all branch shops belong to chemists and druggists shall be under the management a duly qualified assistant, added to the Pharmacy Acts Audment Bill by Lord Milltown, has caused some conside deconsternation among the persons who would be affecte by it. There is reason to believe that these constitutes numerous class, and what evidence has come before us us to believe that branch shops are more frequently that under the control of unqualified assistants. Of course we see the term "unqualified" strictly in its legal sense. No dbt many of these unqualified managers are extremely coefficients.

te; perhaps they are on the average, as some of them evently believe themselves to be, more reliable than their di maed rivals. We cannot help sympathising with these thatened managers. They have been led into their present or ion in consequence of the laxity with which the Pharmy Act has been administered by those to whom it is er isted, and they naturally claim some sort of vested intest in their usurpation. But it must be remembed on the other hand that they have been actin illegally all these twenty years. All the Lords of the Law have declared that the unqualified perwho conducts the sale of a scheduled poison thereby re ers himself liable to a penalty under the Pharmacy Act. T effect of Lord Milltown's clause would be, not to take aty the manager's personal liability in the cases where milalified persons are employed as superintendents of buch shops, but to make it penal for chemists and druggists tomploy such persons in that capacity. This would make it asier to ensure a rigid observance of the principle of th Pharmacy Act. The prosecution of assistants by the Prmaceutical Society would have been an unpleasant dw, though we think in vindication of the Act it ought to he been undertaken; but the same objection would not ligainst the prosecution of the employers, and those who beve in the possibility of getting a really effective Pharmy Act are bound to welcome this substantial instalment o onsistency on the part of the legislature.

Ve are sorry for the unqualified managers; they have a rit to do what they can to avert their own disestablishnit; and we compliment them on the energy they are blaying. But we cannot see what they can reasonably be to get. They have drifted into their present position, it rue; but it has been with the Pharmacy Act in face of m for the past twenty years, and they must see that this s them on a different footing to assistants who were rtaken by new legislation. For, as we have shown, Lord Itown's clause, though it certainly concerns them, is ected against their employers, and not against them. To ce them on the register without examination, or to grant m a modified examination, would be grossly unfair to all er unqualified assistants who might not happen to occupy position of managers of branches, and would be still re unfair to assistants who have qualified by regular exination. Their proper course, if they wish to retain such sitions as those which they at present occupy, is to prepare examination with the least possible delay.

ABUSES IN HOSPITALS.

FORE the next Hospital Sunday collection comes round ne of the authorities of those institutions ought to either swer the charges which have been brought against them, set about reforming the abuses alleged to exist. Just six onths ago, when the winter session of the medical schools s about commencing, appeared a novel with a purpose, by anonymous author, under the title of "St. Bernard's." The ries of needless examinations of, and operations on, clients; of the therapeutic experiments and clinical leces, for the sake of which treatment is callously retarded; painful surgical demonstrations, unnecessary and, indeed, urious to the patients; of students' blunders kindly covered their teachers for the credit of the hospital-these and ch-like horrors, woven together into a romance, excited a od deal of indignation of two kinds. On the one side the oscribers to the hospitals were inclined to ask whether ir money was not being put to improper uses, while, on other hand, the medical journals and the apologists for e medical profession treated the book with the contemptuous sneer which they are always ready to bestow on sentimental faddists, as they regard any who venture to criticise their proceedings or their methods.

The form of a romance was, perhaps, hardly the one best adapted to enlist the sympathies of the more scrious investigators into our hospital system. One critic very reasonably asked, "How much is romance and reality in this remarkable book?" and it was clear that no one could base an argument on the authority of a romance, assured though he might be that the story was based on fact. It must always remain doubtful whether the particular assertion adopted might turn out to be basis or superstructure. Now, however, this response is no longer available to the hospital defenders. The author of "St. Bernard's," in a new book, entitled "Dying Scientifically," has published what he calls a key to his earlier work, in which, by a series of quotations from medical journals, clinical lectures, and the speeches of high authorities in the medical world, he drives home his attack. Æsculapius Scalpel, the assumed name of the writer, who still retains his anonymity, tells us he has not quarrelled with his profession nor with his Alma Mater. He loves his daily work as a medical man in large practice, and has no desire to earn his bread by any better business. He declares that he is entirely orthodox, and daily sends his patients their usual six ounces of regulation physic, and he disclaims fraternal association with homeopathic, anti-vaccinationist, or hydropathic heretics. But his orthodoxy is evidently not so rigid as to interrupt his view of the just proportions between the profession and the public in which the benefits conferred by the public hospitals of this country should be

Among the hundred or more justificatory extracts collected in "Dying Scientifically" there are plenty of instances of what most subscribers to hospitals will regard as a gross abuse of the opportunities which those institutions offer. Here for instance, is the record of a professor of materia medica, who reports on a series of experimental administrations of nitroglycerine, ethyl nitrite, sodium nitrite, cobalt yellow, and other potent drugs on fifteen persons. In the discussion on this paper the professor said that none of his observations had any bearing on disease, though the subjects of his experiments were not always in perfect health. That seems to mean that he had tried the experiments on patients who came under his power, without any view of curing them of the particular disease for which they were being ostensibly treated. Here is a quotation from Dr. Ringer's Handbook of Therapeutics:-"Dr Rickards and I gave to an habitual drunkard, making him 'dead drunk,' 12 oz. of good brandy in a single dose without the smallest reduction of temperature, . . . In a boy aged ten who had never in his life before taken alcohol in any form, I found through a large number of observations a constant and decided reduction of temperature." Dr. Neudörfer, in a treatise on the "Surgical Treatment of Wounds," says, "I am in a position to assert that out of the hundreds of amputations of limbs and resections of large joints performed in the last few years a considerable percentage have been undertaken only to glorify Lister's method, or in consequence of its influence, and might be omitted without any detriment to the patient." A medical journal in 1882 reports a case of hysterical catalepsy. The doctor says, "In the evening the soles of her feet were tickled and pricked with a pin; this was followed by the convulsive movements above described; she shrieked and fell back with eyes open, and was conscious. Next day she was in much the same condition. Pricking the soles of the feet, &c., produced a fit. On the following day the convulsions could not be so easily induced." Here is an extract from a clinical lecture reported in the Brit. Med.

Journ. of January 7, 1882. The lecturer says of the patient, "He was in a miserable condition from pain and irritation. The eruption had been out about ten days, and it affected the mucous membrane of his mouth as well as the skin. You may remember that we kept him in bed for a few days before we used the magician's wand, in order that all might see that there was no natural tendency to amelioration." Here is an almose incredible record of a day's treatment of a patient who died of "acute rheumatism with hyperpyrexia" on July 12, 1885. The full account was given in the Lancet: "1.30 A.M., bath at 50° F.; complete coma; 1.35, enema of brandy; 1.45, ditto; 2.16, taken from bath to bed, dried, and transferred to another bed; 2.38, enema of hot coffee; 3, another; 3.30, hypodermic injection of ether; 7, another; 7.30, enema of 30 grains of quinine, and ice-bag to spine and head; 8.30, another hypodermic injection of ether; 9.30, severe vomiting, stethoscoped, mustard-plasters applied to chest and turpentine stupes over bases of lungs; 10, hypodermic injection of ether; 10.30, another iced bath; 11.10, hypodermic injection of ether; 11.25, enema of brandy; 11.35, taken out of bath; 11.40, brandy and beef tea by stomach pump; 1.30 P.M., injection of ether; 2, another; 3.10, stethoscoped and percussed; 3.20, apomorphia, subcutaneously injected, followed by vomiting, and at 3.50 by death." To say that the poor wretch died of "acute rheumatism with hyperpyrexia" may be the correct medical term to use under the circumstances, but it is hardly the expression an ordinary Englishmen would use for it. A steam-engine could not stand such a course of treatment.

We need not add to the instances we have quoted. Those given in "Dying Scientifically" could be matched in the medical journals almost any week, and the question arises whether the system should be permitted to continue. writer of this book quotes from several medical authorities to show that they deliberately claim the right of using the hospitals and the patients who come to them first of all for the purposes of education. And they would go even further. In 1881 the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the Medical Association discussed whether they could not utilise the workhouse infirmaries for clinical teaching; but one speaker said, "No House of Commons would allow it; the attempt would be opposed by all the Radicals." These frank advocates of the medical side know very well that there is no chance for their cynical views if the question for and against them is openly stated. Moreover, there is no serious danger that medical education would be injuriously interfered with by the triumph of humanitarianism. The author of "Dying Scientifically" gives proof that students can take their diplomas with honours without knowing how to recognise a case of measles, and it is hardly doubtful whether a showy familiarity with the rarer exhibitions of disease can suffice as a substitute for such elementary knowledge.

Realising Bankrupts, Businesses. The case of Mr. Rippon, the Islington chemist, whose first meeting of creditors is reported in our columns, affords another illustration of the mischief caused to creditors' interests by the too hasty realisation of the debtors' estates. In this case, according to the views of the creditors, there was a wellestablished business in a good position for trade, and it was confidently affirmed that, had sufficient notice been given, from 200*L* to 300*L* could have been obtained for it. The Official Receiver, however, has accepted an offer of 50*L* for the lease, and the whole value of the business itself goes by the board, and with it the prospects of the creditors getting a dividend, which in such a case as this might have been reasonably expected. Surely the creditors have ground to be indignant at this official disregard of their interests, and at the waste of their property; and steps should be taken to

forcibly impress upon bankruptcy officials the impedited duty of studying trade-creditors' wishes in matters of ach importance to them.

Our German correspondent has called atte ion Local Anasthetics. to the remarks which Professor Liebreic recently made at a meeting of the Berlin Plaiological Society on the action of erythrophloeine as a cal anæsthetic. The property which cocaine possesses is t no means confined to itself—indeed, there are a number of ubstances which, when injected subcutaneously, give rise) a localised anæsthesia in the immediate neighbourhood o he place where they are injected. Antipyrin, sal-ammodac, some tannates, resorcin, ferric chloride, and other substices have this action, although there is neither chemical nor physiological similarity between them. They possess, wever, this property in common, that they all have a corrive action on the tissues-in other words, induce a kin of alteration of molecular structure. Most alkaloids, in he cases where they possess a local anæsthetic action, act i he same way, as, for instance, erythrophleeine; but cocain's a solitary exception to the rule, inasmuch as it is a cal anæsthetic, but does not corrode the tissues. When apied subcutaneously to man, the above substances either price no localised anæsthesia, or one which is very imperfect.

Personalities.

Mr. F. J. RYALL has opened a chemist's busines at 40 Portland Road, Stoke, Devonport.

Professor Tilden, F.R.S., of Mason's College, will be year be the president of the chemistry section of the Brish Association.

THE will and two codicils, dated respectively Augus 1, 1887, September 9, 1887, and December 22, 1887, of fr. Francis Jonathan Clarke, J.P., chemist and druggist, and proprietor of Clarke's Blood Mixture, of Bracebridge II, Lincoln, who died at Bournemouth on January 28 last as been proved at Lincoln; the gross personalty being swo at 27,441. 0s. 6d. The testator leaves an annuity of 100 to his mother, and one of 300l. to his wife. He leaves 200 to his friend and executor, Alderman Wm. Beard, of Lincoln; friend and executor, Alderman Wm. Beard, of Lincoln; 50l. to the Very Rev. Canon Croft, 200l. to his cake Frederick Brown, 100l. to his clerk Henry Passey, and a most exceeding 200l. to be distributed among his staff, a is executors may see fit. The executors, Wm. Beard, Tho as Platt, and Frederick Brown, are to conduct his businessen Lincoln and elsewhere, and are empowered to continue the deceased's weekly payments to certain poor persons as by shall see fit. The whole residue of his real and pors all estate is left in trust to be divided equally between it exhibites, who, being infants, he desires shall be brought pin the tenets of the Roman Catholic faith, which the tresent profess.

Trade Hotes.

MR. OGLESBY, chemist, of Barnsley, has secured the dract of the Barnsley Board of Guardians for drugs dehemicals.

Messrs. Kaltenbach & Schmitz, of 46 New Bristreet, E.C., and Liverpool, have opened at Hamburg a det for the sale of Mediterranean and Cuban sponges to wheale dealers in Germany.

MESSRS. WILLIAM EDWARDS & SON'S catalogue of pat t medicines, sundries, &c., gives net prices throughout. t was inadvertently stated in a recent note that such pri are confined to the patent medicine part.

THE BARCELONA EXHIBITION.—Out of 30,000 exhibits who have taken space at this exhibition only 80 are Englished English ambassador at Madrid reports to the Forel Office that the opening will probably have to be postpottill the first week in May on account of the unfinished state of the exhibition.

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BENTLEY TESTIMONIAL FUND.

VE ve received the following from the Honorary Secretary:—

AR SIR,—I beg to enclose a first list of subscriptions to the Bentley Testimonial Fund. I shall be much obliged if

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y I, therefore, ask you to be good enough to insert a paragraph with the list asking those who are interested in the roje and who have not been already addressed to send subscriptions to me at 17 Bloomsbury Square, W.C.

I am, dear sir, yours faithfully, S. PLOWMAN, Hon. Scc.

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Legal Reports.

EXPORTING CHLORIDE OF LIME.

In the Queen's Bench Division on Saturday, the case of McIlwraith & Co. v. McEacharn & Co. was tried by Mr. Justice Manisty without a jury. It was a dispute with regard to the packing of some chloride of lime, the action being brought for alleged breach of contract.

Mr. Fox appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr. Thomas Terrel for the defendant.

According to counsel's opening statement, both parties carry on business in London. By a contract dated May 1, 1886, the defendants were to deliver 30 tons of chloride of lime in strong hardwood casks, f.o.b. in London, and sufficiently packed for an Australian voyage. When, however, the ship carrying it arrived at Rockhampton it was found that the chloride of lime had burst the casks; hence the present action. It appeared that when the goods arrived in London from Lancashire, where it was manufactured, the second mate of the Advancement, which was the sailing-ship by which it was to go to Rockhampton, reported "old casks, and the defendants, to enable plaintiffs to get a clean bill of lading, gave them an indemnity, undertaking, in consideration of their accepting receipt by Advancement, to pay on demand any claim that might arise, and to indemnify Messrs. McIlwraith & Co. against all consequences. The plaintiffs attached a good deal of importance to that document, as also to an admission on the part of the defendants that the chloride of lime was not sufficiently packed for a voyage to Australia by a sailing-vessel. The damages, which were originally laid by Messrs. McIlwraith at 100*l*., were ultimately, in the event of liability, agreed at 50l. 10s.

The p'aintiff, having proved his order of May 1, was cross-examined by Mr. Terrel. He said he had not had any experience of the properties of chloride of lime before this occasion. He had shipped other parcels since. He was aware that it is a substance that is particularly deteriorated by moisture, and which, when it becomes heated, gives off chlorine gas, which he believed might rapidly destroy the hoops of the casks, causing them to burst open. He had himself shipped chloride of lime to Sydney. He believed that chloride of lime made in cold weather was liable, when it became hot, to give off chlorine gas and burst the casks.

Did you see these casks which are in dispute in this action?
—No.

Do you know what hardwood casks are as the term is used in the trade?—Yes.

Hardwood casks are made out of sugar-cask staves that have been used and hooped together again?—Yes.

Do you know that hardwood casks are not air-tight?—No,

I was not aware of that.

Have you ever seen a hardwood cask that was air tight?—

Well, I imagine petroleum casks are hardwood.

Do you mean to say that petroleum casks are recognised

Do you mean to say that petroleum casks are recognised in the chloride of lime trade as hardwood casks?—I think so—yes.

Are they not always specified as petroleum barrels?—I suppose they would be, but none the less are they hardwood.

Are even petroleum barrels air-tight?—As I told you, we shipped 15 tons in petroleum casks, and that arrived in splendid condition.

Did you buy that as packed in petroleum barrels?—Yes. And you knew they were something different to hardwood casks?—In point of size.

And in tightness?—That I don't know.

Now, with the exception of that other 15 tons that you mentioned, have you had any other experience ?—Oh, yes.

Have you ever kept packages for a considerable time?—No; we simply buy and ship out.

Don't you know that it is usual to consign chloride of lime by steamships when it is going any distance, because of the dangers of keeping it?—I know that it would be impossible to send it direct to Queensland by steamer.

Then you would pack them in tin or lead lined cases, would you not?—Yes.

And when you have them thus you specify them, don't you?—Yes.

And when you buy in tin or lead lined packages you ya good deal more?—Yes.

Would you have expected to buy chloride of lime a the time this contract was made at 6l. 10s. 6d. a ton b.b. London packed in tin or lead lined cases?—No.

The difference in price would have been considerat ?-

Re-examined: Had you any notice or knowledge at hat time that to pack in hardwood casks was other than a pper method of packing the chloride of lime?—None whatev And you stipulated in your contract that the goods we to

be sufficiently packed?-Yes.

Now, when you give the name of a ship, is it us to describe it as being a steamship or otherwise?—No, it i ot. Sometimes they put "S.S." after its name.

Mr. Edward Huxley, plaintiffs' buyer, said he made of the order on May 1. It was not usual in such an ord to specify whether the goods were to be shipped by am or sailing ship. Goods were more frequently set to Australia by sailing-vessels than steamships. Before childed of lime was sent out to Australia he received notice from the mate that the casks were old, and in consequence he set he defendants the form of indemnity dated May 25. At that time there were no steamers plying between Liverpoon of Queensland. Chloride of lime was shipped in sailing-vested Australia. He could call to mind an instance. Somewas sent out in the Ella last year. She sailed, he believed, me time in June. The plaintiffs shipped it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Terrel: The duration of the da's voyage was 142 days. The 30 tons went by the only li of ships that will take chloride of lime.

Do not the others refuse to take it because, no matt in what it is packed, the packets sometimes burst?—They we never given us the reason.

Have you ever bought chloride of lime in tin-line or lead-lined packages?—Since the Advancement shipmer we have

Is that because you have found out that it would nego in hardwood casks?—It was principally at the suggestion of the people who sold us the goods.

You paid 6l. 12s. 6d. for chloride of lime in hard od casks; how much more a ton did you pay for it in tined

packets?—Roughly, say 31. more.
You have since found out that hardwood casks would do for an Australian voyage?—Judging from the rest of the Advancement shipment.

This concluded the plaintiffs' case.

Mr. Terrel said his contention would be that the plainffs rent the goods by a sailing-vessel at their own risk, and at they were packed in strong hardwood casks as speced. With regard to the letter of indemnity, they said that he meaning of it simply was that, in consideration of Mccs. McIlwraith accepting the mate's receipt with the words lacasks" on it, they would indemnify them against all asequences of their so doing.

Mr. C. N. Hake, F.I.C., gave evidence as to the prope of chloride of lime, as already suggested by counsel's costs.

examination.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fox, witness said it was not a 0lutely certain that chloride of lime, even if packed in in packages, would arrive in condition.

It is only a question of degree?—No, not exactly.

Do I understand, if packed in hardwood casks, they ist
necessarily burst?—If time were given, I am of opinion by
must, and even under ordinary conditions.

Re-examined: Is the result of your opinion that if le casks be tin or lead lined they have a better chance?—Y

Mr. Alfred Edward Smith, manager for Messrs. Hutching & Co., of Widnes, chloride of lime manufacturers, saide had been in their employ for twenty years. They made d packed about 60 tons a week on the average. His n actually manufactured the chloride of lime in quest. The casks called hardwood were well known in the tre. When hardwood casks were specified a manufacturer k exactly what he was to supply. A hardwood cask is practically an old sugar hogshead rebuilt. It was not n air-tight package. He recollected the particular lot of g is being sent out; they were packed in the usual hardwood casks, and were well packed.

In what vessels is chloride of lime usually sent?—Ne y all our trade is to America by steamer.

D it decompose rapidly under certain conditions?— N, under the conditions of a long journey in the hold of

ve l to Rockhampton, what would you expect of hard-oo casks filled with chloride of lime?—Packages that aw emained in our works for some months during the mr were invariably found to burst. The hoops become ott and the cask gives way.

D; moisture affect it ?—Yes. Temperature particularly,

th c, is the mischief.

Wn you keep it in your place, in what condition do you eert?-It is very seldom that we store it in the wareoui

A petroleum barrels different packets to hardwood

sk —Yes.

C s-examined by Mr. Fox: Your chief experience is in ipents to America, is it not ?—Yes, most of our stuff goes er

Cyou tell me of any steamer that will carry this stuff to

us lia?—No.

O o Queensland ?-No.

D't you know that the only regular line of steamers to resland refused to take it?—No.

D you know where Rockhampton was?—No.

D you think it was in America ?-No, I did not know ne it was.

Schat you did not know these goods were for Australia a - No.

M Justice Manisty: Hardwood casks are never lined, are

ey-No, unless it is with paper. M Thomas Clarkson, the secretary to Golding, Davis &

imited), of Widnes, was the next witness. He gave id ce bearing out generally that of Mr. Smith.

Cosel on both sides having addressed the Court,
M Justice Manisty gave judgment. He accepted the uction which was put upon the indemnity by the deodits, and upon the evidence he had come to the conclunat the chloride of lime was packed as well as it could hardwood casks, such as were ordered. The defendants dade an ill-advised admission with regard to the stuff ing sufficiently packed for a voyage to Australia in a lig-vessel, but he must take it, he supposed, that they did ean to admit themselves out of Court, and his judgment t, therefore, be for the defendants, with costs.

SULPHATE OF AMMONIA SHIPMENT.

the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court of e, on March 17, the case of Smith v. Maud came before ustice Hawkins and a jury. The plaintiff, Mr. John of Leadenhall Street, sued Messrs. Maud & Co., of ing, to recover 262l. for breach of contract in non-ry of a quantity of sulphate of ammonia. The deat denied the existence of a contract, and countered for 17l. 16s. 1d. for some casks supplied.

Kemp, Q.C., and Mr. Bremner appeared for the iff; Mr. Winch, Q.C., and Mr. Fillan for the de-

nts.

appeared from the evidence for the plaintiff that in 1887, the defendants were employed to provide casks quantity of sulphate of ammonia, and to convey about yeight puncheons of the sulphate by lighter to the India Docks for shipment to Demerara. The defendants led the casks, and headed them up when filled with nia; but while they were being conveyed to the docks arge sank, the plaintiff alleged, through the negligence e defendants' servants. A large portion of the sulphate monia was washed away and the remainder rendered s. The plaintiff, therefore, brought this action to er 2621., the value of the goods.

Maud, the defendant, denied that the accident was d through the negligence of his servants, and asserted the plaintiff ordered the casks of him, and authorised o employ a man, named Creed, to lighter the ammonia, e therefore denied that the lighterman was responsible he damage. In cross-examination he admitted that was insolvent; also that Creed made out the account ighterage to him, and that plaintiff's name did not

ar on the invoice.

e jury found a verdict for the plaintiff for the full

amount claimed, and for the defendants on the counterclaim.

SEQUEL TO A "HOP BITTERS" CASE.

AT the Bradford County Court on Tucsday Mr. J. R. Armistead, botanical chemist, Lowerhead Row, Leeds, sued Messrs. Humphries & Co., manufacturing chemists, Low Moor, for the sum of 81. 19s., being the amount he had paid to the Hop Bitters Company for selling an article, supplied by the defendants, which was alleged to be an infringement of the patent rights of the Hop Bitters Company.

The case for the plaintiff was that in November, 1886, he was induced to purchase from Messrs. Humphries & Co. a dozen bottles of hop bitters, on their guaranteeing that the article was not an infringement of the rights of the Hop Bitters Company. In consequence of having sold the defendants' bottles, however, the Hop Bitters Company commenced legal proceedings against him in October last, with the result that he tendered an apology and paid their claim for damages. The plaintiff therefore sought to recover the amount from the defendants, on whose behalf it was contended that they had not copied or infringed the trade-mark of the Hop Bitters Company, their bottles simply being labelled "Hop Tonic Bitters," with their own trade-mark, name, and address, while the style of the bottle was the same as that adopted by them before the date of the company's patent.

His Honour (Mr. Gates, Q.C.) said the plaintiff had failed to prove that he was compelled to pay damages to the Hop Bitters Company, and he doubted whether even the unwary could be taken in by the defendants' bott'es, and there was no evidence as to which was "first in the field." He did not think the plaintiff had shown that he was justified in paying the claim of the Hop Bitters Company, and therefore he could not recover the amount from the defendants. A verdict for the defendants, with costs, was then entered.

Poisoning Cases.—Poisoning with camphor is somewhat unusual. We hear by the last mail of a fatal case in Australia, the victim being a young barmaid at Williamstown. Mr. C. R. Blackett, Government analytical chemist, deposed at the inquest that he had made an examination of the contents of the stomach. He had found an odour of camphor, but not more than would arise from the taking of one or two grains. He could discover no other poison. Honman, who attended the deceased at the time of her death, deposed that he believed the cause of death was camphor poisoning, and the lady with whom deceased had been employed stated that she had seen her chewing camphor. Death was immediately due to congestion of the brain, produced by the camphor.—At an inquest held at South Hornsey last week by Dr. D. Thomas on the body of a licensed victualler's manager, who had died from the effects of an overdose of chlorodyne, the Coroner remarked that it was a patent medicine containing, amongst other things, morphia, prussic acid, Indian hemp, treacle, and peppermint. A medical man who gave evidence said it was a good allround medicine if used carefully, otherwise it was very dangerous. Deceased, who had regarded chlorodyne as a panacea for all human ills, had taken 240 drops, bringing on paralysis of the heart.—On Monday morning an engine-keeper at Pumperston Dilworks, Linlithgowshire, fell into a pond containing liquid ammonia, and the effect of the liquid was such that, although he was immediately taken out medical aid was of no avail. -Mr. Edward Fayrer, a retired medical practitioner, formerly in practice at Droitwich, died on Saturday at Portsmouth from the effects of an overdose of morphia taken to procure ship.—On Monday, Rebecca Marshall (19), servant to Mr. E. B. S. Perkins, L.S.A., Exeter, committed suicide by drinking a quantity of methylated liniment of aconite which she had taken from her master's surgery. Every effort was made by Mr. Perkins, assisted by Mr. Alfred Perkins, for the girl's recovery, but she died in a short time after the poison was taken.—On Saturday Dr. Danford Thomas held an inquiry relative to the death of Louisa Lloyd, who had for some time been weak and debilitated, and was despondent in consequence. Her daughter had bought some carbolic acid for inhaling purposes, and Mrs. Lloyd, having got possession of this bottle, swallowed its contents.

Trade Report.

Notice 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 22,

EXTREME quietness reigns in nearly all departments of the drug and chemical trades. The severe weather to some extent checked business at the beginning of the week, and little is now done in anticipation of the Easter holidays. The principal changes in the chemical market are a slight reduction in quinine, and a further fall in the value of quicksilver, and, consequently, of mercurials. Camphor is also receding. Opium and its derivatives very flat. At the drysaltery sales a slight advance occurred in shellac, and this has since been accentuated, but turmeric continues to decline. Spices flat and mostly lower, pepper excepted, which is firm or dearer. The drug sales passed off with great languor, and the alterations to be recorded are unimportant. Senna sold above valuations, and fine vanilla beans are somewhat dearer, but common varieties command less money. Cascarilla, Guinea grains, nux vomica, and balsam copaiba, are all in a very firm position. Saffron is also scarce and dear, and French layender and otto of rose are firmly held. Codliver oil has been very considerably brought down by bear speculators; insect-flowers, cardamoms, gamboge, ipecacuanha, and gum benjamin are more or less weaker. Musk is almost unchanged.

E. MERCK v. LEHN & FINK: THE DEFENDANTS VICTORIOUS—We have received a telegram from New York, dated March 21, announcing that the grand jury upon whom devolved the duty of considering whether the action of Mr. E. Merck, of Darmstadt, against Messrs. Lehn & Fink, of New York, should or should not be sent for trial have unanimously dismissed the case against the defendants. It will be remembered that the New York police magistrate decided that there was sufficient evidence to send the case—which was a criminal action for counterfeiting the plaintiff's labels—to the grand jury. The action has now been finally decided against Mr. E. Merck.

IMPORTATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS INTO JAPAN.—Important alterations are reported to have been made in the regulations affecting the importation of pharmaceutical articles into Japan. Hitherto all medicinal maceutical articles into Japan. drugs and preparations brought into that country have been subject to examination by the Japanese Government, and, if found to answer the tests, were stamped with an official seal as "fit for medical use." Japanese subjects were not allowed to sell any articles except those bearing that scal, and all others were therefore practically unsaleable. This regulation has now been abolished, and in future all preparations made according to the Japanese Pharmacopæia will receive the official seal, while upon all other pharmaceutical preparations it will be merely stated according to what official formula they have been prepared. This is intended to have the effect of creating upon native buyers the impression that only those preparations made according to the requirements of the Japanese Pharmacopæia are genuine. A copy of the Latin edition of this Pharmacopæia has been supplied to each importer of foreign drugs and chemicals.

THE SOUDAN TRADE.—The British Consul at Suakin strongly urges the Government to allow the resumption of commercial relations with the Soudan. The natives are said to be anxious to be again permitted to trade freely, and if the obstacles now raised on the British side were removed, our Consul anticipates that the products of equatorial Africa would soon again be brought to our markets. In 1883 about 57,000l. worth of gum were shipped from Suakin, in 1886 only 1,600l., and last year about 5,000l.

ACID (CITRIC) unchanged in price. A fair inq y for American account is reported. From 1s. $6\frac{1}{2}d$. to $6\frac{3}{4}d$.

ACID (OXALIC).—There is no improvement in the which remains at $3\frac{1}{2}d$. to $3\frac{3}{4}d$. per lb., but a slightly better business is reported at these rates. Sal Acetos quiet, $5\frac{1}{4}d$. per lb.

ACID (TARTARIC) very dull. English, 1s. $6\frac{1}{2}d$.; reign, 1s. 6d. to 1s. $6\frac{1}{8}d$. per lb.

ALOES.—At to-day's auctions 78 cases Cape alor offered, of which 48 were sold at unchanged prices—s. for good bright hard, 21s. 6d. to 20s. 6d. for slightly dros; and from 20s. down to 16s. for fair, partly drossy, to du The best lots were bought in at 25s. per cwt., nonally. Curação—108 packages, mostly bought in, good red lir, at at the nominal price of 100s.; some common coarse Cap aloes sold at 20s. per cwt. Several parcels of East Indian alc were offered, among them 35 boxes of new importation, whi sold at 6l. 2s. 6d. to 6l. 5s. for good well-flavoured red, and l. 5s. per cwt. for darker quality. Hard hepatic aloes itskins sold at 80s. per cwt.

ALUM.—A very good business has been done at 6/. ton for ground and 5/. 5s. for lump alum.

AMBERGRIS.—Several parcels were offered, but not g of fine quality. For one tin half dark, half pale and spious, from New Zealand, an offer of 40s. per oz. was refused

AMMONIA SALTS.—Carbonate does not improve, 4d. rlb., less a heavy discount, still remaining the quotation Sal ammoniae better at 34s. per cwt. for first and 32s. p ewt. for second quality. Sulphate has become easier all and now quotes as follows:—London, Beckton, 12 5s.; grey, 24 per cent., 12l. 3s. 9d.; Hull, spot, 11l. 17s. 6d. pt ton. The export demand, especially for France and Gerany, remains very quiet. At the current quotations buye are very scarce, and the prospects of a large spring deind, which was so confidently anticipated by some, appear be more remote than ever.

ANISE.—Star anise quiet. A parcel of good well-flav red, but broken, seed was bought in at 85s. per cwt. 1 48 cases spurious star anise (Japanese) 25s. per cwt. was uggested as the price, the lot being bought in at 30s. per with the work of 78 packages Chilian anise, a variety which is no so frequently met with on our market now as it was some arm ago.

ANNATTO remains without improvement. Rather ark new Ceylon sced is held at $2\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb, $2\frac{1}{4}d$. being re led, while for another lot an offer of $1\frac{3}{4}d$. per lb. was dec ed. Roll annatto neglected; good bright Pará bought 1s. 6d. to 1s. 8d. per lb.

ARSENIC.—Again dearer at 12s. to 12s. 6d. for powder on the spot.

BALSAMS.—Copaiba remains extremely firm. Two ots were shown to-day, but were taken out; we believe at 2s. 3d. per lb. is asked for good bright Maranham. unaltered at 4s. 6d. per lb., with very little demand. ree casks liquid Storax sold without reserve at 50s. per ewt

BROMIDE OF POTASSIUM. — Firm at 1s. 6d. to 1.7d. per lb. There seems no indication of any alteration in ce.

Buchu.—Round leaves can be bought very choly indeed; a parcel of good green leaves, slightly stalky old at 3d, to 4d. per lb., while for dull and stained less 2d. was accepted.

CALUMBA.—Large quantities, mostly of inferior qu ty, are still being offered, and meet with very little incry. Fair yellowish native picked root, sold at 21s. to 24s.; (inary darkish, slightly wormy, at 13s. to 15s. per cwt. or fairly good washed root, 35s. per cwt. is still required.

CAMPHOR.—There is very little doing either in cru or refined, and prices remain at our last quotations. It is id that 72s. 6d. per cwt. was accepted for Japan camphor and days ago.

CANTHARIDES.—Chinese flies remain neglected and cl. p. Of 9 barrels Russian cantharides shown at to-day's anc as

only of good quality sold at 5s. 6d. per lb. The rest was only in at 5s. 9d. to 6s. per lb.

C DAMONS.—At to day's auctions 230 packages were offer, the smaller part of which sold at a decided, if somewhat regular, decline, generally from 2d. to 3d. cheaper. Level cases Manyalore went very cheaply, fair smooth older pale, at 2s. to 2s. 1d. per lb. Ceylon Malabar realised: need n to bold good pale, 1s. 11d.; ditto, but smaller, 1s. 8d. o 1 d.; fair to good medium yellow, 1s. 6d. to 1s. 7d.; ma ditto, 1s. 4d.; brownish and partly specky, 1s. 3d.; ma lull and warty to specky, 11½d. to 9½d.; very small art nd mouldy, 6d. Mysore, fine pale smooth bleached, 2s. 2 d.; good pale long, 1s. 10d.; medium to bold ditto, s. 6; very small, 11d. to 1s. per lb. Wild Ceylon sold at to 1s. 5d.; dull and small, 10d. per lb. Seed, 1s. 3d. 15d. per lb. In the periods between October 1 and eb nry 23 the shipments of cardamoms from Ceylon have et —1887-8, 159,430 lbs.; 1886-7, 148,147 lbs.; 1885-6, 2, 0 lbs.; 1884-5, 63,903 lbs.. As regards British India, the corrections of the correction of the corre

		1886-7	1885-6	1884-5	1883-4
		lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
orts	••	295,446	299,324	264,750	198,007
orts	••	151,273	52,218	19,795	7,553

CCARILLA.—A small parcel of 15 bales realised very glrices, good silvery quilt to brownish and mouldy ditto on 3s. to 26s. per cwt.

CsIA FISTULA.—Pods were not offered to-day, but four so Java pulp, imported viâ Amsterdam, which have free y appeared in sale, were knocked down "without see" at 10s. per cwt.

CMOMILES remain firm, but with small transactions, 61.10s. per cwt. being the price for prime Belgian.

CCHONA.—The usual assortment of South American was offered for sale to-day, and a few lots here and were disposed of, Lima at a fresh decline; 2d. to $2\frac{1}{4}d$. oken slightly mossy quill. The limit of 2d. per lb. for mainder of the parcel seemed unobtainable. A parcel ctivated Bolivian Calisaya bark, thin flat and unsightly stated to contain 4.70 per cent. quinine sulphate and er cent. other alkaloids, was shown, but not sold. Some lots sold, fair but thin sound, 1s. 9d.; damaged, 1s. 2d. 3d.; ordinary broken quill, 1s. per lb. Maracaibo sold m $2\frac{1}{2}d$. to $7\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb.; and 5 cases Ledgeriana (Java) sed quills, at $7\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb. The following figures refer to ipments of cinchona from Ceylon between the periods of cr 1 and February 23:—1887–8, 3,711,397 lbs.; 1886–7, 872 lbs.; 1885–6, 5,882,029 lbs.; 1884–5, 3,881,262 lbs. ding to the latest mail advices the Colombo market very quiet, both buyers and sellers holding off. No sales had yet been held. In good barks some transis had taken place, but twigs were almost unsaleable. xports from British India (chiefly Madras) have been blows: — Season 1886-7, 1,286,900 lbs.; 1885-6, 40 lbs.; 1884-5, 745,730 lbs.; 1883-4, 306,419 lbs. The ts of cinchona from Java in the periods between July 1 nencement of the season) and January 31 have been as

			Private Pl.	Govt. Pl.	Total
1007.0			½ kilos.	½ kilos.	½ kilos.
1887-8 1886-7	••	••	1,808,880	467,511	2,276,391
1885-6	••	••	1,063,221	399,391	1,462,612
1884-5	••	••	567,516	297,082	864,598
1883-4	••	••	618,672	261,172	879,844
1000-4	*		393,082	359,027	752,109

ca Leaves.—Only a few parcels were offered at toauctions; one of these, of five cases, together about os., small and dark-coloured leaves, was bought in at 1s. b. nominally, from 1d. to 2½d. per lb. being offered. cases were imported per East Indian steamer, and a mark which would seem to indicate that they were ed from Java. Three cwts. good green but slightly y Truxillo leaves sold at 1s. 3d. per lb.

CAINE without alteration at the prices last quoted. For y's auctions 150 1-oz. bottles of *Boehringer's* hydroate were catalogued, but the lot was taken out.

COUNTH steady, but without alteration. Fair pale

Turkish apple, rather seedy, is held at 1s. 4d. to 1s. 6d. per lb.; several common sea-damaged lots sold at from 4d. to 9d. per lb., and some rubbish at 1d. per lb. A parcel of Spanish colocynth was bought in.

CONDURANGO.—Several parcels have lately arrived here, including one or two shipments from Hamburg, which may have been sent over by speculators there, possibly with a view of depressing our market, and so acquire the new arrivals at a low price. The latter were pretty firmly held, however, and all bought in at nominal prices, from 2s. 6d. to 3s. per lb. It is said that quite recently from 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d. per lb. was paid privately.

Cubebs.—Sixty-five bags arrived yesterday $vi\hat{a}$ Singapore. At the auctions 10 bags mostly genuine but very stalky small and dusty berries were bought in at 26l, per cwt. Two bags spurious berries imported $vi\hat{a}$ New York also bought in at 20l, per cwt.

CUMIN SHED.—For a parcel of 8 bags fair Malta seed 49s. would be taken, but only 48s. was offered.

DRAGONS BLOOD steady. Good bright but somewhat seedy lump sells at 7l. 7s. 6d. Socotra drop bought in at 80s.

ERGOT OF RYE.—Four bags good sound Russian sold at 1s. 5d. per lb., while about 20 packages Spanish ergot were bought in, no bids being made, at 2s. 3d. to 2s. 6d. per lb.

GALLS.—A rather heavy quantity of Turkish galls was offered for sale to-day, but only a few lots were sold at prices which do not indicate any alteration. Blue galls are held at from 55s. for small, to 62s. 6d. per cwt. for good quality; green at 52s. 6d. to 55s.; and white mixed at 45s. to 48s.

GAMBOGE is offering rather more liberally, 48 cases being shown at to-day's auctions. Of this quantity about one-third was sold, at somewhat lower rates; good blocked pipe, fairly good colour but slightly damp, at 11. 12s. 6d. to 11l. 17s. 6d.; damp and blocky, partly dark fracture, 9l. 15s.; darkish pickings at 9l. 5s. to 9l. 7s. 6d. per cwt.

GUINEA GRAINS.—For fifteen bags the high price of 27s. per cwt. was paid to-day.

GUM ARABIC.—Since the last auctions business has remained in a somewhat small compass, but holders remain generally firm. Turkey gums, sorts and selected, are held at abnormal prices, and the stock becomes smaller day by day. Of Australian gum 20 bags were sold at to-day's auctions, small, rather dusty loose drop, 71s. to 72s.; dull block, 52s. per cwt. Cape gum is in good demand for all varieties, and recent arrivals have found a steady sale, good glassy pale and amber drop at 7l.; pale dusty siftings at 6l. 7s. 6d. Senegal gum remains very firm at the recent quotations. About 30 casks Barbary Amrad, of recent import, have been sold privately at 85s. to 86s. per cwt.

GUM ASAFŒTIDA.—A recent arrival of 139 cases was offered by auction to-day, and about one-third part sold at steady rates: fair, part greyish block, 37s. 6d.; fair dry almondy, part grey, 29s.; good loose dry, but apparently partly mixed with stones, 45s.; good dry almondy pinky block, partly loose, at 40s. per cwt.

GUM BENJAMIN.—No less than 236 cases, mostly of recent import, were offered at to-day's sales, but in tace of this heavy supply buyers held off, and only a few odd lots sold at a slight decline; good Sunatra seconds, white almondy centres, but brown sides, 8l. 15s.; Penang, darkish thirds, 6l. 15s.; rather better, 7l. per cwt. Palembang, of which a good proportion consisted, realised 5l. 10s. for good orange seconds, and 5l. 12s. 6d. for 32 small tins of very good colour; fair, somewhat dark, seconds, 4l. 17s. 6d. per cwt. Siam neglected; loose almonds, dark, partly blocky and woody, bought in at 15l.; very woody ditto, at 10l. per cwt.

GUM GUAIACUM.—Seven boxes barky and drossy block sold at 7d. per 1b.

GUM KINO remains cheap, but holders do not seem disposed to accept further reductions. They refused 32s. 6d. per cwt. for fair Cochin grain.

GUM MASTIC.—Good pale tears, 2s. 9d.; yellow, 2s. 3d.

GUM MYRRH.—A fair quantity was sold at steady prices. Good clean bold siftings, 87s. 6d. to 90s.; small and dusty at 62s. 6d.; ordinary dark pickings at 28s. per cwt. The price for good pale picked Aden gum is 6l. 10s.; sorts, 92s. 6d.

GUM TRAGACANTH.—Last Friday 2,414 packages Syrian were offered for sale by auction, but only a few lots of ordinary quality sold: thirds at 6*l*.; siftings, 5*l*. 2*s*. 6*d*.; ordinary pickings, 10*s*. to 15*s*.; fair log gum, 50*s*; ditto siftings and pickings, 25*s*. to 10*s*. per cwt.

Honey.—Several parcels, including 10 kegs fine hard palish *Chilian* (not so good as the lot sold at the recent auctions), were offered, but only a few sold; 10 cases non-descript candied yellow "orange blossom" at 35s. (for the remaining 12 cases 34s. is to be submitted). Half-candied yellow *New Zealand* honey is held at 35s. per cwt. There has been another arrival of 124 barrels *Chilian* honey this week.

INSECT FLOWERS have again declined in Trieste, especially for closed flowers. The "c.i.f." quotations are now: open flowers, 198s.; half-closed, 202s.; and closed flowers, 207s. per cwt. At to-day's auctions two barrels powder were bought in.

IODINE unchanged at 9d. for crude, and 10d. per oz. for resublimed. *Potassium iodide* still remains at 11s. 3d.

IPECACUANHA.—Twenty-eight packages were offered at to-day's sales, and nearly all disposed of at irregular rates, selected root at 7s. 6d., being 1d. per lb. more than was paid last, but ordinary sound partly thin root at a decline of 3d. to 4d. per lb. compared with recent values. Fair annulated, partly rather thin, sold to-day at 6s. 5d. to 6s. 7d. per lb.; slightly mouldy at 6s. 4d. to 6s. 5d. per lb.

JALAP.—Of 25 bags good heavy Vera Cruz, ten were sold at $6\frac{1}{4}d$, per lb.

Kola Nuts.—A good selection was again offered to-day, and several packages sold cheaply; good fresh at 5d., wormy at $1\frac{1}{2}d$, to 2d. per 1b.

MATICO.—Of two bales just arrived, one sold at 9d. per lb. for dull, dark and broken leaves; the other, very good bold, slightly stalky, was bought in at 1s. per lb.

MERCURIALS.—The continued decline in quicksilver has caused a correspondingly easier feeling in mercurials. Five cases Chinese *Vermilion* (Wingkat brand) were bought in at 2s. 10d. per lb. nominally at to-day's auctions.

Morphia remains very quiet indeed at nominal prices. From $5s.\ 3d.$ to $5s.\ 4d.$ per oz. might buy, perhaps.

Musk.—A pretty good selection was offered to-day, but only a few lots sold at almost unchanged rates, with perhaps a slightly easier tendency. For Tonquin pods, first pile, medium to bold, partly broken, good appearance, blue skin and underskin, 95s. per oz. is asked, 92s. being refused; an offer of 92s. 6d. was also declined for another lot of almost similar quality. Four tins dry old-fashioned pods, partly small and skinny, sold at 85s.; third pile, damp and spurious, but of good appearance and thin blue skin, brought 50s. per oz.; Trimmings, 1s. per oz. Grain musk sold at all prices from 3s. 6d. to 36s. per oz.; dull Nepaul bought in at 42s. 6d. per oz., nominally. Cabardine musk in good supply; fine bold trimmed pods, thin skin, bought in at 45s., and juicy China at 20s. per oz., nominally.

NUX VOMICA remains dear. Thirty bags good pale silky Bombay were bought in at 18s. per cwt., nominally, an offer of 14s. 6d. per cwt. being refused.

OIL (CASTOR) remains steady here for the best qualities. Fine Italian sells at $4\frac{1}{4}d$, per lb., while first Calcutta may be had at 4d. per lb. At auction, $2\frac{5}{10}d$. per lb. was accepted for one lot fair Coconada oil. Second Calcutta, $2\frac{5}{5}d$. per lb. The Liverpool market has become easier, owing to an increase in the stock; good Calcutta seconds have been sold there at $2\frac{5}{16}d$. to $2\frac{5}{32}d$. per lb. From Calcutta we hear that, owing to the momentary scarcity of seed, oilpressing is being partly suspended, and prices have consequently advanced.

OIL (COCOANUT).—There is no better feeling for any description. Ceylon on the spot is held at 24l. 10s. to 24l. 15s. for good to fine, and from 23l. 15s. to 24l. forward. Cochin, spot, 27l. 10s. to 28l., although some very fine oil has been sold above that limit; forward delivery, 26l. 10s. Mauritius dull at 25l.

OIL (COD-LIVER).—Persistent attempts are made to bring down the market to a lower level than has ever before been

reached, and we understand that some good new chas been sold on the basis of 67s. per barrel, which is about the lowest price known. Bergen and Hamburg speculate are mainly responsible for this artificial depression, and tis certain that the oil manufacturers could not possibly lat a profit at such quotations. Most of the manufacturer lave accordingly practically withdrawn from the market at plent. although they would be prepared to accept 3s. 3d. per llon for new steam-refined Lofoden oil. Up to March 11 out 11 millions fish had been caught, against 10 millions the corresponding date of last year, and 16 millions in 386 The fishing is now almost at an end, and it is thought hat, with the low prices now ruling for medicinal oil, it wi pay the fishers better to turn their attention more to manufouring oils. At the auctions 20 casks old ice-refined Loden sold without reserve at 2s. 2d. per gallon.

OIL (OLIVE).—There has been a further reduction the price of Mogadore oil on our market, and this variety e not now be quoted above 32l. landed. Spanish oil is er ely nominal at 371, and Sicilian remains quoted at 341, 1351. The following are the latest reports from the proding countries:-In Italy the stock at Gallipoli, which has ow been reduced to 5,000 tuns, is being monopolised bone large operator. The stock of oil at Gioja, on the other ind, is increasing. Some business has been done for shipme to England, but Russia has not as yet entered the market the exports of oil from Sicily during the month of February ow a decrease, and towards the end of February a momenty improvement set in, which has, however, been almost ost again, the market closing quietly at 30% 15s. to 31% 10s. b.b. for yellow Messina oil. As regards the Ionian islan in Corfu the price has declined to 30% f.o.b., but it is di ult to buy a quantity at this figure. In Zante prices are te ing upwards. In Candia the price has also risen, and now e als about 331. 10s. c.i.f. U. K., so that further export busess from that quarter is unlikely. Quotations in Tunis re in above the level of our markets, cargoes being genelly quoted at 341. to 351. c.i.f. The quantity available for e ort turns out even smaller than was expected. The exits from Morocco to London continue on a small scale, and is quite uncertain whether they will increase. In Spain 1 es have further risen, quotations now equalling about 32., c. & f. steamer to Liverpool. Spain is, therefore, practilly out of the market as a source of supply for the U ed Kingdom.

OILS (ESSENTIAL) — Star anise very dull at 6s. 5d. to 6 d. per lb. on the spot. Of Camphor oil 7 cases brown Japa se sold at 2d. per oz. Cassia neglected, at 3s. 1d. per lb. o bo Cinnamon quiet, at 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d. for fair. Tre have lately been some rather important shipments m Ceylon to London, and the exports from the island we stand as follows:—October 1 to February 23, 18 8, 40,658 oz.; 1886-7, 40,165 oz.; 1885-6, 67,925 oz. In Citro la oil no improvement is noticeable in the market, and 15 der oz. remains the ruling quotation for native brands, but a 10 auctions to-day $\frac{2}{8}d$. per oz. was accepted for 6 cases, suitto approval. The exports from Ceylon are still increage. They were between October 1 and February 23, 18 8, 4,215,392 oz ; 1886-7, 3,246,856 oz. ; 1885-6, 3,388,06 z. In *Italian* oils we have no change to report. Fach Lavender, though still held at 7s. 3d. for bulk, is become very scarce, and expected to advance ere long. Otto of se is also very firmly held, although 20s. 6d. per oz. f.o.b. (1stantinople still remains the quotation for well-known bra 8. Five cases Patchouly oil offered to day were bought i ut 2s. 6d. per oz. Peppermint very quiet and tending lov; 10s. 6d. to 10s. 9d. per lb. for H.G.H. Japanese oil d menthol crystals are liberally offered, but meet with o attention. Ylang-ylang neglected. For 2 bottles very oil 4s. 6d. was refused, and the lot bought in at 6s. per or

OPIUM.—The Smyrna market, after experiencing consistable weakness at the beginning of the month, closed sowhat firmer on March 7, although there was not moved in the inclination to operate. One or two days later, howe about sixty cases changed hands, partly for speculation to \$8.11d\$. per lb. for Karahissar "with visite." The news factor of the growing-districts is very contradictory, but it is most factor a very favourable character, and one report even goes so as to say that if the excellent weather which has prevail

on the harvest promises to be one of the best one of d, especially in the Koniah and Karahissar districts, where is talk already of a crop of from 8,000 to 10,000 at 1s. It should be remembered that the last sowings as according to all accounts, been very extensive. The net is perfectly lifeless here, but a slightly improved the nd is expected for soft shipping varieties, which are no feld at 16s. for Malatia, and 17s. for Salonica. The can of this possible movement is that advices from Peru nince that the contemplated State monopoly of opium will ot be carried out.

(ANGE PEEL is still in very large supply, and the quotaio remain as before, from 1s. 2d. to 1s. 6d. for good thinulalta. The demand seems very restricted.

(ICKSILVER.—The importers have reduced their quotaio o 82., but second-hand holders would sell at 71. 15s. harticle is decidedly wanting in animation.

CILLAYA.—Not much doing, 15s. per cwt. being the

(ININE.—Prices have again receded since our last report, not 1s. 8\frac{1}{2}d. per oz. we understand that a very fair amount fusiness was done in German brands for May-June deligible. It is said in some quarters that the market has been usely depressed in order to bring down the price of bark to day's cinchona sales in Amsterdam. It may be doubted ther this is the case, but, if true, the manœuvre has prently been successful, as will be seen by our telegram to Amsterdam. The English and French makers have not that their official quotations. Falbrica Lombarda is on ally held at 1s. 10d. per oz.; so are Jobst's and Zimmer's is, but B. & S. and Brunswick quote 1s. 9d. per oz. for The "option" business appears for the moment to a come to a standstill. At the auctions 1 tin (200 oz.) reh quinine (Thomas) sold at 1s. 6d. per oz. subject to stination.

TUBARB.—The quantity catalogued for sale to-day consist of 141 cases, mostly of ordinary and medium quality. The was little demand, and prices cannot be said to show alteration, but too little was sold to positively test the to of the market. Shensi root, small round druggists', for ining, fine pink fracture, sold at 2s. 11d. per lb.; small allitto at 2s. 4d. per lb.; medium to bold flat root, of good parance, and fair red, partly dark fracture, 1s. 11d.; small be edium flat, fair orange coat, greyish fracture, 1s. 4d.; lold wormy, 6d. to $8\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb. High-dried root, flat, and wormy, sold at 7d. to 8d. per lb.

FFRON very firm, at 49s. per lb. for the best Valencia, a prospect of higher prices.

RSAPARILLA.—A pretty varied assortment was offered by, but the demand, except for Jamaica root, was of the litest. Forty-three bales good *Grey Jamaica* sold rather rly at steady rates; sound, 1s. 8d. to 1s. 10d.; damaged, s. d. to 1s. 9d. per lb. Good *Lima Jamaica*, in bundles, s. d. to 1s. 1d., but less to be accepted. Nine bales damaged "FD Crown" sold riout reserve at 8d. per lb. *Mexican* bought in at 5d. per lb. it bales twigs, offered as sarsaparilla and newly imported the West Indies, were bought in, no offer being obtain-

AMMONY.—Several lots were offered to.day, but none Good Skilleep is held at 10s. per lb. The Smyrna tet is very firm, with a small stock.

NEGA. There is not much inquiry just at present, and 1s. 10d. to 1s. 11d. per lb. is the price for good bright At the auctions several lots were bought in at 2s.

NNA.—Of 176 packages Tinnevelly offered to-day, a proportion sold at very firm prices, from $\frac{1}{2}d$. to $\frac{3}{4}d$. for common blackish, and 1d. to $1\frac{3}{4}d$. for ordinary dark and to 3d, to $4\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb. for fair small to medium yellow to hish leaves. Fine leaves were not offered; 63 packages tandrian senna all bought in.

HELLAC.—A small but decided advance has occurred in article, with a private business of fair extent. At the ions, although a pretty considerable quantity had been extisted, only 353 chests were actually offered, and second rige realised an advance of fully 1s. per cwt., fair but

livery selling at 46s. to 46s. 6d.; ditto but blocky, 45s. 6d. to 46s.; blocky, 42s. 6d.; ditto unworked, fair, 47s. 6d.; reddish and out of condition, 46s. to 46s. 6d. Dark button lac sold at 36s. 6d. Since the auctions 49s. 6d. per cwt. c.i.f. terms has been paid for second orange TN basis, forward delivery, and 39s. for garnet lac, A.C., same conditions. The market closes firm.

SPICES are generally dull with one or two exceptions. Cassia lignea, common coarse, 20s. to 20s. 6d. Cloves neglected, and fully $\frac{3}{4}d$. per lb. cheaper for Zanzibar; fair to good, $7\frac{1}{2}d$. to 8d. Chillies quiet; fair Zanzibar, 30s. Ginger dull; new cut Cochin, 1s. 6d. cheaper; small to bold, 32s. to 49s.; fair bold, 75s.; Bengal ginger also lower, at 12s. 6d. to 13s.; new Jamaica sold at 58s. to 59s. for ordinary washed, and 39s. to 42s, for ordinary to fair Rhatoon. Mace and Nutmegs steady. Black pepper steady, at $7\frac{5}{6}d$. for Singapore. White pepper very firm: fair Penang, $9\frac{3}{4}d$. per lb. Pimento dull; fair to good, $2\frac{1}{8}d$. to $2\frac{1}{4}d$. per lb.

SQUILLS.—A few lots rather dark root sold at $2\frac{3}{4}d$. per lb.

STRYCHNINE firm at 2s. 5d. to 2s. 6d.

STROPHANTHUS.—Half of 150 lbs. green seed from the Cape was sold at 6s. to 6s. 6d. per lb, the remainder being held at the former figure.

SULPHUR rather firmer; flowers up to 9s. 6d. per cwt.; roll, 6s. to 6s. 6d. per cwt. At to-day's auctions 50 bags Sicilian flowers sold at 6s. per cwt.

TEA.—China remains quict, with but little passing by private contract, and dealers complain of scarcity of orders from the country. Leaf-teas with but little either in appearance or liquor to recommend them are readily taken at $7\frac{1}{2}d$. to $7\frac{3}{4}d$., and any Souchongs with liquor fetch $8\frac{1}{3}d$. Very few really fine Pekoes are to be had, and scarcely anything has been sold in leaf-tea over 1s. 6d. to 1s. 7d. per lb. for weeks past, though very useful teas are to be bought from 1s. 2d. to 1s. 4d., and perhaps these grades show least advance of any leaf-teas. Ceylons are offering freely, and show good value compared with Assams, and as the supplies for a few weeks after Easter will be light, buyers will probably not be wrong in going into stock for teas under 1s. But little interest is taken in the tea market in the forthcoming Budget, as there is very slight prospect of a reduction in the duty on tea, and none of an increase.

TONQUIN BEANS.—Several cases fairly good, slightly frosty Pará beans were bought in, 1s. 9d. per lb. being suggested for these. Dull broken foxy beans sold at 1s. per lb.

TURMERIC again cheaper, and in excessive supply. Bengal sold at 9s. 6d. per cwt. At the auctions some 2,600 bags Madras and Bengal were nearly all bought in.

Vanilla.—Nearly 400 tins were offered to-day, and the greater part sold at an occasional slight advance for good beans, which were scarce. The large proportion of common sorts declined from 1s. to 1s. 6d. in value. Mauritius, good brown, $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. to $8\frac{1}{2}$ in., sold at 18s. 6d. to 21s.; good, $7\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 9 in. at 20s.; chocolate, 6 in. to $7\frac{1}{2}$ in at 10s. to 15s.; 4 in. to $5\frac{1}{2}$ in at 7s. 6d. to 9s. 6d. per lb. Long crystallised Java pods sold at 1s. 8d. to 2s. per lb.

WAX (BEES') steady, with sales of fine yellow Jamaica at 5l. 15s.; good orange, 5l. 12s. 6d.; orange and grey, 5l. 7s. 6d; fair grey, 5l. 5s.

THE AMSTERDAM CINCHONA AUCTIONS.

(Telegram from our Correspondent.)

AMSTERDAM, March 22.

The public sales of cinchona bark held here to-day comprised 1,438 packages, all Java bark, with the exception of 43 bales East Indian, 8 bales Ceylon, and 1 bale Bolivian bark. The Java bark was made up as follows:—Succirubra, quill, 201 cases; broken quill and chips, 89 bales; root, 39 bales. Calisaya Schukhraft, quill, 10 cases; broken quill and chips, 24 bales; ditto Ledgeriana, quill, 5 cases; broken quill and chips, 625 packages; root, 152 packages; ditto Officinalis, broken quill and chips, 57 bales. Hybrid, quill, 106 cases; broken quill and chips, 78 packages. The whole

quantity weighed 102 tons, of which 67 tons were manufacturers' and 35 tons druggists' bark. The former contained about 92,800 oz., or an average of 4 per cent. quinine sulphate. At the auctions 1,341 packages were sold at lower rates as compared with the last London sales, the unit value ranging from 12 to 13 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ kilo., equal to from $2\frac{1}{3}d$. Druggists' bark, broken quills, chips, and quills, weak to fine, realised from 16 to 135 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ kilo. (= 3d. to 2s. $0\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb.); druggists' root from 23 to 27 cents per $\frac{1}{2}$ kilo. (= 4d. to 5d. per lb.); manufacturers' bark, broken quills, quills, and chips, from 7 to 96 cents (= $1\frac{1}{4}d$. to 1s. $5\frac{1}{4}d$. per lb.); and ditto root, from 39 to 86 cents (= 7d. to 1s. $3\frac{1}{2}d$. per lb.).

CHEMICALS IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND.

THE general tone of the market is decidedly better, and orders are coming in more freely, as at last the opening of the spring seems in view; and as this means direct shipments to Canada, Russia, and the north of Europe, there are reasonable grounds for placing some hope in an improved demand and firmer prices.

Soda Ash has been firmly maintained at 1d, to $1\frac{1}{16}d$, per degree.

CAUSTIC SODA seems at last to have sounded the lowest depths of decline, and is now much firmer at 5*l*. 15*s*. per ton for 60 per cent., and at 6*l*. 15*s*. per ton for 70 per cent.

BLEACHING POWDER has been firmly held at 7l. 7s. 6d. to 7l. 10s. per ton for soft wood on rails, and at 7l. 15s. for hard f.o.b.

BORAX.—The Americans continue to buy Californian on this market, and have just paid 31l. per ton f.o.b. The interesting question to holders is, how much more the Yankees will pay; but a far more important point is the question, what effect will all this buying have upon the English makers? Each year for some time past the imports of borax from California have amounted to over 2,000 tons per annum, and as this has come to an end the gap has to be filled up, and the opinion is general that the process will cause an advance in prices. The market at present is very steady at 30l. per ton for crystal, and at 31l. per ton for powdered.

SULPHUR is another chemical which has gone through a singular variety of changes in its condition as a mineral. The burning of Sicilian brimstone for the manufacture of sulphuric acid has now become a "history little known" since pyrites have grown into such a colossal trade; but even this more recent substitute is threatened by the never-ending application of waste products. Near all alkali works may be seen huge masses of what is termed "waste," the amount of which is estimated at 100,000 tons per annum, and though sulphur has for years back been recovered from it, the extraction has never become of great importance, partly by reason of the cost, and partly on account of the presence, or fear of presence, of arsenic. A new process is before the public which if successful will bring another revolution into the trade and enable makers using the Leblanc process to hold their own and more. It is stated that this sulphur can be obtained perfectly pure, and if it turns out so, and can be sold at a low price, we shall again be able to beat the French refiners out of the Indian, and the Germans and Italians out of the Canadian, markets—two very important outlets. The present values are: Bost 3rd (Sicilian), 4l. 5s. per ton; roll sulphur, 6l. per ton; and flowers of sulphur, 9l. per ton.

ACIDS.—The principal of these, viz., tartaric, citric, oxalic, and boracic acid, are all drooping and suffering from a reaction which has not yet come to an end. Tartaric acid, after advancing to 1s. $6\frac{1}{2}d$. has declined, and can now be bought in quantity at 1s. 6d. to 1s. $6\frac{1}{4}d$. The supplies of this chemical from the Continent grow larger each year, and yet, curiously enough, some places—Naples, for instance—with constant native supplies of bitartrate of potash, after making it into acid for some little time, have ceased to do so. Citric acid also shows signs of weakness, and stands to-day at 1s. $6\frac{1}{2}d$. to 1s. $6\frac{3}{4}d$., a very low price. Here, again, French and Italian makers slip in and compete with the English manufacturers. Oxalic acid, after a short advance of 1d.

has receded to $3\frac{1}{2}d$, and is not very active at the Boracic acid, after a brisk inquiry in the earlier part of the year, has become quiet at 27s. 6d. per cwt., but the mand for this chemical is constant, not only for the man acture of borax and for pottery purposes, but also in new processes for the preservation of meat and fish, the latter better a special departure, and one which may become constant.

PRIVATE v. GOVERNMENT CINCHONA-GRO ING IN JAVA,

THE Java cinchona-planters consider themselves a lived by the action of the Dutch Indian Gas by the action of the Dutch Indian Government, which is vigorously extending its cinchona plations in different parts of the island and sending the tk for sale to Europe in competition with the private grows. A number of the latter, therefore, have now present an address to the Governor General of the Dutch Ires, in which they call attention to what they allege to beth infair Government competition, and request that the direct of the Government cinchona plantations may be instructed at to lay out any new gardens, or to renew planting whe trees are cut down. The memorialists point out that origin y the Government plantations were commenced solely for purpose of ascertaining whether cinchona cultivatic was practicable in the Dutch colonies, and of encouragi and assisting private planters in raising trees, while the commercial aspect of the Government undertaking was lived to the sale of a sufficient quantity of bark to defray the thing expenses of the gardens. It is further asserted to the private planters are heavily taxed, while many of the also work with borrowed capital, and are otherwise hamr id in their undertakings, and it is pointed out that the cultation of cinchona is still extending very largely, who the estimated consumption of quinine only increases by bout 10 per cent. per annum, and that, moreover, at the sent market prices of the bark, the Government gardens,) far from being a source of profit, are worked at an absolu loss. In 1885, for instance, the last year of which complete icial figures have been published, the Government bark, hich averaged 3.15 per cent. quinine sulphate, cost $37\frac{1}{2}$ ce per half-kilo., or $6\frac{3}{8}d$. per lb., to produce, so that it must have left a loss of about 2d, per lb. at the unit figures then rug in Europe. The case of the Java planters certainly appear obe a strong one, but it is doubtful whether the Governme will accede to their request, and difficult to see how they ould do so except by selling their cinchona gardens outright the highest bidder. It may here be mentioned that, althou the shipments of Government bark have risen from 432,71 alfkilos, in 1885, to 525,698 half-kilos, in 1886, and ar estimated at 700,000 half-kilos. for 1887, yet the exp(s of bark by private planters have increased in very much rger proportions, and are now four times as heavy as those the Government, whereas in 1884 they barely equalled the ttcr.

BARLEY WINE.

T a recent meeting of the Academy of Sciences, tris, M. Georges Jacquemin read an interesting no on barley wine, describing a process by which, throug the influence of a peculiar ferment, Saccharomyces ellipst ous, a tartarised wort of barley is made to yield a trucine of pleasant taste, and more nutritive than grape ne; it contains more respiratory aliments, an albuminoid ubstance, and a larger proportion of phosphates, whic are calculated to restore the nervous system and the bony tiles. It also differs from white grape wine by being copiousl recipitated by tannin, while a portion of the malt may l replaced by crushed wheat or barley that has not spreed. This wheat or barley wine is stated to be equal in q ity and cheaper than that of pure malt, and the vinous we in question is an alcoholio fermentation of a totally di 1ct character from the ordinary yeast of beer.



Memoranda for Correspondents.

ay nd your proper name and address: we do not publish them unless yo ish.

te me side of the paper only; write early; and devote a separate sheet
of verto each query if you ask more than one, or if you are writing
ab other matters at the same time.

oud us newspapers, please mark what you wish us to read.

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

reserves, &c., not noticed in this issue will, if possible, be attended to

The Pharmacy Acts Amendment Bill.

Branch Shops Clause.

II -I read with interest the letter by "Unregistered ar" you publish this week. I quite agree that it deevery hard lines for all competent practical men so not have to resign their mode of livelihood, and an all be chemists who have placed them on present footings, the should surely be able to judge capability, whether sup by registration or not. Vested interest is gency spected in legislation, and I would suggest that "all ars now so acting should be exempt," in the event of with this new clause becoming law. Some people yet them neither have the time, the means, nor the injunt to do so. I venture to say it will yet be many a gy before all physic is dispensed by qualified persons, I lil to see why a competent unqualified branch manager to be upset, while an unqualified junior, with his ement of the way, can still dispense all prescriptions one to hand. Some noble lords may yet opine that parmaceutical chemists should dispense prescriptions. Watt, then, all the chemists and druggists would be say about the matter?

QUALIFIED SUBSCRIBER. (21/61.)

T-Thirty years' experience of chemists' assistants me to endorse the gist of "Unregistered Manager's" r I trust THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST will give place n uggestions which may secure exemption for all bondatrustworthy managers. Taking a common-sense view n question of public security—truly the anomalies of s urisprudence are inscrutable—it is seriously proposed man who has served an apprenticeship to a duly itl chemist, and who may subsequently have been an t for fifteen or twenty years, is not legally competent d. worth of syrup of squills and paregoric. Yet a or oilman's boy of fourteen or fifteen years of age may, es, freely vend deadly solutions of aconite, opium, and, in fact, the whole category of potent poisons e let or hindrance; nay, more, if he even advises their ncoperly (and he does so occasionally), for the result, i atal, no responsibility accrues, for he is not within the the Pharmacy Act. As our legislators are so con-or the public safety, the Society has a grand opporwill they use it? Yours obediently,

SPES

bove statement of the law is inaccurate. Any unit person selling a scheduled poison is liable to a lof 5. (see page 148 of THE CHEMISTS' AND DRUGGISTS' 1888). Moreover, a grocer's boy or anyone else who be proved to be in any way responsible for the adtion of a poison causing a fatal result would be liable to the companies of the companies

SIR,—With reference to the above-mentioned Bill and your somewhat academical comments thereon, I beg to place before your notice a few facts from an unregistered manager's point of view. I have now been twenty-two years in the business, the last ten as manager. I have been married for upwards of fifteen years, and I can assure you, sir, that not only has my salary been exhausted, but my time has been fully taken up in trying to maintain my family in a respectable position, so it has been utterly impossible for me to qualify. Now, if the clause attached to the Bill is placed on the statute book I should like to ask you, sir, or any of your readers, what is to be our fate. I may state that I hold as good a certificate of proficiency as it is possible for any man to possess, and my present employer has such confidence in my ability that he intimated only the other day that, if circumstances compelled him to part with my services, he should certainly sell the branch which I am now managing. Notwithstanding facts like these, notwithstanding my long experience, during which I have dispensed some thousands of prescriptions and never made the slightest approach to a mistake, despite all this, my living is to be taken away, my family cast upon the world, and I, an honest, though humble, citizen, pauperised by State action. I wish to ask, sir, if you consider this to be honest, just, or reasonable. I also desire to ask if some middle course could not be adopted—say a proviso to be inserted in the Bill exempting all existing managers possessing bona-fide certificates of proficiency from last and present employers. I feel assured an addition of this description would meet the case. It would not affect the principle of the Bill, it would not rob the public of that protection so desired by all, as the present managers would exercise the same due care in the future as they have in the past—in fact, it would injure none, but benefit many. So, trusting that you, who have ofttimes championed in the trade the cause of the weak against the strong, will not fail to let us have the benefit of your advice upon this subject in your next I am, yours, &c.,

A VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCES. (23/44.)

SIR,—I hope "Unregistered Manager's" letter will initiate some steps to protect the interests of a considerable number of steady, trustworthy men threatened by the added clause to the Pharmacy Amendment Act. Unfortunately, managers are dotted over the country, and are at great disadvantage for anything like concerted action. There is nothing to be looked for from the Pharmaceutical Society, their sole aim being to get their pet scheme pushed through at any price; and it is clear unless our case be fairly represented in the House of Commons our legitimate claim to enfranchisement will be overlooked. I venture to suggest that exception be claimed for all existing managers who have served a bonafide apprenticeship, and who can produce satisfactory testimony as to their ability as managers or assistants for a period of ten or fourteen years. This would meet the admitted evil of branch shops being left in charge of apprentices and youthful assistants, and would also be in the interests of public security. Middle-aged men who have been constantly engaged in dispensing and superintending for fifteen or twenty years are surely more trustworthy and less liable to err than the inexperienced youths who, after six or twelve months' cram, barely guess a sufficient number of the useless and haphazard "Square" conundrums.

In the absence of a better scheme, if all managers entitled to exemption will supply name, age, and length of service, I will undertake to collate them, and place them in the hands of a member of the Government who will do his best in our interest.

I am, sir, yours truly,

127 Calvert Road, East Greenwich. ALPHA.

SIR,—I venture to assert fully 80 per cent. of the trade will endorse your remarks, also "Heder's" letter re Pharmacy Act Amendment Bill, in last week's issue. It must bring a glimmer of hope to many in the trade, despite the remarks of "Unregistered Manager." I would remind "Unregistered Manager" that "two wrongs do not make one right." We all howl and rave about the stores, but why not set our own house in order? And, pray, on whom (supposing the Bill passes) will the hardship fall? Look at the position of the Minor man now. After he has been duly apprenticed, and has gone through hard study, he has to practise many acts of

self-denial to obtain the much-coveted qualification, unless he belongs to the class of gilded youths—and they generally seek happier hunting-grounds. Having passed the examination, it certainly is rather annoying to be pitted against the unqualified man, and thereby compelled to accept a much reduced salary. Many unqualified men have never served an apprenticeship to the trade, and not a few are only, or, rather, were only, oilmen's assistants. To my mind, the great hardship falls on the chemist in a small way, who has these bogus branch shops for opponents.

In conclusion, I beg to appeal to all members of the trade, especially younger members, who have the "rough road" of pharmacy to travel, to do their utmost by writing to their respective M.P.'s asking their support of the Bill; and,

doubtless, right will be might in this case.

JUSTITIA. (24/58.)

The Pharmaceutical Society.

SIR,—I regret that a gentleman known to me only through the columns of your paper, and respected in consequence of that acquaintance, "Heder," to wit, should construct the letter to which I last week saw his name appended. When he referred to the grumbler I am afraid that I found the cap fit me, but with my natural modesty, I consider that I can show your correspondent that much of the grumbling indulged in is unfortunately only too justifiable.

I am not acquainted with any men who "think that when they have passed its (the Society's) examinations they should be furnished with a good business, a high social status, and an assured income." Personally, I have never expected that triple grant, although, perhaps, if it were forced on me I

should not turn and rend the donors.

When "Heder" states that "a diploma does not make a good business man," I agree with him, although lower down he is inconsequent when he infers that the Society has been instrumental in turning out good "professional men." Whether he is correct or not in inferring the latter it is not necessary for me to assert, but I would remind him that the Society's councillors do not agree with him. They are, and have been for some time, very zealous in putting forth that the chemist of to-day is but a very imperfectly educated individual, and the object of the curriculum is to remedy that defect. "Things which one would rather have put differently" are to be found in "Heder's" letter, some societyworshippers will consider.

Another point it seems necessary to remind "Heder" of, viz., that young men do not apply to the Society for "a diploma as a recognition of their scientific attainments." myself, and most other men, I think, have applied to the Society for a diploma, not so much in "recognition of scientific attainments" as to meet the legal requirements of the calling in which, fortunately or unfortunately, we find ourselves. If this is a depraved state of affairs, what a shocking amount of depravity is in the drug trade!

By "Heder's" own words I would show a cause of com-plaint against the Society. He applauds the "qualified assistants" clause of the Pharmacy Bill—a simple enforcement of the 1868 Acts' object, as you, sir, have pointed outand I would ask, is it not a cause of complaint that the House of Lords should be left to a chance "Correspondent from Lancashire" for information respecting the working of the Pharmacy Acts. It would be manifestly unfair to state that interested motives prevented the Council informing our legislators on this point, but in an "aside" it may be remarked that more than one councillor employs an unqualified manager for a branch.

The absolute ignorance which Lord Milltown displayed in replying to questions about the Bill does not reflect on the noble lord, but on the Pharmaceutical Council. Is this an "unfair grumble," Mr. "Heder"?

Is there any enthusiasm about the education question? know there is not. What chemists want is not a curriculum scheme, the beneficence of which is to shine on the next century, but a just protection of the qualification for which he has expended time and money. "A just protection" and "a monopoly," it seems necessary to add, are not interchangeable terms. If one may infer anything from the recent discussion in the House of Lords, one would conclude that a "protection" might be forced on the pharmacist which the Council has over and over again refused to ask for. It is very evident that the cmasculated condition of the Pharmacy Acts, in consequence of the liberties enged by corporate bodies, is actually unknown to the legislare. It takes a very abnormally-developed bump of vene ion to glorify a body which leaves so much undone which ought to have done, and does so much which it ought not do

What would the united barons have thought asking John to sign the Magna Charta, his majesty ad proposed instead to levy a tax upon them for the pose of instituting a research laboratory to attempt the sq ring of the circle? There is an analogy somewhere.

I shall not occupy your space by attempting to ju fy any other "grumbles," but will express a hope that "Her," in the exercise of his customary thoughtfulness, will acit that after all the "grumbler" may have a "cause why."

> Yours obediently, W. G. BLACKAM.

SIR,-"Heder" seems to look upon the Pharmeutical Society as quite a model one. The British public of the resent day look upon chemists as simply tradesmen, and no s professional gentlemen, which is proved by the way i which they patronise the stores and grocers for such a cles as tr. opii, paregoric, sweet nitre, &c. I have known em to take prescriptions to the grocer in preference to the emist. Within the last three months I have had custome bring their prescriptions and ask for each article separatel saying they could mix them themselves. What does Mr. Her say to the public thinking themselves as competent to spense their prescriptions as qualified experienced menlike laself?

No doubt it would be a great advantage if we col consider ourselves professional men (I for one would like it immensely). But those dreams will never be realid, and the sooner we condescend to look upon ourselves a imply tradesmen the better, even though we are qualified a ording

to the rules of the Pharmaceutical Society.

The clause referring to qualified assistants in the Primacy Bill, if it ever comes into force, will be a great inj ice to hundreds of competent men who manage branch bu lesses, &c., and will be the means of adding to the rank of the great unemployed. But considering that a man ma t present manage a business in his employer's name, bu mmediately on putting up his own he would be pounced on by the Pharmaceutical Society, it will only be one more ink to the chain which is gradually getting twisted roll the liberties of the people under the false name proteon. I hope those whom the clause will strictly affect will ot be slow in pointing out its injustice to their local M.P.'s.

out its injustice. I remain, yours truly, Justitia. (2, 4.) March 19.

SIR,—Your correspondent "lleder" is surprised the estimation in which the "Society" is held by the tele in general, and he also maintains that "the Pharma itical Society has very honestly discharged the important uties with which Parliament has entrusted it."

Now, sir, I believe that the low esteem in whithe Society is held is due to an opinion very generall ntertained by the druggists in England that the Coun have done their utmost to evade carrying out the most im tant part of the duty entrusted to them by Parliament.

If an unregistered tradesman (a grocer or an oilma deal in poisons, he can only be prosecuted by the Pharmac tical Society under the 15th clause of the 1868 Act; a if a druggist report such illegal sale, and furnish pro the Council will not prosecute. There are druggists in a parts of the kingdom to whom this is known.

"Heder" is also pleased at the additional clause i rted in the "Pharmacy Acts Amendment Bill"; but It k he has no cause for joy, as the penalties are to be recov d in the same way as in the 15th clause of the 1868 Act, weh is only another way of saying they will never be enfold if

the Council can help it. To make the penal portions of both Acts really ef tive, it should be in the power of a common informer to it tute a prosecution, and half the penalty inflicted should go the informer, except the latter be a policeman, in whit case the half penalty should go to the Policemen's Superant tion If 1ch a change could be made in the Bill in the House (amons, a real benefit would result; but unless it be so ald, I trust it will not pass.

Yours truly,

READER. (24/39.)

S To my mind the Pharmaceutical Society has only tly assistants and chemists. It has been too much an dating "instead of a "protecting" society. It would be pt ted richly and voluntarily, if the requests of members d sociates for better protection had been respectfully ted to, and more endeavour bad been made to assist. is ot the diploma or belonging to this alma mater or of r which the general public require to know—the most e fic, skilled, and well-read ehemist in Birmingbam that any diploma has his business in a side street st the poorest of the poor, giving every satisfaction a who know bim or do business with him. The qualified into clause recently passed in the House of Lords does far enough. No Bill will be complete which does not ext all unregistered persons trading as "chemists," or ir partners in limited companies or stores.

Yours respectfully, J. S. SPENCER.

Botanical Curiosities.

S—It may interest Mr. Hill and other botanists to that Phalaris canariensis has been growing on the h-heap in Queensferry Road, Edinburgh, for at least years. I have in my collection a specimen from that ay dated 1881. At that time the heap in question was ll nown to Edinburgh botanieal students as a habitat

m its isolated position there can be little doubt that it gated from some canary-seed which had got thrown out lome of the rubbisb. It is also, I believe, found on le heaps in the neighbourhood of Leith, although I have

gathered it there myself.
I spasmodic appearance of this exotic is interesting, as ppg another example of the difference in germinating w of seeds from the same species.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,

Sfield, March 21.

G. A. GRIERSON.

he Medical and Pharmaceutical Preliminary Examinations.

have received the following letter in reference to the inary examination of the Aberdeen University:—

University of Aberdeen,

March 15, 1888. IN SIR,—Your communication of the 4th ult. was laid e a recent meeting of the medical faculty, and I have to 1 you that it was agreed to accept, pro tanto, the Pre-rry examination of the Pharmaceutical Society in al knowledge. Yours faithfully,

MATTHEW HAY,

Sec. Med. Fac.

The Incorporated Society.

,—May I trespass again upon your space to reply to tter in your last issue from Mr. Jones, of Birmingham?
the personal part of the charge I need not again I have given a plain answer to a plain question, and atend that my conduct has been strictly legal and has prompted Mr. Jones to try to damage a society has been formed to assist the trade to defend its s, after the failure of the old Trade Association to which scribed for many years?

at gentleman does not deny that he has been actuated terested motives, and, moreover, admits that the associa-which came to grief had the inestimable advantage of ersonal control. I eannot help thinking, however, that ine taken up by your eorrespondent shows a spirit of hness and suspicion which is quite uncalled for.

ter reading Mr. Jones's letter some may think that the

"self-elected councillors," as he chooses to call them, of the Incorporated Society of Chemists and Druggists must derive some special benefits, pecuniary or otherwise, from that position. Such, however, is not the case. On the contrary, I and my colleagues have given many days of our time (which, even in London, is valuable) to organise this society and induce fellow-elemists to join. We have been ably assisted by our solicitor, a gentleman who was appointed on account of his knowledge of the law affecting our trade, and who bas acted throughout in the most disinterested manner.

In the opinion of many of us, we have lost—through the spirit of jealousy and want of co-operation above referred to -most of the advantages which it was intended we should enjoy in return for the restrictions imposed upon us by the legislature. Moreover, the hope that the Pharmaceutical Society would bave done something to assist struggling pharmacy has been disappointed. Nevertheless, we believe that our society will pick up some portion at least of the lost ground, despite the eold water that Birmingham is trying to throw upon an honest endeavour. To be in a worse condition would be well-nigh impossible; but by eombination we bope not only to defend the rights but to improve the position of the trade, and if we can only partially gain this end we shall consider ourselves well repaid for all the trouble incurred.

818 Holloway Road, March 20.

Yours truly, J. H. READ.

Vinum Ferri.

SIR,—Many years ago, more than I now care to remember, I examined the precipitate formed in the making of vinum ferri by the old way. I found it to consist wholly of basic pertartrate. The best way of preparing this neglected but still useful article is to set up two Winchesters with a bundle of iron wire in each, and wine to nearly fill them. Cork loosely, or they will be blown out by the liberated hydrogen. Use from the bottles alternately, filling up the empty one and placing it in the background to mature. The wire need not be renewed for years, nor the precipitate removed.

T. B. G. (23/35.)

Otto of Rose.

SIR,—The stearopten of the rose is a source of much loss of time to the pharmacist, who has to melt the otto every time that he uses ever so small a quantity; and, should it be mixed with a spirituous liquid, he bas, moreover, to filter the product. Would it not be worth the while of a first-class house to prepare by filtration and expression a liquid otto devoid of these inconveniences? To do this on a small scale would entail considerable loss, but with care this might be avoided in the large way, though the price would, of course, be augmented by some 30 per cent. perhaps.

T. B. G. (23/35.)

DISPENSING NOTES.

[The opinions of practical readers are invited on subjects dissussed under this heading.]

Hair Lotion.

SIR,—Which is the best way to make a presentable emulsion of the following :--

.. 3iss. Pulv. boracis .. 3j. Ol. olivæ ... Liq. ammoniæ (B.P.) 3j., 3ss. Eau de Cologne .. Aq. destill. ad ..

Can it be done best with ol. amygd, nucis, or sesame, or ol. olivæ? I have tried several ways repeatedly, but without success. Yours very truly, J. CLARKE.

[We cannot appreciate the difficulty which our correspondent speaks of, for we get an excellent emulsion by shaking together the borax, oil, and 2 oz. of water. Mix the ammonia with the eau de Cologne and the rest of the water, and add this by portions to the emulsion. Probably our correspondent's "olive oil" is the American variety, which is expressed. from cotton seed.]

An Explosive Mixture.

SIR,—Can you tell me the reason why the following mixture explodes, which it has done on two occasions after standing two or three days:—

[The ammonium bromide, in presence of free ammonia, undergoes decomposition, a bromide of nitrogen being formed. We cannot with exactitude detail the stages of this decomposition, but, as in our correspondent's case, have observed that explosion takes place, and when vegetable colouring-matter is present that is destroyed. This suggests that the gas which is the immediate cause of the explosion is not carbonic acid gas from the carbonate of ammonia, but an oxide of nitrogen.]

Apothecaries' or Avoirdupois?

22/19. Carlayo puts this question:—"If, in dispensing, we get, say, mag. sulph., \$\frac{3}{5}\$,, ordered, what weight should be used? Troy, or as in B.P. preparations?"

[The only thing that the sign \bar{z} means is the ounce of 480 grains. The avoirdupois ounce, $437\frac{1}{2}$ grains, is signified by oz. The Pharmacopæia does not recognise the apothecaries' ounce, but in the preface it is stated that "it will be optional with the physician in prescribing to use the symbols \bar{z} and \bar{z} , the former representing 20, and the latter 60, grains, if such should be found to conduce to accuracy or convenience." Although this establishes nothing as regards the ounce, nevertheless it does not interfere with the fact that the sign \bar{z} represents 480 grains.]

Potas. Citras and Quinine Salts.

SIR,—Be good enough to state how the following may be dispensed:—

 Pot. citrat.
 3iij.

 Liq. arsenic.
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 Ferri et quin. cit.
 5j.

 Λq. ad
 3yj.

We have dissolved salts separately and mixed the solutions; a dense precipitate is formed in a few hours, which sticks to the sides of the bottle.

Yours,
T. J. CLARKE.

[The precipitate in this case is partly due to the carbonate of potash in the arsenical solution, but mainly to the citrate of potash. The addition of a sufficiency of citric acid redissolves the precipitate. Liq. arsenici hydrochlor., flavoured as the alkaline preparation, should be used.]

Essential Oil in Mixture.

SIR,—Should the following be dispensed as an emulsion or not ?—

a. Cap. 3ss. ter die p. c.

11. (23/49.)

LEGAL QUERIES.

22/37. Observer.—A question like yours was answered to "Nemo" on March 10, page 333. Read also article on Trade Marks in last Diary, page 257.

22/66. Subscriber.—It is impossible to lay down a definite rule about apprentices' holidays. An apprentice is entitled to reasonable treatment, and the master is entitled to reasonable service. An apprentice to a chemist ought to know that the business is one which demands attention on bank holidays and the like, and he must be prepared to give his services at such times to a fair extent.

20/7. A. S.—Your corn-paint would undoubtedly be able to medicine-stamp duty if labelled and announced syon show. Most of the pills, too, seem to be liable, takin into consideration both labels and handbills; but to be claim you had better inquire of the Board of Inland Revers, as we have frequently advised.

22/43. Zero.—A will duly attested is valid even the witnesses are dead or not to be found. It is, hover, in some cases a convenience and sometimes a matter of the properties of the witnesses to a will.

23/27. Aspirant.—Your label is evidently based or hat of the other firm, and you have copied their statement alost verbatim. This is a moral infringement on their right and it may not be a legal one. If they have registered their bel at Stationers' Hall they have a copyright in the literary oposition of it. But, apart from that, if you put upon packets in style like them, the copying of the text wou go a long way in influencing a judge against you if they we to apply for an injunction.

21/13. Sift.—There have been no additions to the P one Schedule of the Pharmacy Act since 1882, when nux v lica and its preparations were added. Those poisons nam in the schedule are the only ones the sale of which is coned to registered chemists and druggists. For full details (the restrictions refer to The Chemists' And Druggists' D nv, 1888, or, if you have not got it (and it is not now obtain le), to the Calendar of the Pharmaceutical Society. Presc ing and supplying medicines after diagnosis is an infringem to the Apothecaries Act. The manufacture and so of medicinal tinctures is allowed to persons not licensed treal in spirits. The Pharmacy Act does not prevent unregited persons using coloured carboys and calling their shops by stores. You should really try to obtain a copy of the ast Chemists' And Druggists' Diary, as your legal knowled of the trade is evidently very crude; and we do not compare the consumer such very elementary questions.

22/49. Tart. puts this case:—A purchased certain pds of B, and paid by cheque drawn on a bank at 8 in four of B or his order, the cheque being crossed. The pds proved unsatisfactory, and A stopped payment of the elementary of the cheque and presented it at a bank W (where neither he nor the drawer had an account) and obtained payment in cash. Can the bank, as holders ow maintain an action against A, the drawer?

[There are several ways of crossing cheques, but we as me that A merely crossed his cheque with double lines o he words "& Co." It is a common practice amongst corry bankers to cash cheques for people they know, and the lot that the cheque is simply crossed makes no difference. he bankers at W are, therefore, innocent holders for value and can certainly recover the amount of the cheque again A. Perhaps, however, if A shows fight they will make B by, and then A can set up against B, whatever defence he about the goods.]

MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES.

A large number of correspondents ask us for formula not have already been published in this journal. It is to fair to more eareful readers that we should freguly repeat such information, and so long as the back number containing the formula, or replies required, are in just we must decline to do so. Back numbers of our uly issue can be obtained from the publisher at 4d. each.

Clay's Chian Turpentine Mixture.—The formula of this will be found in our issue of December 17, 1887, p. 8. (20/28. F. J. A.)

Soluble Essence of Lemon.—All that can be said a this will be found on p. 233 of the current volume. (212. Cale. Chlor.)

Fire-grenade Solution.—A formula is given on r. of our issue of July 30, 1887. (19/53. S. F. J.)

Ttaraline.—See reply to J. B., p. 270 of current volume. 19 Zingari.)

B) Bitters.—Formula last given October 22, 1887, p. 529. 18 . Aloes.)

Bing Powder.—See our issue of November 5 last, o. 5 (20/42. Menthol.)

Diarubber Cement.—See p. 113 of current volume. 24/. W. Q.)

N sery Hair Lotion.—See p. 94 of this volume. (23/3. W. D.)

Courless Tincture of Iodine.—A formula for this will be find on pp. 284 and 813 of last volume. (23/3. W. G. D.)

R pini's Styptic.—See formula in our issue of Dec. 24, 887). 823.

Books.

- 213. West Indies.—See Reviews in last week's issue. For nning and other matters in reference to leather, see Wat "Art of Leather Manufacture" (Crosby Lockwood,
- 26. P. A.-Worshoven's Technological Dictionary, Ing h-German and German-English; two parts in one Whaker & Co., 5s.).
- 146. Seidlitz.—For names of medical books suitable for her ts, see our issue of January 28, p. 142.
- 7/. (1). H. Cowan.—The oil which you send is not chauloil, which is solid at ordinary temperatures and has peliar odour. As far as we can judge from the characters f th sample it closely resembles ben oil (Moringa sp.).

(2 Lanoline Pomade:

Lanoline (anhydrous) 6 oz. Vaseline 1 oz.

Me Stir until nearly cold, adding then 6 drops of oil of ylang-ylang.

146. W. G. sends a sample of Foot-rot Paste, said to be vy efficacious. We find in it a solid fat (lard apparently), inse oil, resin, turpentine, and acetate of copper. Try the oll ing formula :-

> .. 4 oz. Acetate of copper, in fine powder ..

Me he lard, linseed oil, and resin together. Rub the verdigris in a nort with the turpentine, and mix with the fats. If too stiff, soften with qual rts of linseed oil and turpentine.

- 11. F. G. G. sends some crystals which have been lep ted from "a solution used for saturating petroleum lamp wick to render them less combustible. It not only answers his irpose, but makes the flame whiter and almost smokeess. The solution contained (he believes) borax, alum, rusan blue, and another substance." The crystals sent give to indication of what that substance may be. We find ntln a mere trace of borax, but sulphate of alumina and sulp te of soda in abundance. These, with a little adherent Prusan blue, are what the crystals are composed of.
- 208. Pots.—The liquid is apparently a solution of asp tin petroleum spirit, perfumed with nitro-benzol.
- 1 4. Rye Lane. Brass Paste. Oxalic acid, 2 oz.; soft soal bb.; sweet oil, bb.; turpentine, 1 oz.; rotten stone, boiling water, 16 oz. Dissolve the acid in the water, add ie rotten stone, and finally the other ingredients.
- 1. Menthol sends a large bottle containing a small quaity of a proprietary preparation of which he wishes us to take an analysis and give formula with quantities of mixture cools, adding the perfume towards the end.

each ingredient." We have no guarantee whatever that the substance sent is what it is said to be, and should not think of publishing any report of a particular proprietary preparation which was not based on the examination of an original sealed package: this we can purchase if we think it necessary. (2) French perfumes should be diluted with a mixture of rectified spt. (60 o.p.), 20 oz. and distilled water, 3 oz. Four parts of the perfume may be mixed with one part of this mixture without perceptibly altering the character of the perfume, but further dilution is not desirable.

- T. L.—See reply to "Menthol." Macassar Oil is said to be made with oil of ben (Moringa sp.), each pint of which coloured with alkanet is perfumed with oils of rose-mary and origanum (white), of each 5j.; oil of nutmeg, 15 drops; otto of rose, 15 drops; oil of neroli, 6 drops; essence of musk, 5 drops. The oil of the seeds of Schleichera trijuga is also known as Macassar oil.
- 13/2. Codeia.—Liq. Eucalypti Rostratæ should mix perfectly with distilled water, as it is a watery liquid extract of the gum made without the addition of spirit. Alcohol dissolves the "kino red," &c., contained in the gum, which is precipitated on the addition of water. This doubtless accounts for the results which you have obtained.
- 14/59. Aurantii.—Elixir Aurantii, U.S.P.—Pour 2½ fluid drachms of oil of orange on half an ounce of absorbent cotton, tease the cotton so as to distribute the oil, then pack it in a funnel and filter through it a sufficiency of a mixture of rectified spt. 22 oz. and water 48 oz., until 65 oz. of filtrate are obtained. In this dissolve 25 oz. of sugar.
- 13/67. Ung. Simplex.—The following is an excellent application for Dandruff:—Hydrarg. oxid. flav., gr. x.; hydrarg. ammoniat., gr. iv.; ung. camphoræ, 3ss.; ung. simplicis, 3iss.; ol. neroli,gtt. iij.; otto rosæ,gtt. ij. Fiat unguentum. To be used as a pomade. Please observe that your other queries are not asked in accordance with the rules of our Correspondence columns, which are strictly observed.
- 14/8. Medicus.—Some years ago Cod-liver Oil Dragees were introduced by Dr. Vivian, a French physician. These are probably what are meant by the granular form. Inquire of Roberts & Co. regarding them.
- 14/6. Zingib.—By "botanic stout" we presume that a dark-coloured herb-beer is meant. Numerous formulæ for essences for making this beverage have been published—in last volume, pp. 29 and 304, for example.
- 17/26. R. H. Cumine.—See page 333, under Miscellaneous Inquiries.
- 14/21. T. L. Augier.—The colour developed when tincture of perchloride of iron is mixed with tincture of nux vomica is due to the formation of igasurate of iron; tincture of digitalis contains tannin, therefore gives a blackish colour with ferric salts. The purple colour of mixtures of the perchloride of iron and carbolic acid is also due to combina-tion of the iron with the acid. Observe reply to "Ung. Simplex."
- 20/26. Raithby.—Black Paint for Niggers' Faces.—A mixture of burnt cork and lard is generally used. The following is a more elegant formula :-

 Best lamp-black
 1 drachm

 Cocoa butter
 3 drachms

 Olive oil
 3 ,

 Oil of neroli
 . . . 2 drops

Melt the oil and butter, add the lamp-black, and stir constantly as the

Red Colour for Sausages.—The red colour for sausages is obtained from cam wood.

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20/3. X. Y. Z.—The substance is naphthalin. It has a preservative action, no doubt.

Tinct. Podophylli Sol.—This is made by using aromatic spirit of ammonia instead of the rectified spirit of the Pharmacopæia. Another method is as follows:—

Mix the magnesia and powdered root, and make into a paste with the proof spirit. Pack in a percolator, and after twenty-four hours' maceration percolate with proof spirit until 1 pint of the tineture is obtained.

- 11/56. Tenex.—Bird·lime.—The factitious article is made by boiling linseed oil until it becomes viscous; then pour it into water and, if too thick, add a little Archangel tar. From the middle bark of the holly and young shoots of the elder it is made by boiling either of these in water for eight hours, or until soft and tender. Then it is placed under stones in a pit for a few weeks. During this time it becomes mucilaginous. Finally, it is pounded in a mortar until uniform, and preserved under water.
- 12/33. Dentist.—Platinum Amalgam.—This is an unusual tooth-stopping, as the amalgam is difficult to prepare. The best way to make it is to dissolve 30 grains of platinic chloride in as little water as possible, then pour into the solution 100 grains of sodium amalgam containing 1 per cent. of sodium. The platinum amalgam is formed on standing, and is to be carefully washed from the products of decomposition. To stop teeth with it, soften the amalgam in hot water, and, the cavity having been thoroughly cleaned out, press in the amalgam bit by bit with the stopping tool until the tooth is filled. It is not a satisfactory stopping; nor, indeed, is any amalgam. Gold-leaf is the best stopping.
- 18/73. Alocs.—(1) The material of which you send us an analysis appears to be very suitable for a cement or plaster, provided it is mixed with a proper proportion of lime. The value of the material can only, however, be determined by actual experiment. (2) A mixture of hard paraffin, 4 parts, and yellow wax, 1 part, coloured with alkanet, is a good modelling material.
- 19/10. Cortex.—See reply to "Spes" in last week's issue.
- 18/63. Swan.—The process of manufacturing Condensed Milk is briefly as follows:—When received at the factory the milk is first carefully strained, then heated by means of hot water to a temperature of 150° to 175° Fahr. and again strained. It is now gradually heated to the boiling point, sugar added in the proportion of $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. to each gallon of milk, then the whole carefully condensed to about a fourth of its bulk in a vacuum-pan. At this point the milk is run into receiving cans, kept cool by means of cold water, and stirred constantly until a temperature of 70° Fahr. is reached—then it is tinned.
- 21/35. Kingston.—Condy's Fluid is a solution of permanganate of soda.
- 19,47. Perplexed.—To clarify the Lime Juice try the following plan:—Soak $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of Russian isinglass in a pint of the juice, stirring frequently until the isinglass ceases to swell. Then transfer the isinglass to three or four gallons of the juice, mix well, and set aside to settle. The addition of a certain proportion of alcohol is necessary to preserve the juice clear, and a little salicylic or boric acid is also beneficial.

19/52. F. G.—To become an L.S.A. the ordinary dical curriculum of forty-five months' study must be gone thingh, and the subjects to be passed are essentially the same those of other examinations for a medical diploma. The Prelimary and Minor examination subjects are, as recently explined, accepted pro tanto in lieu of the corresponding subjects the medical Preliminary, but not the professional examination. For full particulars regarding medical study see our late Educational number (September 17, 1887).

Sussex sends a sample of Writing Ink made accorded the formula given in our issue of February 4, which is sted to be the formula of Duncan & Flockhart's ink. The ink rites a pale green colour. That is the principal objection ink, but "Sussex" will have noticed that on expositions, but "Sussex" will have noticed that on expositions ink 60 to 90 grains of indigo carmine; shake well or ink 60 to 90 grains of indigo carmine; shake well or ink ally for a day, and allow to settle. This is the plan ink already made, but in making it afresh omit the indig aste and half of the sulphuric acid.

Black Eyes.—A Nercastle Correspondent (20/25) i rms us that Dr. Jeaffreson, at a recent lecture there on the 'ye,' said the speedy treatment for a black eye was alw sat hand, namely, the application at the cold lamp-post.

- 20/49. March.—Cocaine for Tooth Extraction One grain of pure hydrochlorate of cocaine dissolved in 15 r ims of water is injected into the gum my means of a hypormic syringe a few minutes before the operation. See remain by Mr. Stocken on page 364 of our last issue.
- 22/41. F. C.—Spt. Æther. Hoffmann.—You will tice by referring to the Pharmacop coia that Hoffmann's at you is spt. æther. comp. The German Pharmacop coia, he ver, gives the simple solution of ether in spirit.
- 20/33. J. R. G.—Gum Asphalt is ordinary asphalt, 1 ked and purified by melting and straining.
- 21/18. F. D. (Budapest).—(1) Lavender Water.— lof lavender, 4 drachms; oil of bergamot, ½ drachm; of lemon, ½ drachm; musk, 2 grains; light carbonate of agnesia, 2 drachms; rose water, 2 oz.; rectified spirit, oz. Allow to stand for at least a fortnight, shaking occasio ly, and filter. (2) Lavande Royale Ambrée:—Oil of lavely, and filter. (2) Lavande Royale Ambrée:—Oil of lavely, oil of neroli, 10 drops; rectified spirit to 30 oz. Dige for two weeks and filter.
- 22/66. Subscriber.—You cannot make a Graph Ink ith ordinary writing ink; aniline colours must be used graph ink; aniline violet, 3j.; methylated spirit, 3vj.; water, 3j.; lavender, 2 drops. Mix and dissolve.
- 22/2. Capsicum.—Instructions for the manufactu of lozenges and jujubes are given in "The Art of Pharny" (C. & D. Diary, 1887), also in "Baily's Physician's Physician's Physician's Copecia" (Churchill, 3s. 6d.). See also the paper by Ir. Wyatt, of Liverpool, which we published a few weeks a

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

- 20/67. Formula for Brown's Mixture.
- 10/20. Formula for "Bay Leaf" (a preparation conta og cloves) as used by barbers after shaving.
- 176/8. A Kingston-upon-Hull correspondent would like the know what is used in the large London dairies for sepan ig the curd from butter-milk. His customer uses alum (with is unsatisfactory) and objects to mineral acids.

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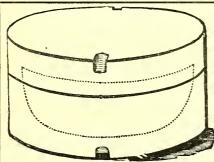
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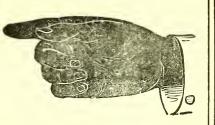
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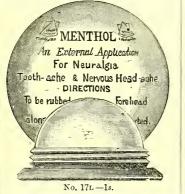
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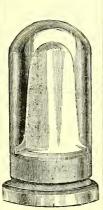


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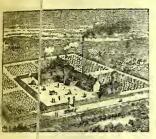
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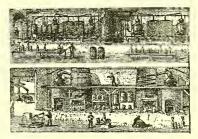
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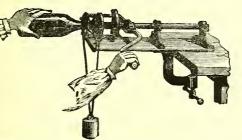
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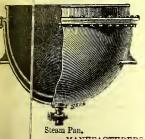
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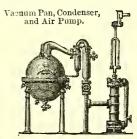
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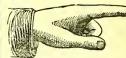
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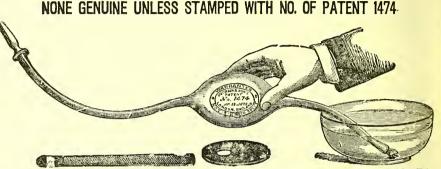
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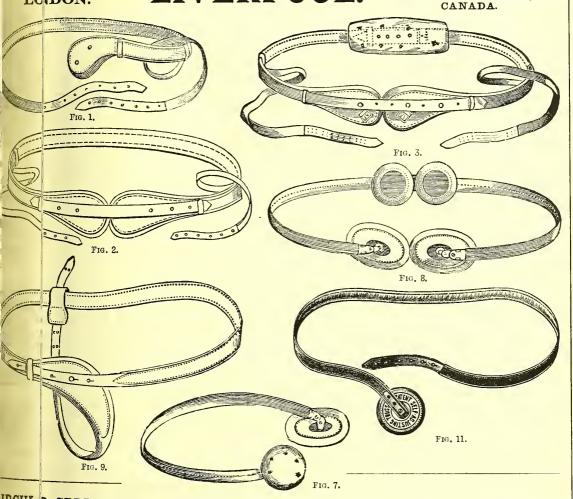


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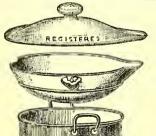
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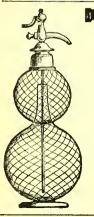
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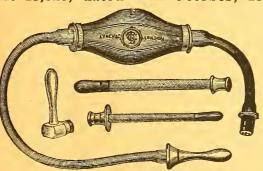
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