

*Aristol* is decomposed by exposure to light and moisture.

*Europhen* is affected in the same manner.

*Dialyzed iron* is affected by age; thickens, etc.; the solution not remaining potent after being kept for five or six months.

*Amyl nitrate* is a very volatile liquid, and its alcoholic solutions rapidly deteriorate.

*Myrtol* evaporates at ordinary temperatures.

*Iodine* slowly volatilizes at ordinary temperatures if exposed to light and air.

*Eugenol*, exposed to the air, becomes darker in color and resinous.

*Terebene*, if exposed to the air, absorbs oxygen and is changed.

*Cocain solutions* are unstable and soon decompose on exposure to light.

*Tannic acid*, exposed to moist air, gradually changes; and aqueous solutions, when exposed to air, mould, ferment and are converted into gallic acid.

*Permanganate of potassium*, in the presence of moisture, gives up the oxygen it contains and becomes binoxid of manganese.

*Essential oils*, if pure, are not affected by exposure, but those ordinarily obtained thicken and become resinous on exposure to air.

*Ethyl chlorid* is volatile at the ordinary temperature.

*Nitrate of silver* is somewhat affected by exposure to light and air.

*Glacial phosphoric acid*, if exposed to air, absorbs moisture and is changed in consistency.

*Sulphate of zinc* is slowly effervescent in dry air.

*Aqua ammonia*, if exposed to air, readily deteriorates.

Thus we realize the necessity of keeping medicaments in well-stoppered bottles and in a dark, dry and cool place to preserve them. If we are careless in this matter and allow our drugs to deteriorate, we cannot expect satisfactory results from their use.—

*Editorial, Ohio Dental Journal.*

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## Correspondence.

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### Shall We Be Called "Doctor"?

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To the Editor of the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL:

SIR,—I am in perfect harmony with the sentiments expressed in your editorial, "The Title of 'Doctor,'" and I have always regarded it as an infringement upon the purely medical title. I would go further and abolish it as applied to any branch of the healing art unless the possessor had obtained an M.D. But if it is wrong to apply it to a branch of medicine and surgery such as