

Answers to Correspondents.

Druggist.—**SALE OF SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.**—For the sake of other readers the enquiries of this correspondent are given in full: “1st. Can a druggist sell wine or liquors for medicinal purposes without a certificate or prescription from a doctor, when the druggist is perfectly satisfied that the liquor is intended for such purposes? 2nd. Can a druggist sell alcohol for use in the arts—as to photographers, jewellers, etc.—without an order from a medical man? 3rd. Is a druggist liable to fine if he sells alcohol, wine, or spirituous liquor of any kind, when such is mixed with drugs—as quinine, camphor, guaiac or aloes? In answer to those questions we may say that by the *Act to amend the Acts respecting Tavern and Shop Licenses*, passed during the early part of last year, druggists are exempted from any of the restrictions and penalties named, as it is specially stated that the licensing clause does not apply “to any chemist and druggist, duly registered as such, under and by virtue of the *Pharmacy Act of 1871*, who keeps or has such liquors for medicinal purposes only.” This covers the first and third questions. In regard to the second we cannot quote for you the exact law but we are under the impression that the sale of alcohol for use in the arts is legally permitted. In any case it has been an established custom for druggists to sell such without any restriction whatever. It is obvious that in such instances a physician would not be qualified to give a certificate as he could not be supposed to have any knowledge of the use of alcohol except as far it relates to medicine.

Blue Pill.—**PASTE FOR LABELS ON TIN.**—See page 306 of present number. This correspondent sends the following formulæ:

DECOLORIZED TINCTURE OF IODINE.

Tinct. Iodinii	1 ounce.
Acid. carbolic cryst.	4 drops.
Liq. ammon. fort.....	12 drops.

WHITE ROSE COLOGNE.

Tinct. orris (8 oz. to 1 pint. pure spirit)....	4 ounces.
Ol. Neroli.....	6 minims.
“ Patchouli	6 “
“ Rosæ	8 “
Ext. white rose	2 ounces.
“ Musk	$\frac{1}{2}$ ounce.
Pure Spirit	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pints.
Rose Water.....	8 ounces.

It would be better to make the tincture of orris of a strength of 4 oz. to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pints, using this instead of the pure spirit in the formula.—ED.