

MISCELLANEOUS.

DEFINITION FOR PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.

The Herbst Medical Bill has been introduced into the State Legislature of Pennsylvania. This bill provides that every person who desires to practise medicine in the State of Pennsylvania shall pass an examination before a State Board of Medical Examiners composed of eight physicians and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The new law will abolish the old plan of three separate examining boards. The bill also contains the following definition of the practice of medicine :

“That a person practices medicine within the meaning of this act who holds himself or herself out as being able to diagnose, treat, operate upon or prescribe for any human disease, pain, injury, deformity or physical condition, and who shall either offer or undertake, whether with or without drugs, medicines or instruments, and whether with or without fee therefor, by means or method to diagnose, treat, operate upon or prescribe for any human disease pain, injury, deformity or physical condition; provided however, that this act shall not apply to the practice of dentistry, the regulation of which is now provided for by law.”

CATAPLASM OF KAOLIN.

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Probably no preparation of the Pharmacopœia has received as much attention from pharmacists as the cataplasm of kaolin. As yet there seems to be no one who has been able to so manipulate the official formula for it as to produce a satisfactory product. I have before me extracts from papers on it, written by six different men eminent in pharmacy, and no two of them agree on a plan of procedure and only one is of the opinion that the Pharmacopœia is right.—Abstracted from the *Druggists' Circular*.

It is a matter of small moment whether or not pharmacists can make this preparation, as it is at best but a poor imitation of antiphlogistine, for which it is recommended as a substitute. Up to date no one has successfully imitated a \$20 gold piece, and the same may be said of antiphlogistine. As long as the Denver Chemical Mfg. Company maintains the high standard it has set for its product there will be little necessity for the druggist to worry over methods of manufacturing cataplasm of kaolin.—Ed. *Druggists' Circular*.