

SCHIEDAM SCHNAPPS.—This liquid has been largely recommended in a medicinal way, as a suitable Aromatic, Cordial, Diuretic and Stimulant; combining a collection of properties that are often found conjointly indicated in the treatment of various diseases, dependant upon or connected with a faltering stamina or reduced state of the system. And as long as it is confined to this, which is the legitimate use of all ardent spirits, its employment is justifiable, but to extend it further and render it a table drink, as it might be in countries where Maine Liquor Law is dominant, is to bring it into general condemnation and make it contrast unfavorably before men with other potations just as able "to steal away their brains" or bring down their strong frames to an early grave.

BLANCARD'S PILLS OF THE IODIDE OF IRON, &c.—Iodide of Iron is a preparation of great efficiency, in all cases where conditions demanding the exhibition of Iodine are present, conjoined with an anæmic state of the system. The great objection to the pharmaceutical preparations, is the tendency which they have to alter upon the slightest exposure to the air, even at ordinary temperatures. The iron attracts oxygen, and passes into the state of sesquioxide, while the iodine becomes free. The Pills of M. Blancard are, however, free from this objection. The Academy of Médecine of Paris appointed a commission, consisting of M. M. Gibert, Guibourt and Lecanu, to examine the mode of preparation of these pills; and they have reported, among other things, that, "we consider the process of M. Blancard as perfectly fulfilling its intended object, namely, the preservation of the proto-ioduret of iron in the pills, by means of particular manipulation." The same gentleman (M. Blancard) has also prepared an unalterable Syrup of the Iodide of Iron, which will be found the most convenient and agreeable form to administer the remedy to children and young persons.

Messrs. Johnston Beers & Co., of the Medical Hall, Great St. James Street, have sent us specimens of the above, with some beautiful crystals of iron alum of their own manufacture. This chemical, as we stated to our readers some time ago, is a new and favorite preparation of Iron which has recently been introduced to the notice of the profession by the Physicians of St. Mary's Hospital, London. It is a very soluble salt of a pale violet colour. It forms a solution of a reddish colour. It is isomorphous with common alum, its crystals being of the octohedral form, and its composition being represented by the formula $\text{Fe}^2, \text{O}^2, 3\text{SO}, \times \text{NH}^1\text{O}, \text{SO}^2, \times 24 \text{HO}$. As in the double sulphate of alumina and potash, the potash may be replaced by some other base, so in this salt, soda or potassa may be substituted for the oxide of ammon-