

Physicians prescribing poisonous substances should add such directions as will indicate the use for which they are intended, and, if necessary to protect patients, should authorize the use of such labels as they may deem necessary. When unusual doses are prescribed, pains should be taken to indicate to the pharmacist that the quantity prescribed is understood.

Sixth.—In case of a suspected error or substitution by pharmacists in the compounding of prescriptions physicians should always satisfy themselves by conferring with the pharmacist as to the true state of affairs, and in no case should the pharmacist be condemned by the physician either to the patient and family or in the press, without previous careful investigation.

Whenever there is a doubt in the mind of the pharmacist as to the correctness of the physician's prescription or directions, he should invariably confer with the physician, in order to avoid possible mistakes or unpleasantness and should not attempt to make any changes without such conference.

Seventh.—Pharmacists should never discuss physicians' prescriptions with customers, nor disclose the composition thereof to them.—*Can. Phar. Jour.*

TO PROMOTE LARGE FAMILIES

An eccentric millionaire, whose amiable fad would have met with the cordial approval of Frederick the Great, has recently died and bequeathed to the municipality of Rouen an annual sum of 100,000 francs, for the purpose of providing a dowry to a couple of giants, male and female, who are willnig to marry in order to aid in the physical regeneration of the human race. The candidates will be required to undergo a medical examination before being adjudicated the prize. Unfortunately, France requires large families in point of numbers rather than in physical size; but from established statistics we doubt whether either end will be gained by the project of this deceased would-be benefactor. Giant growth is what may be described in Yankee terms as "freak growth." Most giants have been the off-spring of moderate sized parents, whilst children that have been borne of giants, that is to say, both parents being giants have generally been puny. We do not know what success Frederick the Great had when he endeavored to breed giant grenadiers, but we believe it did not realise his expectations:—*Med. Times & Hosp. Gaz.*

EXTERMINATION OF RATS

Dr. Collingridge, the Medical Officer of Health for the Port of London, in his half-yearly report states that he has arranged for a supply of a culture from Dr. Danysz, of the Pasteur Institute, Paris, which is pathogenic to rats, but harmless for man. The organism was isolated from the bodies of field mice suffering from an infectious disease, and carried a fatal epidemic among two hundred rats experimentally inoculated with