

The syrup of licorice root, when carefully prepared, is more effectual and more convenient for masking the bitterness of quinia than is the very popular "compound elixir of taraxacum," and being free from the stimulating influence of alcohol, which is present in the elixir, is well adapted for children. The proper proportions will be one grain of quinia (any salt of it) to the fluidrachm, and if those for whom quinia is ordered will take the precaution to chew a small quantity of licorice root, previous to taking the quinia mixed with the syrup of licorice, in the proportions here recommended, scarcely any bitterness will be observed. As a matter of course, acids mixed with quinia and licorice syrup, will immediately develop the bitter taste.

It has of late become fashionable to use glycerine as an antiseptic and solvent in elixirs, as well as other compounds of pharmacy, but our aversion to the general use of glycerine for internal administration, for various reasons, has prevented its introduction in our formulas.

The results of our investigations of liquid pepsin preparations will not warrant the introduction of more than the one formula, which is really a wine of pepsin, and has been found useful in many cases.

SYRUP OF WILD CHERRY BARK.*

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It being desirable to produce from the wild-cherry bark a pleasant and reliable preparation at a reasonable price, and feeling that it would be appreciated by many of the readers of your valuable and instructive journal, I propose to give you what has, in my judgment, proved a very good formulæ for making a syrup which costs less than many of the preparations in the market, and has given good and satisfactory results not only as a tonic, but also as a sedative. I have experimented considerably in the use of glycerine, not only as a preservative, but also as a solvent of the active principles of the wild-cherry bark, and am thoroughly convinced of its efficiency. I find that, with a little care, a syrup even superior to many of the fluid extracts, and much superior to the syrups in the market, can be produced by using the following formula:—

Wild-cherry bark, moderately fine	10 troy oz.
Glycerine	4 fluid ozs.
Crushed Sugar	56 troy ozs.
Cold water, 60° F., sufficient.	

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