

Thank goodness! he is now in the pickle business.

Many clerks have the habit of rolling the finished capsules between the palms of the hands, or the folds of a towel to cleanse them from adherent particles of the mass. This practice is a delusion, as it simply besmears the particles all the more over the surface. There is only one way to make a presentable capsule which will preserve its good qualities:

First, make a good firm mass with a suitable excipient. A mass too soft soon causes the capsule to become wrinkled, to lose its elasticity and shape, and sometimes to become mouldy. A poor excipient, or a too soft mass, also frequently has a deleterious action on the drugs contained in the mass.

Second, the mass should be evenly divided, as directed, for accuracy of dose, even if you don't care for looks.

Third, a suitably sized capsule should be used. A "wee bit" of a mass enclosed in a large capsule often brings ridicule upon the medicine and all persons connected with it, while a capsule so small that some of the mass exudes from between its parts, is not only a bad-looking product to hand to a customer (no evidence of skill), but is liable to come apart when the attempt to swallow it is made, and to bring down upon your head the anathemas of a disgusted patient.

Fourth, the outside of the capsule should be kept perfectly clean and free

from any adherent portions of the mass. To do this, the fingers, especially their tips, must be *clean and dry*, and some good drying or dusting powder, such as lycopodium, starch, boracic acid, etc., be used in case such be needed, if the mass be too soft.

Often when my spirit was grieved and my patience and patients sore taxed by miserably prepared capsules, I have wondered why it was that Lilly, P. D. & Co., Hall & Ruckel, Platten, and other capsule manufacturers did not enclose in every box of capsules a slip which should read thus:

Notice.--The object in dispensing drugs in capsules is to afford a compact and palatable form of administering nauseous medicine. To aid the physician in his efforts, and as proof of your own skill, see to it that you secure a good "mass," accurately divided, and enclosed in capsules of a suitable size, not too large nor too small. Be sure that the outside of the capsule is free from portions of the mass, drying powder or excipient.

If any of the manufacturers have not the nerve to sign the above notice with their names, they are at liberty to use mine.--*Indiana Pharmacist.*

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