

purely technical kind, and not detrimental to the efficiency of the article as a drug, I would respectfully recommend that no prosecutions be instituted upon the present report.

A word of warning to the drug trade may be permitted. So long as the British Pharmacopœia is our legal standard of reference, its requirements should be followed to the letter. It goes without saying that tampering with drugs is a thing that cannot be tolerated. While some of these, as in the present instance, are not so potent as to make slight variation in composition a matter of great moment, the rule is that danger to health, or even to life, is incurred by failure to maintain exact observance in their preparation. It is due to the physician, as well as to the patient, that the articles he prescribes should absolutely correspond to pharmacopœial requirements.

I would further recommend the publication of this report as Bulletin No 210.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

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(1) The Linimentum Chloroformi U.S.P., is prepared from soap liniment and chloroform in the ratio 7 : 3. Soap Liniment U.S.P., has the following composition :—

	grammes.
Soap (dried and granulated).....	60
Camphor.....	45
Oil of Rosemary.....	10 cc.
Alcohol.....	725 cc.
Water.....	Q.S.

To make 1000 cc.

This would give 4·2 per cent residue (soap) and 30 p.c. chloroform to the Linimentum Chloroformi of U.S.P., with 3·15 p.c. camphor, instead of 10 per cent as in B.P.