

Rub up the fld. ext. with the carb. magnesia and then add ʒij. of the powd. sugar in small portions. When thoroughly mixed add gradually first the orange flower water and then fʒvij. water, constantly triturating the mixture until the sugar is dissolved. Filter and add q. s. water through the filter to measure fʒxj., in which dissolve the balance of the sugar without heat. Add the oil almonds cut in a little alcohol, and again filter, adding, if necessary, q. s. water through the filter to measure 1 pt. The dose of this syrup is fʒj—iv. and it may be given in even larger doses if desired. It may also be made by using the officinal oleoresin in the proper proportion in place of the fluid extract.

Practical Formulæ.

Pharaoh's Serpents' Eggs may be made in the following way: Take mercury and dissolve it in moderately dilute nitric acid, by means of heat, taking care, however, that there always be an excess of metallic mercury remaining; decant the solution, and pour it into a solution of sulphocyanide of ammonium or potassium; equal weights of both will answer. A precipitate will fall to the bottom of the jar, which is to be collected on a filter and washed two or three times with water, after which it is put into a warm place to dry. Take for every pound of this material one ounce of gum tragacanth which has been soaked in hot water. When the gum is completely softened, it is to be transferred to a mortar, and the pulverized and dried precipitate gradually mixed with it by means of a little water, so as to present a somewhat dry pill mass, from this pellets of the desired size are formed by hand, put on a piece of glass and dried again; they are then ready for use. A substitute, said to be as good as the above, and superior in not being poisonous, is prepared in the following way:

Take Bichromate of potassa.....	2 parts.
Nitrate of potassa.....	1 part.
White sugar.....	3 parts.

Pulverize each of the ingredients separately, and then mix them thoroughly. Make small paper cones of the desired size, and press the mixture into them. They are now ready for use, but must be kept from light and moisture.—*Drug. Circular.*

Varnish to Imitate Ground Glass.—To make a varnish to imitate ground glass, dissolve 90 grains of sandarac and 20 grains of mastic in two ounces of washed methyated ether, and add, in