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EFFERVESCING SOLUTION OF TARTRATE OF SODIUM.\*

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This preparation is offered as an improvement on the popular solution of citrate of magnesium. The formula for its manufacture was devised by Mr. Joseph Landschutz, a veteran pharmacist of this city, who has been for some time dispensing it, and who states that his customers express a decided preference for it.

The U. S. Dispensary says of tartrate of sodium, that it is recommended by M. Delieux as an agreeable purgative, almost without taste, and equal to sulphate of magnesium in its medicinal effects. The merits claimed for the solution of tartrate of sodium are, that it is more pleasant to the taste than even citrate of magnesium, while it is more reliable and efficient in its action as a purgative, with less tendency to produce tenesmus. Another decided advantage is the fact of its forming a permanent solution, from which no precipitate settles down, and last, though not least, its much greater cheapness, costing only about one-fourth as much

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