

## Market Report.

Business during the past month has been notable for the advance in price of nearly all chemicals, especially the heavy ones. This increase is largely due to the increased price of coal and in a lesser degree to the price of labor, which is increasing at all manufacturing centres. Business is fair and payments fairly good.

Tartaric and Citric Acid are both dearer. Tartaric is likely to go still higher owing to an advance in raw material.

Camphor scarce and high. It is reported that the manufacture of smokeless powder has been abandoned.

Cream Tartar is improving in value.

Glycerine is higher and still higher prices looked for.

Oil Bergamot is higher.

Morphia and Opium are gradually increasing in price.

Quinine, no change to note.

Rad Jalap is much higher and very scarce.

Soda Bicarb has advanced in price.

Spermaceti is much higher.

Nitrate Silver has advanced in sympathy with the metal.

HIGHER. Acetic, Citric and Tartaric Acids, Camphor, Cream Tartar, Glycerine, Oils: Bergamot, Copaiba and Pimento, Potass Chlorate, Orris Root, Jalapan I Cicutaria, Soda Bicarb and Caustic, Spermaceti.

LOWER. Antim Niger, Cloves, Cascarilla Bark, Cod Liver Oil, Castor Oil, Balsam Copaiba.

## English Drug Markets.

Under date of May 8th the *Chemist and Druggist* says: There is not much news to report in the drug and chemical markets this week with the exception of a few articles in which there has been some stir, especially in iodine and camphor. In the department of chemicals cream of tartar is slightly better in price; chrysarobin is also reported dearer. Santonin has slightly recovered, and strychnine is scarcely obtainable on the spot, and higher in price. Sulphate of copper for prompt delivery is also dearer. Quinine flat and unchanged. The price of iodine has been fixed again by the convention at the old figure. Oxalic and tartaric acids are a shade easier, and the quotations for antimonial preparations have been reduced. The decline in the value of camphor has continued, and for the moment refined camphor is difficult to quote. In drugs we hope to report a slight increase in the price of American peppermint oil; castor oil and Dutch linseed are also somewhat dearer, and the better classes of acacia gum are in good demand. Jalap remains firm, and the price of cinchona is well maintained. Spermaceti, calabar beans, and fennel seed are quoted lower. In heavy chemicals and dry series the following are the principal alterations: Tumeric, Sticklac, and Irish moss are higher in price, and shellac is very firm. Benzol, bleaching powder, and sulphate of soda are also firmer and slightly dearer, but bicarbonate of soda is easier. New tamarinds are also lower and the same applies to ordinary olive oil.

To Mask the Odor of creosote pills, a writer in *Deutsch-Medizin. Zeitung* recommends the dispensing of the pills with finely powdered roasted coffee, used as a dusting powder.

## Methylated Spirits.

One of the provisions in the new bill passed at the present session of Parliament prevents any person from deodorizing or clarifying methylated spirits. Formerly the manufacture of such spirits was allowed under excise regulations, but it was suspected that the law as to the duties was evaded by the manufacturers. As a consequence it was determined to take the right to make such spirits from the public. Now the Government makes all the methylated spirits and sells what is required. But still fraud is suspected. It is believed that the spirits when purchased from the Government are clarified, and are used in place of other spirits which are more costly. To meet this suspicion it is to be provided that any person who deodorizes or clarifies methylated spirits shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be liable to a penalty of from five hundred to a thousand dollars. It is further to be enacted that any person who uses spirits containing methyl alcohol in any pharmaceutical preparation or medicine for internal use shall be liable to a penalty of five hundred dollars.

## New German Pharmacy Regulations.

A law which came into effect on the 1st of May provides new regulations in connection with the sale of drugs, &c. It decrees that the right to sell the following drugs and preparations shall be strictly monopolized by the "concessionierte Apotheker": Decoctions and infusions, caustic pencils, extracts or tinctures; mixtures either of salts or powdered substances, or both together, or of liquids, solutions, mixed balsams, honey preparations, or syrups; capsules of gelatin or starch, confections, liniments, tablets, pills, and granules; plasters, ointments, and suppositories.

Retail druggists may handle and sell the following: Tinctures of arnica, benzoin, myrrh, and valerian; extract of pine, meat, coffee, tea, juniper, acorn-coffee, and malt (pure and with iron, cod liver oil, or lime); raspberry vinegar and licorice juice (both pure and with anise); scidlitz powders, smelling salts, salicylic dusting powder, and mineral salts, both natural and artificial; camphor and soap spirits; eucalyptus water, fennel or rose honey, simple fruit juices, Hoffman's drops, cod liver oil with peppermint, pepsin wine, simple syrup, capsules containing scidlitz powders, copaiba balsam, cod liver or castor oil, bicarbonate of soda or tartaric acid, simple liniment, pastilles of mineral salts, peppermint, or chloride of ammonium; cold cream, isinglass plaster, adhesive plaster, corn plasters, lip salve, pitch plaster, mustard leaves, and salicylic ointment.

The list of articles of which the apotheker has the monopoly embraces 217 titles (30 per cent. more than under the old law), and includes all the newer remedies. As he has the right to sell all the articles included in the list permitted the druggist, it will be seen that the new law is a considerable gain to the apotheker, and a correspondingly heavy blow to the druggist.—*B. and C. Druggist.*

THE APOTHECARIES' ACT.—A chemist and druggist in Exeter has lately paid the sum of £51. 5s. 6d. in fines and costs, for infringement of the Apothecaries Act.

SACCHARIN NOT INJURIOUS.—The Supremo Sanitary Council of Vienna has recently published a report on saccharin, in which it is affirmed that no ill-effect is produced on the human organism by that substance, and that it can be used freely as ordinary groceries. The report states that no single instance has been adduced in which saccharin could be proved to have done harm to any healthy person, and that even in the sick its use does not appear to be attended with any injurious consequences.

The Swiss Pharmacopoeia Commission have decided to publish the new edition of the *Pharmacopoeia Helvetica* in the three languages spoken in the country.—German, French and Italian.

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