

part of the New Jersey law on January 1st, 1894, thus depriving the cases of all legal basis.

While we may now smile at the emphatic way in which time has rejected the decision of the New Jersey court, it is obvious that its very absurdity from a medical and pharmacal point of view was not without a compensating benefit in promoting the adoption of a rational standard for this and a few other important preparations in the new Pharmacopœia. Inasmuch as five of the witnesses for the defendants were likewise members of the Revision Committee, the agitation imparted to the question of standardization by the nux vomica cases was unquestionably an active agent in the pharmacopœial changes thus far introduced—changes which, it is to be hoped, will be multiplied until every potent official remedy shall be provided with a standard which will guarantee a uniform medicinal action.

The introducers of normal liquids may well feel content with the handsome vindication which their enterprise has received at the hands of the Pharmacopœia Commission, and with the high compliment embodied in the recent adoption of their

well-known standard for the official tincture.—*Reprinted from the Bulletin of Pharmacy, January, 1894.*

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FAIRY STORIES.—With Doctor Hammond and the Pasteur Institute of New York, both in the market selling testicle-juice-brain extract, etc., we ought to begin to hear some fairy stories of their wonderful animal extracts.—*Homœopathic Recorder.*

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DYSENTERY AND POMEGRANATE ROOT.—Dr. Graeser, corroborating the statements of Dr. Gebke, writes to the *Deutsche Medicinal-Zeitung* that pomegranate root is most active in controlling dysentery. In thirty severe cases, both acute and chronic, he obtained uniformly excellent results by administering a teaspoonful every two hours of a preparation made by macerating 150 to 225 grains of the bark of the root in a bottle of French wine. Meantime attention was paid to the dietary—raw ham, thick soups, eggs and potatoes, and rice with boiled chicken, being allowed; to overcome thirst, ice with or without a little spirits was permitted.

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