

EMPTY CAPSULES.

These devices for the extemporaneous exhibition of bitter, nauseating and otherwise disagreeable drugs, in powder form, no longer require argument to convince the profession of their great value. The disfavor with which regular medicine has been regarded by an important element in the community, is principally based on the unpalatable nature of the compounds which its practitioners have been too largely in the habit of prescribing. Pharmacists have done much of late years to remove this opprobrium of medicine, and a familiarity with the various pharmaceutical preparations at his disposal will qualify the physician to make such combinations in his prescriptions, even of liquids, as will enable the druggist to prepare a mixture which will not be unpalatable except to the extremely fastidious. But many physicians dispense their own drugs, both at the bedside and in their offices. These have neither the necessary time nor the trained skill of the prescription druggist so essential to the preparation, with suitable excipients, of the palatable compound of unpalatable ingredients. Moreover, in the case of many simples, their uncomplicated action may be desired by the scientific prescriber. In such cases elixirs, etc., are inadmissible, from the fact that the excipients introduced to disguise the unpalatable taste of the base, have a disturbing influence on the action of the latter. It follows, too, that in dispensing at the bed-side all attempts at disguising the disagreeable properties of the drug must be out of the question.

To meet the various difficulties above suggested, there is no device which admits of comparison with Empty Capsules. With their aid the physician may secure the full and uncomplicated action of the powdered crude drug, or of alkaloids and active principles, without the slightest offence to the palates of the most fastidious. To those who dispense their own medicines at the bedside their value cannot be over-estimated. After a little experience in their use the physician may become so expert as to fill a capsule with the same readiness that he can make and fold a powder.

Our Empty Capsules are made of the finest quality of gelatine, and are perfectly soluble in the secretions of the stomach. Their superiority in all those points which commend these devices, has been abundantly established in the experience of the profession of this country. Other manufacturers in attempting to rival their excellence have done them the compliment of infringing on the machinery employed in their manufacture. The courts have, however, estopped them from further use of this machinery, and they will hereafter be compelled to confine themselves to their original inferior methods.

To ensure the dispensing of our Empty Capsules on their orders, purchasers will be particular to specify "P., D. & Co."

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