

the whole is then poured into a suitable sized bottle, the mortar rinsed out with the remaining pint of water, which is added to the first. The whole is then to be well shaken and then filtered through paper.

In the same manner prepare other aquæ medicatæ, which call for the intervention of magnesium carbonate. Peppermint water, prepared as above, is strongly impregnated with the oil, and beautifully transparent. Some which I had prepared over three weeks is still clear, with no appearance of sediment or separation of the oil.

Aqua Cinnamomi, prepared by the above process, is perfectly colorless, with the odor and taste strongly defined.

In the preparation of the waters by the above process, it is well to allow them to stand a few hours before filtration, occasionally shaking so as to thoroughly disseminate the pulp through the water, thereby giving the water greater surface to act on. I think the waters prepared according to the described manner equal to the distilled. The filters can be reserved for making additional pulp. I am not aware that the process I have described has been used before, and as the results have been so satisfactory in my case, I thought I would present the process to the Journal for publication.

I have prepared Aqua Camphoræ by the same process, first reducing the camphor to fine powder by alcohol, and proceeding as with the others.

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Laricis Cortex is ordered for the production of tincture of larch bark, not altogether unknown in pharmacy. At the present time two or three spurious larch barks are to be found in trade. I have not had an opportunity of comparing them, but Mr. Holmes has kindly done so, and reports that the specimen (B) closely corresponds with that in the Society's Museum.

Liquor Gutta-percha.—This solution is introduced as a vehicle for the powder of black mustard in making the Charta Sinapis.

The formula is identical with that given in the recent edition of the United States Pharmacopœia. If gutta-percha is of good quality and thinly cut, as the Pharmacopœia directs, its solution is most easily effected.