

**Cod-Liver Oil Report.**

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**Summary of official statistics:**

	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
Fish	1833	1839	1830	1831	1832	1833	1834	1835
thousands	58761	57422	63306	44236	57644	68319	64226	65583
Cod liver								
oil	18327	25186	29807	26087	22319	33876	23226	19392

Aver. prod. cod liver oil 1888-1894 (i.e., the seven "fat" years) . . . . . 27,004 htl.  
 Aver. prod. cod liver oil, 1888-1895 . . . . . 26,052 "  
 Production, 1896 up till to-day . . . . . 13,438 "  
 Deficiency to be filled by Finmarken . . . . . 12,684 "  
 Average production at Finmarken, 1893-1895 . . . . . 2,426 "

There has been very little done in cod-liver oil this month. Quotations have been ranging from 225 down to 215 sh., 210 sh. representing the average cost price of good Lofoten oil. There is hardly any chance of prices coming below that figure, even if Finmarken should turn out a fair quantity.

April 22nd, 1896.

Lofoten fishery will be officially closed one of these days, and I then shall give the exact final figures for all fisheries.

Finmarken: Last week's fishing has been very poor, partly owing to bad weather, but principally on account of scarcity of fish.

Production of cod-liver oil now aggregates 14482 hectl. crude oil, equal to about 10,000 barrels refined.

Market unchanged. Demand has been rather dull lately, but holders are all disinclined to yield to lower prices, and seem to be determined to stock their oil till autumn rather than selling at losing figures now.

Quotations ranging from 210 to 215 sh. for best non-freezing Lofoten oil. Finmarken oil may be had considerably cheaper.

**Ammonia in Cork Stoppers.**

Dr. P. Liechti having suggested that the ammonia present in cork stoppers may lead to fallacious results in water examinations, Van Ledden Hulsebosch criticizes the doctor's experiments and conclusions and shows that:

(1) Cork may contain a trace of ammonia, especially if the quality be poor.

(2) The fact that the aqueous extract of the cork yields a color with Nessler's reagent does not justify concluding that ammonia is present.

(3) In bottling a specimen of drinking water for analysis, we may continue to use cork stoppers without misgiving, as the slight contact of the water with the stopper will not materially modify the proportion of ammonia in the water.—*Bulletin of Pharmacy.*

Double flowers are generally the result of cultivation, and always an abnormal growth.

**Business Notices.**

As the design of the CANADIAN DRUGGIST is to benefit mutually all interested in the business, we would request all parties ordering goods or making purchases of any description from houses advertising with us to mention in their letter that such advertisement was noticed in the CANADIAN DRUGGIST.

The attention of Druggists and others who may be interested in the articles advertised in this Journal is called to the special consideration of the Business Notices.

In his palmy days John Bright was fond of expatiating on the wonderful growth of the United States in material resources, and of demonstrating that its wealth was multiplying by leaps and bounds. We are reminded of the orator's favorite theme by the announcement that Parke, Davis & Co. have opened two new branch houses to satisfy the rapidly growing demand for their preparations—one in New Orleans and another in Baltimore—and by the receipt of their '96 price list, comprising over six thousand items and twenty nine distinct lines of preparations! It is amazing how this house has grown within the past fifteen years. It has been erecting laboratories by the acre, multiplying its branches and agencies, and increasing its output of pharmaceutical preparations by the ton!

The ground for this amazing prosperity is not hard to find—scrupulous integrity, dignified, honorable business methods, and a strenuous desire to treat professional men in accordance with professional methods. All the world knows that the label of this firm is a warrant of purity, activity, and precision in the contents of the container, and the physician realizes that in his grim battle with disease he can depend upon Parke, Davis & Co.'s preparations every time!

**Some Big Figures.**

On one of the cold, blustery days this winter, when business was quiet at the Tanglefoot office, one of the assistants of a mathematical turn of mind figured out that the output of Tanglefoot for 1895 was capable of catching twenty-seven thousand million flies, which, if placed end to end, would reach around the earth at the equator fifteen times, or from the earth to the moon and three-quarters of the way back.

**Parchment Powder Papers.**

A. G. Elliot & Co., Philadelphia, advertise in this issue an article which is indispensable in the dispensing department of any drug store. We refer to their superior parchment paper, which is the only suitable wrapper for hygroscopic powders, and is also adapted for all wrapping purposes where neatness is desired. Read the advertisement carefully.

**Druggists' Boxes, etc.**

Attention is called to the advertisement of the Toronto Box Co. in this issue. They are manufacturers of boxes, cartons,

etc., specially adapted to the drug trade, and solicit your custom.

**Show Cases and Fittings.**

The Toronto Show Case Co. are offering a splendid assortment of show cases and wall fittings, finished in wood or metal and of the latest designs. Write them if in want of anything in their line.

**Bird Seed.**

To secure and retain good customers, you must sell only the best. In no case is this more essential than in bird seeds. Some of that offered is totally unfit to use, but not so with Brock's, which is guaranteed pure and of the best quality only. See advt.

**Scales.**

C. Wilson & Sons are offering to the drug trade a full line of platform and other scales, show cases, etc., at close figures. See their advt. on page

**Balm Medicine Co.**

This firm, which are "pushers," in the sense known to patent medicine dealers, are advertising their goods largely, and have created a demand which ensures the continuance of a sale of their goods. Write them as to their methods of advertising, and mention THE DRUGGIST.

**Books**

A COURSE OF HOME STUDY FOR PHARMACISTS. First Lessons in the Study of Pharmacy. By Oscar Oldberg, Phar. D., Professor of Pharmacy and Director of the Pharmaceutical Laboratories in the School of Pharmacy of Northwestern University. Second edition, revised and enlarged, 150 illustrations. Publishers, The W. T. Keever Company, Chicago. To those students in pharmacy who have not the time during business hours to settle down to the study of the regular text-books, this work will be found very valuable in furnishing for home reading a course of first lessons in pharmacy, pharmaceutical physics, chemistry, and materia medica. It is essentially a *first book* for young pharmacists, written by one who thoroughly understands his subject, and also how to impart the instruction required. We believe it is the only book of the kind published, and it certainly furnishes a *desideratum* which every student in pharmacy must appreciate. Its 550 pages are divided into four parts, consisting in all of ninety chapters, treating in a full and comprehensive way on all the subjects with which the pharmaceutical student must make himself familiar. The work is published at \$3 net, and will besent post paid by the publishers on receipt of price.