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ON TINCTURE OF PERCHLORIDE OF IRON OF THE
BRITISH AND U. S. PHARMACOPŒIAS.

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In making any remarks on tincture of perchloride of iron, it is almost necessary to preface them by an apology for attempting to add anything to a subject which has already been so well-nigh exhausted. With pharmaceutical writers, few themes have been so prolific as this, but this triteness is, in great measure, excused by the importance of the topic. There is, perhaps, no tincture of greater consequence; either when considered in regard to its medicinal effects, or its general and extensive application.

In comparing the older method of preparation with that at present ordered to be employed, it is a question of some difficulty to decide which is to be preferred. The greater ease with which the old process of dissolving the hydrated oxide may be performed is more than counter-balanced by the unreliable character of the product. And though the more recent method furnishes a tolerable tincture, it is attended with considerable inconvenience in carrying