

denial, but by showing another class, another side of the same problem which makes as good a showing. While we believe that consciousness depends on the brain and on health, an equally significant fact is that the bodily state depends on the consciousness. The impressive thing is that bodily health is chiefly related to a state of the mind. It is rather more true that digestion depends upon feeling well mentally than that feeling well mentally depends on the digestion. If it is true that a hot iron burns the flesh, it is also true that burn brands have been produced by hypnotic suggestion. It is a reciprocal union.

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PUMICE STONE FILTER.

For the filtration of liquids containing very fine precipitates which are apt to pass through the filter, such as barium sulphate, lead sulphate, calcium oxalate, etc., W. Busch recommends the use of powdered pumice stone. It is necessary to use a very finely powdered pumice stone which has been freed from acid soluble substances by boiling with dilute hydrochloric acid and washing with water. About 2 to 3 grams of this powder are placed in the bottom of a filter. After pouring back once a clear filtrate is obtained.—Pharm. Cent.

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Proprietary medicinal preparations are apparently a necessary evil of the drug trade, but there is no reason why chemists and ruggists should make that evil worse. They ought studiously to refrain from exhibiting, recommending, or even mentioning, such preparations in their pharmacies, and it is a matter for serious consideration whether they ought not to cease to stock them. At any rate, they should religiously keep them out of sight, and take advantage of any legitimate means that may be available for discouraging their sale. The mischief that has resulted from making a large number of British pharmacies agencies for pushing the sale of these abominations in the past is only too palpable to-day, and with the

almost total loss of the profit accruing from an unclean branch of trade, there ought to be no difference of opinion amongst reasonable men of the undesirability of further encouraging that branch. The heroic attempts of the P. A. T. A. to preserve the final remnant of profit in that direction from slipping away is commendable in its way, and the pseudo-philanthropic efforts of Mr. Thomas Beecham and other proprietors are doubtless deserving of some slight degree of credit, but the only proper course now open to conscientious chemists who, for the present, feel unable entirely to cease to stock proprietary medicines, is to insist on all such preparations being sold at the face value fixed by the proprietors.—Pharm. Journal.

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ELECTRICITY FOR RED NOSE.

In cases of persistent redness of the nose the galvanic current has been used by Helbing with success. The condition referred to is the bluish-red color which some noses assume after coming in a warm room from the cold outside. Both poles of the battery are applied to the nose and continually rubbed about, the strength of the current being regulated to suit the ability of the patient to stand it, care being taken not to irritate the skin by a too strong current. This method is stated to require patience and a considerable number of applications.

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ITCH OINTMENT.

In a series of experiments at the St. Luke's Hospital, Paris, to determine what will cure itch in the shortest time, forty-one different preparations were employed. Of these the following ointment cured in the smallest number of days:—

Sublimated sulphur .....	2 oz.
Sub. carbonate of Potash .....	1 oz.
Adeps simplex .....	8 oz.

Apply morning and night.

The writer of this has been in the habit of adding to the above the oil of bergamot, three drams, thus adding to the flavor and potency of the ointment.—Modern Medicine.