

Drug Review.

Business during the past month has been very good. The wholesalers in Toronto and Montreal were busy during Exhibition time with customers, many of whom are only seen in the warehouses at that season, when they combine business with pleasure. There has been little fluctuation in prices, none of any moment.

Camphor is firm.

Grains Paradise advanced.

Borax easier.

Glycerine maintains advance.

Pot. Bromide is a little easier; rumors are current of a renewal of the Bromine pool, but so far lacks confirmation.

Opium and Morphia are firm; higher prices are looked for in the near future.

Quinine unchanged.

Oit Cajeput higher.

Cocaine is higher. Next month the rainy season set in, and during that time there will be little chance of procuring a supply of leaves or crude cocaine, and under the circumstances higher prices may be looked for.

Mercurials; late cable advices report the downward movement in price has been checked.

Chamemiles are reported higher abroad; so far the home market has not been materially affected.

Orris root will likely be higher as crop prospects are very unfavorable and stocks small.

Arnica flowers are advancing.

Liquorice in Southern Europe.

THE qualities of liquorice in different countries vary greatly. It is said that the juice from Turkey and Greece is bitter, of Sicily and Spain sweet and rich, but that of Italy the richest, though less is exported thence. Liquorice in these countries is a vigorous and abundant wild plant, almost too much so in many places. In Spain it grows finest in the rich bottom lands of the great rivers, and the crop depends much on the mildness or severity of the winters. It is of such vigorous growth that other weeds cannot encroach on it and crowd it out, and no parasite or insect pest is known to infest it. It is so tenacious of life that if only a small portion of the root is left in the ground after the collecting season it shoots up again. There are two kinds of liquorice, one sending down a tap root from 3 to 6 feet deep, and the other runs underground from 6 inches to 2 or 3 feet deep. The latter is the most highly prized, from the facility with which it is dug up. Only the roots are used, the tops being burned for fuel. It varies in quantity and quality according to soil in different provinces, changes its color to red, yellow or brown, and the proportions of saccharine and starch vary also. The climate best suited to the growth of liquorice is that where oranges and all the citrus family thrive, as it can-

not endure hard ground frosts nor cold high altitudes. In Sicily it grows most luxuriantly in low lands adjacent to streams of water. The valley of the river Simeto is so rich that, with the rudest tools and culture, the peasants have no difficulty in growing cereals and other plants for food. Their principal trouble is keeping down the weeds that spring up so abundantly in the cultivated lands, and the liquorice from its pertinacity is most dreaded. A crop can be gathered every three or four years from the same ground, and the digging commences after the autumn rains have set in. Liquorice requires the hot sun to perfect its juice, but at the same time it bakes the ground so hard, the task of collecting the deep-set roots would be too laborious and expensive till the earth is well saturated. There are seven manufactories in Cantania alone, and they produce from 700,000 to 800,000 lbs. annually, and others in various cities of the island. Very little of the root is exported either from Sicily or Italy, only the rolls or sticks made from the inspissated juice. Asia Minor exports largely to the United States. So long ago as 1885 steam presses were in use there, and from Alexandroth, in Smyrna, 6,000 tons were exported at a value of about \$192,000.—*Chemist and Druggist*.

Pharmaceutical Flips.

What fruit is the most visionary? The apple of the eye.

An Ashland, Mo., physician has on his office wall: Patients are a virtue.

Totling—"Why do people borrow trouble so much?" Dimling—"Because it isn't necessary to put up any collateral." *New York Sun*.

The Public—"Don't you think these patent medicines kill many people?"

Mr. Richardson—"Perhaps they do, but look at all the newspapers they keep alive.—*Life*."

"I'm feeling very ill again, doctor. Do you think I'm going to die?" "My dear madam, compose yourself. That is the last thing in the world that is going to happen to you."—*Life*.

"Uncle John," said little Emily, "do you know that a baby that was fed on elephant's milk gained twenty pounds in a week?" "Nonsense!" exclaimed Uncle John; and then asked, "Whose baby was it?" "It was the elephant's baby," replied little Emily.

Both Sides.—I. She—"John, what does the heroic treatment mean?" Dr. John B. Omepath—"Kill or cure—generally kill." She—"Dear, what is the literal translation of *similia similibus curantur*?" Dr. Al. O. Pathe—"Simple cures for simple people."—*Pharmaceutical Era*.

Fond mamma to young Miss—"Did I not forbid you to go in the park without a protector?" Young Miss—"But I had a protector." Fond Mamma—"You mean to tell me—" Young Miss—"Yes, I went to the druggist's and bought a chest protector."

An Exceptional Case.—Young Noodle—"Didn't you say, Professor, that physiology was the science that treats of the functions of the body?" Professor—"Yes, sir." Y. N.—"Then, under the head of what ology would a study of the mind come?" P.—"I am afraid, Noodle, that in your case it would come under the head of myth-ology."—*Boston Courier*.

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