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ON THE PREPARATION OF MEDICATED WATERS.*

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I desire to present to the consideration of the readers of the Journal the following suggestion for the preparation of the different medicated waters of the U. S. Pharmacopœia which call for the intervention of magnesium carbonate in their preparation; the substance which I suggest to take the place of the latter is paper pulp, prepared from chemically pure filtering paper.

The following is the "modus operandi," which I find yields very satisfactory results:—

To prepare Aqua Menthæ Piperitæ—

Take of the Oil of Peppermint, half a fluidrachm.
Chemically pure filtering paper, one drachm.
Distilled water, two pints.

The paper is cut into small pieces and beaten up in a mortar with one ounce of water gradually added until reduced to a pulpy consistence; the oil is then added and triturated with the pulp until incorporated; fifteen ounces more of water is to be gradually added;

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