

SELECTIONS.

THE MANY-NAMED MALADY.—In a German pamphlet published in 1833, the following list of names is given as having been applied to the epidemic now raging on the Continent and elsewhere:—1, Anguinaglia; 2, Ladendo; 3, Coqueluche; 4, Burzel or Genser; 5, Malum Castronis; 6, Mal de Castrone; 7, Schafhusten; 8, Huhnerweh; 9, Ziepe; 10, Spanischer Pips; 11, La Grippe; and finally, 12, Influenza. It is further stated that the list of names is not complete.

AMERICAN PREPARATIONS IN SPAIN.—According to recent calculations the consumption of Florida-water in Spain is 50,000 bottles per year. Each bottle pays 8½d. Customs duty. Of "Bristol Sarsaparilla," an American preparation, 30,000 bottles are sold every year, the duty on these amounting to about 1,600l. Of "Bristol Pills" 10,000 boxes are sold per year, and the duty on "Scott's Emulsion" brings in 2,300l. per year, the total Customs revenue on the four preparations above named being 151,206 pesetas, or over 6,000l.

TEST FOR BLOOD.—A simple test for blood, and one easy of application, is made by the addition of tincture of guaiac and ozonized ether to a weak solution of blood, when a bright blue coloration is produced. If a drop of blood be mixed with half an ounce of distilled water, upon the addition of one or two drops of tincture of guaiac a cloudy precipitate of the resin appears, and the solution has a faint tint. If to this solution one drop of an ethereal solution of hydrogen peroxide is added, a blue tint appears, which, upon a few minutes' exposure, gradually deepens. This test is very valuable for minute quantities of blood, and one experimenter has succeeded in obtaining impressions from a stain upon cloth where the microscope failed to show any blood.

THE RUSH AFTER NEW REMEDIES.—The Lancet gives a note of warning regarding the use of new remedies, which pharmacists who have the relics of bygone days on their hands will read with pleasure. The tendency of modern therapeutics, says our contemporary, is to seek restlessly and continuously for some new thing, discarding as useless much that has stood the test of time. And for this the medical profession is not solely to blame. The craze for domestic medicine has been such that people who read their prescriptions frequently express lack of confidence in the skill of their adviser on finding that simple well-known remedies had been ordered. The science of therapeutics necessarily know no bounds, but as a science it certainly suffers from an accumulation of hasty observations and imperfectly digested facts.

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."—Solomon.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

SPECIAL TO OUR READERS

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.

Royal Cattle Spice, which has had a very large sale in England for the last twenty-seven years, has been introduced into Canada by the proprietors, Myers & Co., with headquarters at 18 King st. West, Toronto. This preparation is being thoroughly advertised and will command a ready sale. Write for special terms for agency.

One of the most seasonable articles for the winter months is Johnston's Fluid Beef, one of the best preparations of the kind in the market. No drug store is complete without a full assortment of the various sizes.

Hirst's Pain Exterminator is booming ahead and bids fair to be one of the best selling proprietary medicines in existence. It is for sale by all jobbers and by the manufacturers, F. F. Dalley & Co., Hamilton, Ont.

For some years past Canadian wines have been gradually replacing the foreign article. The reasons are that Canadian wines and especially those produced by the Pelee Island Wine & Vineyards Co., are of greater purity than the foreign article, cost much less money, and compare favorably in flavor and quality. Messrs. J. S. Hamilton, of Brantford, have been connected with the Pelee Island Vineyards for many years, acting as sole distributing agents. Their premises at Brantford are very extensive and the firm have besides four other wine houses, two on Pelee Island, one Fairfield Plain and another at Tilsonburg. Mr. J. S. Hamilton, the head of the firm, is the President of the Pelee Island Wine Co. J. S. H. & Co., have a high reputation and are said to supply a majority of the druggists of Canada with their fine wines and brandies.

Messrs. Adams & Sons, of the Mammoth Chewing Gum Manufactory, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are now putting a new brand of goods upon the market called "Puzzle Gum." The flavor is Wintergreen, and there is an interesting puzzle on each wrapper. This is a brand which will sell fast. It is put up 115 pieces in a box and the price is 80c. Toronto Agency, 23 Church st., Toronto.

W. A. Gill & Co., the well known manufacturers of seamless tin boxes, wish to call the attention of the drug trade to a one-ounce (in name only) tin box which has been freely quoted at a little less price than theirs. Although the box referred to was called one ounce, the actual capacity was but three-fourths ounce. Parties who were misled into buying, thinking they were

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