

FORMULÆ.

WINE OF TERPIN.

Terpin hydrate 6 parts.
Maderia wine 994 parts.

Pulverize the terpin and introduce it with the wine into a flask, cork, and heat in the water bath until solution is complete. *Nat. Druggist*

"QUINA LAROCHE." It is said that a similar preparation to this French specialty may be made as follows:

Take of

Red cinchona bark 50 grms.
Sherry wine 1000 "
Diluted alcohol 500 "
Sugar 800 "
Pyrophosphate of iron 30 "
Water a sufficient quantity.

Infuse the cinchona in enough water to yield 500 grammes of liquid; in this dissolve the iron salt, add the wine and alcohol, let stand several days and filter. *Br. and Col. Druggist*.

WINE OF COCA. The *Pharmaceutische Zeitung* gives the following formula for the preparation of a very efficient and excellent wine of coca:

Erythroxylon leaves 200 parts.
French brandy 100 "
Sherry 1600 "
Sweet Hungarian wine 100 "
Citric acid 1 part.

Mix the cognac and wines and macerate the coca leaves in the mixture for one week, decant, and dissolve the acid in the liquid. Let stand for several days, and filter.

EFFERVESCING SALINE.

Take of

Sulphate of magnesium 2 parts.
Citrate of magnesium (eff.) 2 "
Bicarbonate of potash 2 "
Bicarbonate of soda 2 "
Tartaric acid 2 "
Powdered sugar 2 "

The addition is sometimes advised of
Chlorate of potash 1 part (about 2 p.c.)

Thoroughly dry each of the ingredients, mix, and preserve in well stoppered bottles. Flavor and name distinctively. *—Brit. & Col. Druggist.*

CHLOROFORM OF ACONITE.—The name is given to a preparation comparatively recently introduced abroad. According to the Unofficial Formulary of the British Pharmaceutical Conference, its formula is as follows:

Aconite root 20 ozs.
Stronger water of ammonia 12 drs.
Distilled water 1 pint.
Chloroform sufficient.

Bruise the aconite root, and moisten thoroughly with the ammonia and distilled water previously mixed. Macerate for twenty-four hours, dry carefully, and reduce to No. 40. powder. Pack tightly in a percolator provided with a tap and closely fitting cover, and macerate.

GELATINOUS BOTTLE WAX.—In storing volatile liquids which are solvents of resinous material, the ordinary bottle wax in which bottle necks are commonly dipped is generally inadmissible by reason of

the solvent action of the liquid upon it. According to the *Photographic Review* the following mixture answers well in such cases, giving a perfect closing; and moreover, the top is easily pared off with a knife when the bottle is to be opened:

Soft gelatin or good glue 3 parts.
Water 9 "
Glycerine 2 "

Melt the gelatin in the water and then stir in the glycerine. Any coloring matter can be added and the bottle necks should be quite free from grease. A second dip can be given if requisite, and the top can be stamped while soft with a slightly greased metal seal, or warm stereotype (slightly oiled), or an india rubber stamp.

LIQUID COSMETIC.

Take of

Alum 4 parts.
Oak bark 4 "
Aniseed 8 "
Thyme 8 "
Sage 8 "
Rosemary 8 "
Hyssop 8 "
Lavender 8 "
Wormwood 8 "
Peppermint 8 "
Camphor 8 "
Alcohol, 45% 1000 "

Infuse for 15 days, after which filter.

This liquid is intended to be employed before, during, and after massage, and gives the skin great freshness and suppleness. So says Madam Dornier in the *Monde Pharmaceutique*.—*B. and C. Dr.*

THE INCOMPATIBILITY OF HYDROCHLORATE OF COCAINE AND BORAX.—M. Julliard reported at a recent meeting of the Paris Society of Pharmacy that upon mixing an eye wash containing borax and cocaine a precipitate of cocaine was formed by the soda of the borax. Borax is neutral towards reagents when in concentrated solutions, but in dilute solution becomes alkaline, this fact accounting for the precipitation of the cocaine and calling forth the suggestion that a little boric acid would have maintained the preparation clear without affecting its value.

CARBONATE OF POTASH used by F. H. Alcock in the preparation of Bland's Pills was observed to give off the odor of ammonia, and upon examination was found to contain about 20 per cent. of ammonium carbonate. The writer believes that the gradual evolution of ammonia gas was the cause of the pills crumbling and being otherwise unmanageable, and advises that this chemical be always examined for ammoniacal impurities.—*Ph. Fr. & Trs.*

ARTIC PHARMACY.—The northernmost pharmacy in the world, compared to which those in Iceland are situated in summer seas, has temporarily ceased to exist. It was the Apotheke at Hammerfest, the Norway town on the Artic Sea, and the fire which consumed that town last month consumed it.

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