

Drug Review.

As usual at this season of the year business is somewhat on the quiet side. The cutting in patent medicines going on in Toronto, Hamilton and London, and to a smaller extent in other cities, has a depressing effect on business, and makes trade in an unsettled condition. The air is full of rumors of schemes for combating this severe cut at the drug business. The druggist stood quietly by while sundries, perfumes, &c., largely left him, and we are glad to see that efforts are being made to put a stop to this gradual stealing of the drug business.

In our own line no startling changes in prices have taken place.

Rhubarb Roots have advanced.

Taylor's Feeders are higher.

D. & F. Chloroform advanced and firm.

Strychnine easier.

Oil Cubebs and Cubebs easier.

Colgate's Violet Water higher on account of duty.

Phenacetine easier.

Sulfonal easier.

Paris Green, demand large, price unchanged.

Ether (Sulph.), will be higher owing to a combination.

A Mohammedan woman has received a diploma from the Odessa Russian university

Whiffs.

Time is an herb that cures all diseases.

He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper.

AVOID THIS QUESTION.—Patient, "Say, doctor, have I got the Grip?" Doctor, "Yes, on the money you owe me."

A good many people were recently deluded into going into an apothecary shop in a village on the Hudson to see a red bat, which had been captured and was on exhibition. They saw it, and it was red as brick-bats generally are.

The following hit at the water cure was made by Charles Lamb, and none but himself could have made so quaint a conceit. "It is," said he, "neither new nor wonderful; for it is as old as the deluge, which in my opinion killed more than it cured."

AN EXPENSIVE ERROR.—Skroople (the druggist)—"Young Bangs wanted me to hire him as prescription clerk, but I can't afford to engage a man who has been known to dispense morphine for quinine." Gazzam—"That's dangerous, isn't it?" Skroople—"O, yes. Morphine costs ten times as much as quinine."—Judge.

MIXING PRESCRIPTIONS.—"Man, Peter," said a Scotch quack doctor to his apprentice, "ye maun aye be awfu' cautious in the pharmacy. Even I ance made a ter-

rible mistake.' I was attendin' Mr. Kittlebody, wha was sair fashed wi' tickdolaroo, an' I was called upon by John M'Fikeit, wha's croon was sae thin o' hair—as weel as sarse—that he was ashamed o't; especially as he was coortin' a strappin' young widow that had a fille public house; an' I mixed up baith potions at the same time, an' losh sake, man, I happened to gi'e them ilk ither's medicine! So puir John, rubbin' Mr. Kittlebody's preparation for her tickdolaroo on the top o' his head, declares he's had a bee in his bonnet ever since; an' Mrs. Kittlebody, rubbin' her jaws wi' the ointment intended for John's bald pow, in less than a fortnicht had a pair o' whiskers the envy o' a' the young men o' the village.—*British and Colonial Druggist.*

The new Italian pharmacopœia has been issued. It is printed in the vernacular.

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