### That Russia Leather Smell.

Birch tar oil is obtained by dry distillation, and the process by which the Russian peasants effect the operations is the most simple that can be imagined. A cauldron capable of being liermetrically closed, set in a brick fire place above the ground, is connected by means of a pipe with another cauldron buried in tho ground. This is the whole of the apparatus. The upper cauldron is filled with dry birch bark, closed up, and then heated. The vapor which the enclosed bark gives off finds its way to the buried cauldron, is there condensed, and becomes a dark brown liquid. This is birch tar. The tar is allowed to get quite cool, and during this process there rises to the surface a vegetable acid contained in the tar, which must be skimmed off. On the tar being distilled, an oil with a peculiar smell, something like that of cedar wood, is formed, and it is this which imparts to Russia leather its peculiar odor.--Cal. Druggist.

#### The Paris Green Combine.

The American manufacturers of Paris green have succeeded in re organizing their combination and have advanced the minimum price from 10 cents to 17 cents. This is for quantities of five tons and over, which could last year be purchased from manufacturers outside the combine for 91 cents. For smaller quantities the price is scheduled .at 20 cents when the insecticide is contained in arsenic kegs, the rebates from this price, which are subject to the rules and regulations made in conformity with the request of the National Wholesale Druggists' Association, ranging from one to three cents for from tive hundred to ten thousand pounds respectively. No doubt this advance will enable the manufacturers to avoid their last year's surrender of all profit and allow them to make money out of their works once more. But if it results in a reduction of consumption the combine will soon go to prices again in the rush to make sales,—Journal of Commerce.

To REMOVE THE ODOR OF CODLIVER OIL. —C 110 Pavesi recommends the following process: Put into a glass mattrass 1 part of purified ivory black and two parts of finely ground roasted coffre to every 40 parts of the oil. Close the mattrass with a cork, place it in a water bath and heat for fifteen minutes at a temperature of 50° to 60° C. (120°-140°.) Let cool slowly, leave in contact for three or four hours, and finally filter. Keep in wellcorked bottles. The oil thus treated loses every particle of its disagreeable taste and odor.

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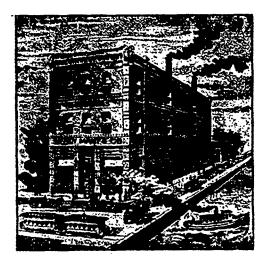
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