

Anisi stellati fructus.—In F.P. *Ol. anisi* might be described like *ol. cajuputi*.
Antimonii oxidum, *antimonii nigrum purificatum*.—Little used.
Argenti oxidum.—Appears in the U.S.P., but it is now much out of repute. It was got in in order to obviate the disadvantage of discoloration to the skin caused by nitrate of silver.
Bismuthi citras, *bismuthi et ammonii cit.*.—In U.S.P. Unnecessary, as the liquor is sufficient.
Berberine sulphus.—Rarely used. Its physiological properties is doubtful.
Calcii carbonas precipitatus.—Rarely used. A substitute might be found for troch. bismuthi.
Canellæ cortex.—Only used to make vin rhei.
Cassia pulpa.—Rarely used. Not essential for confect. sennæ.
Cataplasma carbonis.—Out of use.
Cataplasma conii.—Not necessary since unguentum introduced.
Cataplasma fermenti.—A relic of old times, and might be dispensed with. All cataplasms might be deleted.
Charta sinapis.—In G.P. I speak under correction, but I believe it is rarely ordered.
Confectio opii, *confectio scammonii*, *confectio terebinthinæ*.—Relics of old times.
Conii fructus.—In F. and U.S.P. Of doubtful utility. Certainly not so valuable as the fresh leaves.
Crocus tinctura.—In all Ps. Only a coloring agent.
Cupri nitras.—Not necessary.
Decoctum hordei, *decoctum papaveris*.—F.P. Household remedies.
Elemi, *elemi unguentum*.—F.P.
Emplastrum calefaciens, U.S.P.; *emplastrum ferri*, U.S. and F.P.; *emplastrum galbani*, G.; *emplastrum plumbi iodidi*.—Not desirable to have these in the Pharmacopœia.
Enema aloes, *enema asafœtidæ*, *enema magnesi sulphatis*, *enema terebinthinæ*.—In no other Pharmacopœia.
Enema opii.—The exact amount of opium should be determined in each case by the prescriber.
Extractum lactucæ, *extractum lupuli*, *extractum papaveris*, F. P.—*extractum pareire*, U.S.P.—Liquid extract suffices.
Extractum quassia.—Made differently sometimes with hot and sometimes with cold water.
Extractum mezerei æthereum.—In most Ps. Only used for lin. sinapis co.
Ferri arsenias?—F.P. There is a difference of opinion regarding this. I do not think it is of much value, but some think otherwise. I think if you want to give arsenic it could be given in a better form.
Ferri sulphas granulata, *ferri peroxidum hydratum*.—F.P.
Fœniculi fructus.—Not used here. It goes into the compound liquorice powder, and I am not sure that it might not be retained though mentioned in this list.
Hemidesmi radix, *hemidesmi syrupus*.—Not used.

Herdeum decorticatum, *hordeum decoctum*.—Household remedies.
Infusum matice, *infusum lini*, *infusum valeriane*, F.P.—Hardly ever used in this form. The last is unnecessary when there are two tinctures.
Lactuca.
Laricis cortex, *laricis tinctura*.—I am informed that this was got into the Pharmacopœia through the late Dr. Matthews Duncan, and that he largely prescribed it. I do not think it is much in use now.
Laurocerasi folia, F.P.; *laurocerasi aqua*.—A bad form for administering a powerful remedy, but considered elegant and a good deal used. There may be some difference of opinion as to whether it should be deleted or remain. I do not think it should remain.
Linimentum hydrargyi.
Liquor ammonii citratis fortior.
Liquor antimonii chloridum.—Only used for making the oxide.
Liquor chlori.—Rarely used, since it will not keep. Extemporaneous formulae desirable by adding acid. hydroch. to potass. chlor. in a bottle. Add water to dissolve chlorine formed. Not pure, but answers the purpose.
Liquor ferri acetatis.—Not required.
Liquor lithiæ effervescens, *liquor potassæ effervescens*, *liquor sodæ effervescens*.—Trade articles of varying strength.
Liquor magnesi.—This is too strong. Very apt to deposit.
Lupulinum.—In most Ps.
Mastiche, *marmor album*, *mezerei cortex*, *mezerei ext. æther*.—Not used, though in most Ps.
Mica panis.—Not necessary.
Moschus.—I do not think it is much prescribed now, though it is a valuable stimulant, and I have seen advantage from its use. I am not sure if it should not be retained.
Mori succus.—Not used.
Mistura ferri aromatics.—Not used. No credit to any P.
Nectandra cortex. *Oleum anethi*, *oleum coriandri*.—U.S.
Oleum myristicæ.—Exp. and spiritus, U.S.
Os. ustum.—Phosphates of lime and sodium are commercial salts.
Oleo-resina. eubebæ.—U.S., F. and G.P. Not used.
Pilula ganbogiæ co..—Not used.
Pilula conii co..—Not used much.
Pilula ferri carb..—Superseded by pil. ferri.
Pilula ferri iodidi.—Not a good method of ordering iodide of iron.
Pimenta, oil of, aqua of.—U.S.P.
Pulv. opii co.
Pulv. antimonialis.—U.S.P. Hardly ever used, though pulv. Jacobi is still used.
Prunum. *Pyrethri radix*, *pyrethri tinctura*.—F.P. *Quercus cortex*, *decoctum*.
Rosæ caninæ fructus, *rosæ caninæ confectio*.—F.P.
Sassafras radix.—In most Ps.
Scammonium.—F. and G.P. An expensive and unreliable substance; the resin is alone required.

Sodii hypophosphis.—F. and U. S. P.
Lime salts alone desirable in B.P.
Spiritus armoraciæ co..—Not in other Ps.
Spiritus cajuputi.—Not in other Ps.
Spiritus cinnamomi.—U.S.P.
Staphisagriæ semina, *staphisagriæ unguentum*.—An ointment made with the oil might be recommended.
Suppositoria morphinæ, *suppositoria acid. tan. c. sap.*, *suppositoria plumbi co.*.—*Ol. theolom.* without soap is quite satisfactory for all suppository-laxes provided it is carefully watched when melting.
Syrupus mori. Thus *americanum*. *Tinctura coeci*. *Tinctura sabina*.—U.S.P.
Tinctura serpentaria. *Troschisci ferri redacti*. *Uvae*.—F. P. *Vapor acidi hydrocyanici*. *Vinum ferri citratis*.—F.P.
Vinum opii.—In vin. opii the aromatics should be deleted. It is almost entirely used for eye-lotions, and these are objectionable.
Vinum rhei.—U.S. and G.P.

A COMPARISON.

Before proceeding to make any remarks upon these suggestions for the new British Pharmacopœia I desire to give a comparison between our Pharmacopœia and the German Pharmacopœia published last year:—

	German Pharmacopœia	British Pharmacopœia
Decoctions	1	13
Infusions	1	28
Extracts	25	46
Liquors	16	48
Ointments	20	43
Pills	3	21
Powders	8	15
Spirits	13	18
Tinctures	41	73
Trochiscs	1	12
Vapors	none	6
Wines	6	11

So far my remarks have been destructive, but I shall now make a few observations upon medicinal agents which should be added to the British Pharmacopœia, and also point out some inaccuracies in regard to melting-points and dosage which appear in the present edition.

ADDITIONS TO THE BRITISH PHARMACOPŒIA.

Chloralamide.—Synonym, chloral formamide. My own opinion upon this preparation was expressed in the *Lancet* of March 5 last, and need not now be referred to. The Croonian lectures of Dr. T. Lauder Brunton have now been published, and he says:—"In chloral-mide the amidogen group (NH) is combined with chloral instead of with an alkyl, and it is calculated to combine the stimulating action of ammonia with the soporific action of chloral, and thus prevent any danger arising from the depressing effect of chloral upon the heart. It consists of a combination of chloral with formamide, and appears to possess practically to a great extent the advantages which one would theoretically expect from it. Chloral, CCl₃, COH. Forma-