

Chicago, where it took on a new form, the lunatics, instead of saloons, devoted their attention to drug stores. South Dakota had an attack and so serious was the situation that the druggists of one town had to protect against the raiding petticoat brigade with barricades and shot guns.

Illinois is also to the fore with a shorter hour bill for drug clerks. An act curtailing the hours of work to 70 in a week was introduced into the Legislature about a month ago. Proprietors are offering no opposition to the bill. Mr. Ebert thinks the law as at present framed will be valueless, as no penalty for violation is named, neither is its enforcement provided for.

American beer makers are stirred up because Dr. Arthur C. Langmuir stated before a meeting of the New York section of the Society of Chemical Industry that he had found arsenic in minute quantities in American beer. Two of the experts giving their opinion of Dr. Langmuir's statement assert that the test used by him "would reveal arsenic in the maternal font at which the babe nestles for nourishment, and in the heart of the rose at which the bee delves for glucose. Honey being glucose pure and simple."

FOREIGN NEWS.

Finland women have petitioned the government for permission to practice pharmacy with all privileges enjoyed by men.

A Manila druggist has been arrested by the U. S. authorities for communicating with Aguinaldo, the Philippine leader of the Nationalist party.

In the new tax schedule contemplated by the Brazilian Government, the Minister has under consideration a stamp tax on physicians' prescriptions.

A fire in the Pathological Institute, Berlin, recently destroyed the entire Virchow collection. This collection was most invaluable, containing many documents of universal interest.

The Russian Minister of Interior has granted permission to the Moscow Medical Association to establish special courses of instruction to female pharmacists. After two years course they will be permitted to enter for University examinations.

The Paris Academy of Science recently resolved to present annually a gold medal in memory of Lavoisier, the great chemist. It will be given for distinguished chemical research, and is likely to become greatly prized by chemists. The die for the medallion is being prepared, and one side will be simply a profile of the chemist and under it the name "Laurent Lavoisier," on the reverse "Institut de France, Académie des Sciences, Médaille Lavoisier."

An Antwerp physician, administering medicine in cachets, observed a decided poisonous symptom. On discontinuing the medicine the symptom disappeared and again reappeared when the medicine was re-commenced. On examining the cachets he found the pharmacist's name stamped on each in aniline ink. He thereupon opened the cachets and administered the medicine in powder form, when no re-occurrence of the symptom was observed. This naturally leads to the conclusion that the aniline was poisonous.

Toronto Drug Co.

The Toronto Drug Co., Limited, whose affairs were placed in the hands of a receiver on the retirement of Messrs. McLarty and Stevenson from its management, has been reorganized and a new directorate and management has acquired the plant and stock in trade. The specialties of the company were favorably received by the trade, and it is the intention of the new management to extend these lines.

Effervescent salts will receive special attention and the list will be extended to include a number of medicines not manufactured previously by the company. Citrate of magnesia, for which the firm enjoyed a merited reputation, will continue to receive particular attention.

The drug grinding department is receiving an addition of the latest and most approved machinery especially adapted for the preparation of drugs for percolation and manufacturing purposes.

It is the intention of the new management to add a line of non-secret remedies put up in an attractive style and generally cater to the needs of the legitimate trade, from which they hope to merit and receive a fair share of patronage.

The Removal of Warts.

The removal of warts by caustic applications occasionally results in the formation of ulcerous sores and disfiguring scars. Salicylic acid may be used for that purpose without the slightest harmful effect. The following is an excellent combination which any one can use:

Mercuric chloride.....	5 grains.
Salicylic acid.....	1 drachm.
Collodion.....	1 ounce.

Apply once a day, the upper crust of the previous application being removed before a fresh one is made.

After a few applications the wart may be painlessly removed by gentle traction.

Colored globes in the windows of chemist shops were first displayed by the Moorish druggists of Arabia and Spain.