

31. A teacher in one of our colleges told us that there is no such thing as "Colophony," "Olibanum," "Myrospermum peruiferum," "Myrospermum toluatanum," which is given as the components of "Pheno-Banum," or "Quick-Cure." Please explain.

The teacher probably was honest, and told all he knew. Even teachers can be taught. "Colophony," under the head of "Colophonia," is described in Harris' Dental Dictionary. It was so called from Colophon, the city from which it was first brought. "Colophony" is in Dunglison's Medical Dictionary, 1860 ed., p. 225. "Colophony," under the head of "Resins and Balsams," is in Fowne's Chemistry. It is even in most of the common English dictionaries, and is there spelt "Colophony," and in Ogilvie's is referred to as "a mixture of two different resins named the *sylvic* and *pinic* acids." "Olibanum"—in Dunglison's and appendix of United States Dispensatory (Wood & Bache), page 1371, etc., etc. "Myrospermum peruiferum," or balsam of Peru, in Poresia's Materia Medica, pp. 717, etc., etc. "Myrospermum toluatanum," a balsam of Tolu in Poresia, pp. 720, etc., etc. H. I., Que.

Reviews.

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This work is valuable and yet disappointing. The editor tells us in the preface that "the selection and compilation of ponderous matter from a voluminous correspondence and tons of data and statistics" was no child's-play. One ton is 2,240 lbs. avoirdupois. We fear the labor has excited the imagination of the editor in the matter of weight. However, the book is the only one of its kind and very useful to anyone who wants to know the *status* and requirements anywhere in North America, Central America, West Indies, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia. All the laws of the different countries are published in the book; also the names of the colleges, journals and associations, and the number of dentists in each State of the Republic. It is well worth the money.

Transactions of the American Dental Association, 1893-4. Philadelphia: S. S. White Co. We have to thank the Publication Committee for a copy of these transactions, neatly issued.