

KEEP IT UP.

THE fight against departmental stores goes bravely on. At last people appear to be awaking to a realization of the ruin they are working in our country. A year and a-half ago, when the druggists of Ontario organized in an endeavor to protect their calling from the ravages of the plague, they were jeered at, and informed "that they were fighting the inevitable;" that "departmental stores had come to stay;" "were a part of the times in which we live." These and various other chunks of wisdom were fired at us. However, we have had but a short time of waiting to see a justification of our fight in the numerous movements among other lines of business men to place a limit to their opportunities of working evil. One weekly (*Once a Week*) in Toronto was the only publication in the newspaper world raising its voice against the monopolies. Last month *Saturday Night* took up the fight, and has been doing sledge-hammer work. This month the *Star* has come squarely out on the right side, and at a pecuniary loss of many thousands of dollars announces its intention of championing the cause of the people as against the monopolies. Now what are you doing to help along the fight? Sitting in your shop grumbling because business is leaving you? If so, cease your grumbling and do something. If nothing else, subscribe for *Saturday Night* and the *Star*, to show that you appreciate their efforts to help you.

A FERTILE CAUSE OF DEFECTIVE TEETH.

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DENTISTS and physicians, in my judgment, do not recommend or prescribe as often as they should the use of suitable preparations for the care of children's teeth. If a proper and agreeable preparation be kept constantly in the nursery, the little people would soon take a pleasure in its use, merely for its pleasant after-effects. Thus, through the apparent *play* with the detergent, they are paving the way to sound teeth and healthy gums, besides keeping the secretions of the oral cavity free from unhealthy contamination before entering the body.

I have been trying for a long time various preparations of the kind, with a view to settling upon something which I could recommend to my patients without inviting reflections upon my judgment. With this end in view, I critically examined the Euthymol Tooth Paste manufactured by Parke, Davis & Co., and I feel safe in saying that I can direct the use of this preparation without expecting anything but good results.

Editorial Notes.

One of our subscribers writes asking us to translate the metric quantities of the National Formulary into the Imperial weights and measures, urging the usual arguments advanced against what he is pleased to call the French system, but we cannot see our way to doing it. One reason is that it cannot be done accurately; another is that the metric system is bound to be in force in Canada in a few years, and it is just as well to become accustomed to its use as soon as possible. We have always been opposed to the use of the so-called tables for the conversion of grams into ounces, etc.; it involves a lot of useless calculation, and exact results cannot be obtained, whereas by purchasing a set of metric weights and measures all calculation is saved and exact results obtained. The metric system has been adopted by all the civilized nations of the world, with the exception of the English and American, and it is now the only system recognized in the U. S. Pharmacopœia, and will be adopted in the next edition of the British, and in a few years will be the only official system of weights and measures recognized in England, and Canada will be bound to follow the example, so we might as well begin to prepare for this event. We cannot understand how any pharmacist claiming "to prepare prescriptions with accuracy, etc.," can conscientiously do so when he undertakes to convert metric prescriptions into drachms and ounces at the rate of 15½ grs. to the gram. There is only one way to do it, and that is by counting a gram as a gram and get a set of the proper weights and measures, and then you will wonder how you ever thought the metric system was a nuisance. The world moves and we have to move with it.

The death of Dr. Herman Hager removed "the grand old man" of German pharmacy. Dr. Hager is celebrated for the many works which he has published on practical pharmacy, and although not considered as a scientist, but more as a compiler, by his German confreres, his work has been of immense value to practical pharmacists. His "*Handbuch der Pharmaceutischen Praxis*," is probably his most important work, and has had an extended circulation, not only among German pharmacists, but also among English and American pharmacists who read German. His other works are "*Manuale Pharmaceutium seu Promptuarium*," a "*Kommentar zur Pharmacopœia Germanica*," "*Anleitung zur Fabrication Kunstlicher Mineral Wasser*," "*Erster Unterricht des Pharmaceuten*," "*Das Mickroskop*." He also founded and edited for many years the *Phar-*