

be accomplished by this same "shaking out" method, the principle of which has already been sketched. Having secured the suspected contents, acidulate with dilute hydrochloric or acetic acids, to insure the formation of a soluble salt, and if not quite fluid, dilute with distilled water, to insure their solution. Filter, set aside half the filtrate, which if required, is to be tested later for poisons other than alkaloids. Render the remainder alkaline with ammonia, when the alkaloid if present, will be precipitated. Transfer to the separator, add chloroform until the ppt. is dissolved, then draw off the lower chloroformic layer. Now cleanse the separator and return the chloroformic solution to it, add an equal volume of a one-in-fifty solution of sulphuric acid, agitate gently and again separate. The alkaloid is now in the upper layer as an acid sulphate in solution. It only remains to divide this solution into as many parts as there are likely poisons indicated and apply to each, in turn, a reliable test reagent for those alkaloids. Having found and recognized one of them, the other half of the contents reserved may now be treated in the same manner through to the acid sulphate solution to avoid fats, precipitated again with ammonia, add chloroform until the precipitate is redissolved and separate the lower layer, evaporate to dryness and weigh. Twice this product will represent the amount of free alkaloid still unabsorbed.

A CHINESE HOSPITAL.

A Visit to the 'Tung Wah' or Native Chinese Hospital at Hong Kong.

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Escorted by a kindly Sikh policeman after a first ineffectual attempt to find the hospital with a jinricksha man, I again climbed the steep narrow street, turned up a cement paved lane and entering in an archway in a smooth stone wall stood in the courtyard of the Tung Wah. Broad stone steps flanked by great pillars of polished wood led up to the open temple-like rotunda with its floor of stone flags and walls of bare brick. On an altar at the farther end tapers were burning before the medicine joss.

Through the courtesy of Dr. Thompson, of the Government Medical Staff, I came furnished with an introduction to the Superintendent, Dr. Chung and found the latter in his office. While waiting I had an opportunity to note the evidences of modern life; the roll top desk, the telephone, the three or four busy clerks, the bright Oriental furniture and polished floor: within the doctor's private consulting room the decorations were still more European in character.

The Tung Wah Hospital is an institution managed by and for the Chinese alone, and offers them the choice of modern, or as it is called foreign treatment under Dr. Chung, or the old Chinese doctors' treatment. Fully two-thirds of the patients admitted prefer the latter and