

New Remedies.

PYROCATECHIN which is now so popular as a developer, is now being put on the market by E. Merck, Darmstadt, in the form of a compact heavy crystal. This is found to have the advantage, being more convenient to handle than the resublimed form, while being identical in constitution and developing power.

CHRYSOPHANIC ACID is now being prepared by E. Merck by a new and improved process which yields a prominently high grade of purity in beautifully bright color.

STYPTICIN is a new remedy prepared by E. Merck, having a prompt styptic with potent sedative action. It is a derivative of the opium alkaloid narcotine, and is in the form of a crystalline powder, of the color of sulphur, dissolves freely in water and has for its formula $C_{12}H_{14}NO_3Cl$. It is used as an uterine hamostatic and also has sedative and analgetic properties. It is also put up in tablet form of one grain each, the dose being one tablet five or six times a day

Stypticin is the hydrochloride of a derivative of narcotine, which is called cotarnine.

Menthosol has been so named by Logueki, and consists of a mixture of parachlorphenol, and menthol, but the proportions are unknown. It is a viscid liquid, possessing an odor and taste similar to that of parachlorphenol. It is to be used both internally and externally as an antiseptic.—*Pharm. Zeitg.*

PYROCATECHIN.—Mr. E. Merck has succeeded in devising a method of manufacturing pyrocatechin in heavy crystals, which is much more convenient to handle than the ordinary form. The developing properties are identically the same as with resublimed pyrocatechin.

IODEIGON.—This new remedy, a substitute for iodoform, is put on the market in three forms. (1) Iodeigon iodised albumin; this contains 20 per cent. of iodine, is insoluble in water, and is used for external application. (2) Sodium iodalbuminate. (3) Pepto-iodeigone. The two latter preparations contain about 15 per cent. of iodine, and are free from uncombined iodine and sodium iodide. They may be used for either internal or external medication.—*Pharm. Post.*

BASICIN.—A patented preparation containing caffeine and quinine. It is claimed

to be stronger than quinine alone and produces none of the undesirable effects of the latter when administered either by mouth, subcutaneously or per rectum. The dose of basicin is 0.1—0.2 gm. (1.5—3.0 g.) A basicin oil is also prepared, containing 5 p.c. of basicin in 37.5 p.c. of chloroform, 12.5 p.c. of alcohol and 45 p.c. of olive oil. This is also intended for internal administration, but by mouth only.—*Phar. Zeit.*

PREPARATION OF IODOFORM.—A German patent for the preparation of this body has been taken out by Otto. It depends on the use of ozone. A mixture of potassium iodide, alcohol, and alkaline carbonate is treated with ozone, when the whole of the iodine is liberated, and reacts with the alcohol in the ordinary manner. It is not necessary to use pure potassium iodide, the mother-liquors in the kelp industry being also suitable.—*Pharm. Zeit.*

Books.

THE ART OF DISPENSING—A treatise on the methods and processes involved in compounding medical prescription. By Peter MacEwen, F.C.S., Pharmaceutical Chemist. Pp. 490. Fifth edition. London: *Chemist and Druggist* offices, 42 Cannon street, E.C.

This valuable aid to the pharmacist has now reached its sixth edition and has been materially enlarged being now nearly double the size of previous editions. It has been practically re-written and the new matter covers more than 200 pages. The work is one which should be in the hands especially of all pharmaceutical students, as it is eminently reliable and thorough. The work is sold in Canada at \$1.50.

VETERINARY COUNTER PRACTICE—A treatise on the diseases of animals and the most suitable remedies for them. This work is written expressly for chemists and druggists, and will be found a valuable aid where the customers are stock dealers, farmers, etc.

The work has now reached its third edition, and has been revised and much new matter added. It is published at the offices of the *Chemist and Druggist*, London, Eng., and is sold here at \$1.50.

STRINGTOWN ON THE PIKE, by Prof. John Uri Lloyd, Cincinnati. Dodd,

Mead & Co., Boston, publishers. Price \$1.50.

This is the title of a new and fascinating novel written by Prof. Lloyd, so well known to pharmacists throughout the United States and Canada as an ex-president of the American Pharmaceutical Association, and head of the drug firm of Lloyd Bros., Cincinnati, and also to all lovers of good literature by his former work, "Etidorpha," which has been so well received everywhere and which stamped the writer as a charming and versatile writer.

This story of Kentucky life, which he portrays so vividly and so true to life, is one which holds the interest of the readers from beginning to end, and the pathos humor and homeliness pervading the volume are such as must recommend it to all lovers of good books.

The Youth's Companion's Seventy-Fifth Year.

The new volume of *The Youth's Companion* for 1901 will mark the paper's seventy-fifth year of continuous publication—seventy five years, during which it has had the approval of three generations of readers. The constant aim of *The Youth's Companion* is to carry into the home reading that shall be helpful as well as entertaining—reading that shall contribute to the pure happiness of all the family. Strong in the assurance that every reader gained is a friend won, the publishers offer to send *The Companion* free for the remaining weeks of 1900 to those who subscribe now for the new volume for 1901. There will not be an issue from now until 1902 that will not be crowded with good stories and articles of rare interest and value. Diplomats, explorers, sailors, trappers, Indian fighters, story-writers, and self-made men and women in many vocations, besides the most popular writers of fiction, will write for *The Companion* not only next year, but during the remaining weeks of this year.

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