

FORMULARY.

DOMISH'S LOCAL ANESTHETIC.—Dr. J. B. Mattison contributes to the *N. Y. Med. Journal* the following formula for this preparation:

Menthol..... 1 drachm.
Chloroform 10 drachms.
Ether..... 15 drachms.

Used as spray.

Though never pushed to complete anesthesia, it is said to freeze the part in a minute. I have found it very effective in superficial neuralgia, especially about the head; and if, added to its local use, a thin kerchief is placed over the face and the spray thrown on the nose and mouth, enough general effect—yet quite within a safe limit—can be got to add not a little to the local good.

FOAM MIXTURE FOR SODA WATER.—Place 1 lb. of acacia in a four-pint, wide mouthed bottle, rinse it two or three times with about 2 pts. of water, each time pouring off the water; then add 2 pts. of water and stir until dissolved; add 40 grains benzoic acid, dissolved in 2 drachms of alcohol and mixed with tincture quillaia (N. F.), 6 fluid ounces; finally, mix and strain. Two or four fluid ounces to a gallon of syrup is sufficient.—*E. V. Zoeller.*

PERFUME FOR FACE POWDER.—

Tincture of musk..... 3 ounces.
Oil of milleseurs 3 ounces.
Otto of rose..... 15 drops.
Tincture of orris..... 9 ounces.
Tincture of benzoin 2½ drachms.
Mix.

LILY OF THE VALLEY PERFUME.

Essence of tuberose 21 ounces.
Essence of jasmín 18 drachms.
Essence of orange flowers. 15 “
Essence of rose..... 15 “
Spirit of rose 18 “
Tincture of vanilla 15 “
Oil of bitter almonds 10 drops.

—*Chemist and Druggist.*

ICHTHYOL VARNISHES.—Unna has recently published new formulae for watery varnishes of ichthyol, and the following are examples:—

Ichthyol..... 40 parts.
Starch..... 40 “
Water..... 20 “
Concentrated watery solution of albumen..... 1-1½ “

Mix the starch with the cold water, then incorporate the ichthyol and lastly the albumen solution.

Ichthyol 25 parts.
Carbolic acid 2.5 “
Starch 50 “
Water 22.5 “

Dissolve the ichthyol and the carbolic acid in the water by the aid of a gentle heat, then add the starch.

The starch referred to in the foregoing is starch mucilage, not starch flour.

A NEW INK FOR PHARMACEUTICAL USE.—L. Kauffeisen proposes the following formula for an ink, which he considers admirably adapted for general use in pharmacies:

Alizarin paste 15 parts.
Sodium carbonate 7 “
Extract of hematoxylin .. 25 “
Water 1,000 “

Dissolve the sodium carbonate in a small portion of the water, and add the alizarin. Dissolve the logwood extract in the balance of the water, and mix the two solutions. Drop a few nails or iron filings into a vessel large enough to contain the ink, and pour the solution into the same. Let stand for a week or ten days, and filter. To each quart add about 1 dram of crystallized carbolic acid, and let dissolve. The ink is now ready for use.

A more rapid method of finishing the ink is to substitute sulphate of iron for the metal, using 1 dram to the quart of liquid. The result is not so good, however, as ink thus made does not acquire the same intensity of color as that made by the slower method. The advantages claimed for the ink are cheapness, stability under ordinary circumstances, and the fact that it never precipitates. If it grows thick or muddy, the addition of a little water at once restores it to a useful condition.—*National Druggist.*

EMPLASTRUM MENTHOLATUM.—The following is given in the *Zeitschrift des allgemeinen Oestreichischen Apotheker Vereins*:

Colophony 7 parts.
Yellow wax..... 1 part.
Menthol 2 parts.

Melt the colophony and wax together, let cool and add the menthol.

SOAP FOR SWEATING HANDS AND FEET.—The *Pharmaceutische Centralhalle* gives the following:

Fat soap (*saponis animalis*) .. 15 parts.
Tannic acid 1 part.
Starch, sufficient

Melt the soap in a water bath and add the tannin; mix thoroughly, and then stir in enough starch to make the mass friable.

Pill-Taking Made Easy.

A German firm has introduced a novelty which the *Pharmaceutische Zeitung* thinks deserving of notice. It is in the shape of a semi-circular nickle or silver-plated ring, which fits over the rim of an ordinary-sized tumbler, and is furnished with a small basket-like attachment for holding a pill. A swallow of water being taken through this basket, the pill, however nauseous its ingredients, is washed down without affecting the sense of taste or exciting any repugnance. The affair costs about 25 cents and would be acceptable to a large number of patients.

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