

## Items of Interest

### Triumph In Pill Making

Parke, Davis & Co. confess that their soft-mass pill, which is now receiving so much favorable attention from the medical world, was for a long time a "hard nut" to crack. They had set out to produce by the soft-mass process a pill that should be a credit to their house and to manufacturing pharmacy. The task at first seemed simple enough. Here, as elsewhere, theory and practice were at variance. As a matter of fact, a good deal of experimentation had to be done. Time was consumed. Money was expended. In the end, of course, ingenuity triumphed.

In structure the soft-mass pill, as manufactured by Parke, Davis & Co., consists of a plastic mass encompassed by a thin, soluble chocolate coating. It may be flattened between the thumb and finger like a piece of putty. An important advantage of the soft-mass pill is the readiness with which it dissolves or disintegrates in the digestive tract. Another commendable feature is that, no heat being applied in the process, such volatile substances as camphor, the valerianates, the essential oils, etc., are not dissipated, so that any pill embodying one or more of these substances may be depended upon to contain just what the label says it contains.

Parke, Davis & Co. are putting out close to twenty formulas by the soft-mass process—all of them listed, we believe, in advertisements now appearing quite generally in the medical press.

The Young-Thomas Soap Company, of Regina, have many physicians who use large quantities of their cleansing powder in various ways, for instance, for enameled ware, instruments, chemical and laboratory apparatus, etc. This company have now put on the market a soap which compares highly with any toilet soap made. The new soap is named "Buttermilk" and it is highly recommended. Any practitioner who wishes to test these products will be accommodated by making a request to the company at Regina.

Criminal is substitution. "Listerin" was put on the market first after costing the Lambert Pharmacal Company many thousands of dollars. Today after many years it is used all over the civilized world. Of course there are preparations of a "similar" character, but all these false products do not do the work that "Listerin" does. Stick to the original.