

cohol, can imagine our disappointment. A good meaning man—I believe it was Mr. Hoar, of Mass.—introduced this amendment, and he made it too far reaching. All we could ask for was free alcohol in the arts, and that is all that is covered by Mr. Shepherd's resolutions, but it is not the amendment offered by Mr. Hoar. It calls for free alcohol in the arts and in medicinal preparations, and it calls for so much we can do nothing with it; and it is the misfortune, I think, of Mr. Sheppard's resolutions that it does not apply to what we would propose to give thanks for. We cannot give thanks to a thing so tantalizing that we would like to take the benefit of, and we are afraid to say, I am afraid of passing such resolutions.

Mr. Sheppard—The resolution is, *Resolved*, that the action of the Congress of the U. S. in legislating for free alcohol in the arts should be commended, and a committee of three, of which E. R. Squibb shall be one, shall be appointed by the chair to secure such regulations for us for free alcohol in medicine, as shall be of benefit to the drug trade. Mr. Main states what many of us know to be the fact, that Dr. E. R. Squibb is greatly interested in this subject, and is a man greatly interested and thoroughly posted on the alcohol question.

Mr. Gode—I really don't think it is possible to make any regulation which will allow us to use free alcohol in medicine. I don't see how it is possible.

Mr. Ebert—If you will just think for a moment you will see how impossible it is.

Mr. Mason—I beg to second the resolution.

Mr. Whitney—We are asked by the resolution, as I understand it, to commend the action of congress, and we are told by the member of this Association who visited the Secretary who has charge of this matter, that he knows nothing about it, and no one in his department knows anything about it, and from his investigation at Washington, he thinks nothing will come of it. It seems to me that places us in a position very far from commending the action of Congress without further interpretation. I need however, merely to call attention to the remarks of Mr. Ebert, of Chicago. In his few words there is a whole volume of large size. The retail pharmacist is not able to attend to the lobby work—to visit Washington—and a large manufacturer is, as his interests are large. The first thing to be expected, and I warn you against it, and the first thing to be accomplished, will be free alcohol to manufacturers, and to retailers not a cent. They will never get a quart of alcohol free. The manufacturers, as I have suggested, will fill every department store with essence of peppermint made of alcohol, which costs them 40 cents a gallon, while every one of us poor dealers have to pay \$2.47. That's just what it is. Now, gentlemen, read between the lines. Mr. Ebert has given you the whole story. Now we are asked to commend action that cuts our

throat. How many of you retail pharmacists will be able to go to Denver next year if that is put upon us, or anywhere else? We cannot stay in our homes; we will go to—

A member—The demnition bow-wows!

Mr. Whitney—That is what it is, we will go to the demnition bow-wows, and we will not have money enough left for a head-stone. We want to go slow in commending this action, which will rob us of what little we have left. Whatever we do we want to do it intelligently, and to know what we are doing. When we know what will be done I shall be most happy to render thanks, but until that time comes—no, not a word.

To be continued.

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DERMOL is the name given by the author, in analogy with dermatol, to a preparation destined to serve in the treatment of skin disease and obtained by treating a bismuth salt [bismuth oxide?] with chrysophanic acid. The resulting bismuth chrysophanate—to which the author ascribes the formula $\text{Bi}(\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_7\text{O}_5)_2$, Bi_2O_3 —is described as an amorphous, yellow powder of neutral reaction and insoluble in the ordinary solvents. It dissolves in nitric acid with a saffron-yellow color, in sulphuric acid with a violet red color. It is principally applied in the form of ointments; more definite therapeutic data are yet wanting.—*Merck's Bulletin*.

ATKINS & ATKINS, Vancouver, B. C., are opening a branch drug store at Nanaimo, B. C.

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