

Drug Review.

Business during the past month has been quiet, as is usual after the Holidays. Holiday trade is reported as having been better than was expected. As a number of druggists accustomed to handle plush and such like fancy goods, did not go in for them but depended on what might be called a good line of staple drug sundries and perfumery, the result was very satisfactory as there are no fancy goods to carry over until next season.

Glycerine is a little easier.

Quinine is dull: no change to note.

Cream Tartar Crystals have advanced and higher prices looked for.

Sassafras Bark scarce, and quality poor.

Citric Acid is firm and unless a fall occurs in Lemon Juice an advance must take place.

Tartaric Acid is firm.

Oxalic Acid is easier.

Gum Shellac stiff in price.

Morphia a little easier.

Oil Orange Amara is hard to get, consequently price is higher.

Oil Lemon, firm at advance.

Opium, no change to note.

Potass. Iodide is being offered at a slight advance on present cost of laying it down for some reason unknown to the trade.

Sulphonal and Phenacetin are lower.

Insect Powder is lower, as we predicted, and from all accounts it is safe to buy at present prices.

Castor Oil, no prospect at present for lower prices.

Paris Green, prices this year will probably be a little lower, but early yet to tell correctly.

Objections to Hollow Suppositories.

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Are there any objections to the indiscriminate use of hollow suppositories?

In answer, I would say there are. The introduction of the suppository led, of course, to many suggestions as to the best method of preparing them; each contributing what they thought would simplify and facilitate the process. Among others was one directing the excipient to be formed into the required shape, and then make an excavation from the base upwards into which the medicine may be inserted and enclosed with a piece of the cocoa butter. This was the first hollow suppository, and was rejected by the best authorities, for the reason that applies to all hollow suppositories, and their use would never have obtained, but that they are labor-saving, and at the same time enables inexpert druggists to dispense them in good form as to appearances, without regard to efficiency.

The object of the excipient in this form of medication is to equably diffuse the medicine, presenting it in the minutest

particles for action upon the mucous membrane, and at the same time prevent irritation, which would otherwise occur in many cases. The object is fully accomplished only in the suppository made properly, either by hand or in moulds, as directed by the Pharmacopœia, as it fulfils all the conditions required, the medicine being brought immediately into action, even in the act of inserting it, but is almost entirely defeated by the use of hollow suppositories with the medicine diffused first with cocoa butter and then inserted into the hollow case, for the reason that this hollow case must first melt away, engorging the membrane with cocoa butter to the exclusion of all else, before the medicated portion that has been inserted can be presented for action, and even then it can only act after first permeating a cushion of grease that has not been absorbed.

In a long experience, I know of no method of medication that has been so satisfactory when prepared as directed by the Pharmacopœia, and but for the use of the hollow suppository their use would have been largely increased. In justice, then, to the physician, in justice to the patient, I would say, discard the hollow case as a failure, and honestly dispense the suppository as the Pharmacopœia directs.—Condensed from Paper read before Georgia Pharmaceutical Association

Brevities.

A lady in Paris is introducing a new fashion in regard to furniture. She is having all her chairs, sofas, and even her carriages, stuffed with aromatic herbs, which fill the air with an agreeable, but not too powerful perfume. The fashion is derived from the eastern nations and prevails extensively over a considerable part of Asia.

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What is that which is neither flesh nor bone and yet has four fingers and a thumb? A glove.

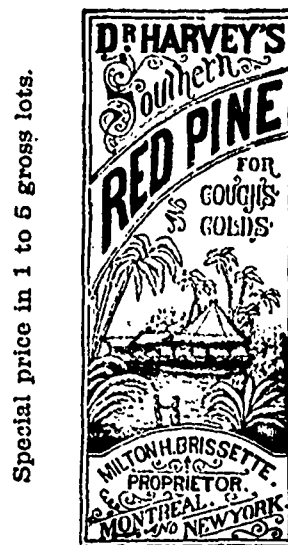
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