

Antikamnia Substitution.

That an unwarranted substitution of one remedy for another is occasionally practiced by some druggists there seems to be no question. That this is morally wrong, is equally true, but that it is frequently a crime in the eyes of the law and as such is punishable seems to have been lost sight of by some of those who may practice it.

But the fact that such have enjoyed immunity from prosecution is no guarantee that they can continue their speculation, even on a small scale, without detection and its consequences.

Frank A. Ruf, of the Antikamnia Chemical Company, has recently been in New York and Chicago, and states that he has made arrangements for a thorough system of investigation throughout the country, and that counsel has been employed to prosecute, both civilly and criminally, all who persist in furnishing a substitute as and for antikamnia.

The Antikamnia Company proposes doing this without vindictiveness, and indeed with none but the most friendly feeling to the druggist. Even where a druggist has allowed himself to be persuaded into the practice, their first step will be to confer with him in the interest of mutual protection. Following that, they propose, if necessary, notifying every physician in the city of the name and address of the offender, with the recom-

mendation to avoid him if honest goods are desired. The substitute obtained by the investigators, together with the name of the dispenser, will be shown to the physician, thus protecting the honest druggist. The more flagrant cases will be given to their attorney for proceedings in law.

Mr. Ruf said in regard to the matter: "We are simply determined that the honest druggist shall be protected; that the physician and patient shall be protected, and lastly, that our own interests shall not be trampled upon."—*Druggists' Circular*.

DIACETANILIDE.—Bistrzycki and Ullers obtain this body by digesting monacetanilide (antifebrin) in closed flasks with acetic anhydride at 200° C. By digestion with ligroin, in which the mono-compound is but slightly soluble, the diacetanilide is separated from unaltered antifebrin, and by strong cooling the diacetanilide compound crystallises out in large cakes. The physiological action appears to be almost identical with that of acetanilide.

SOMETHING NEW.—It is announced in the German pharmaceutical journals as something quite new that a continental chemist has discovered that vermilion is adulterated with eosin. This is quite a well-known fact, and was brought out again in a paper on the subject by Parry and Estcourt in this journal. As a matter of fact, what is sold as vermillionette usually consists of zinc white colored with eosin.

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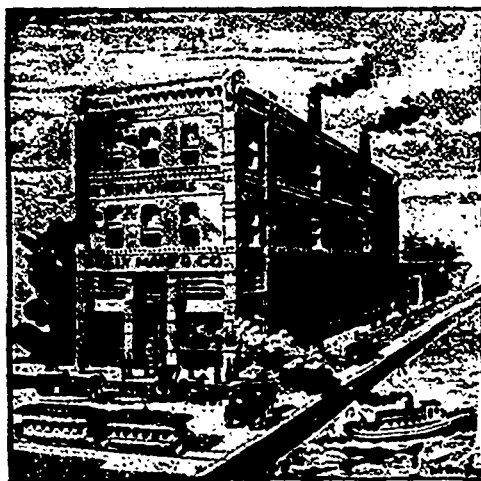
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