

The *Suppositoria Plumbi Comp*, which contain, in each, one grain of powdered opium, are omitted. *Morphiæ Acetas* and the *Liquor* are given, though the hydrochlorate is the only salt directed to be prepared directly from opium.

It is stated that the proportion of opium (moist) in *Trochisci Opii* is one-tenth of a grain in each, while on pages 124 and 350 they are said to contain one-tenth of a grain of extract, which is at least double the strength of moist opium.

The proportion of opium in *Pil. Ipecac. cum Scilla* is said to be 1 in 16½ nearly. The treacle ordered in the formula has evidently been omitted in this calculation. It will be found that this will bring the mass up to a strength of about 1 in 24.

In the Reprint of 1874 the compilers publish, on page vi, "a list of corrections made in 1874 in the reprint of the British Pharmacopœia of 1867." Only one of these relates to opium preparations—that of the *Pil. Ipecac. c. Scilla*, above noted, of which the correction is made "instead of 16½ read 23½." On referring, however, to the page indicated, it will be found that another proportion—1 in 23—is given.

The notes for this paper were made with reference to the edition of 1867, but we find that in the reprint of 1874 some of the errors have been corrected, though they do not appear in the list of corrections referred to. This is an omission originating in carelessness, or perhaps some other cause, but, in any case, the list should be made complete.

In regard to the doses of the opium preparations there are some strange inconsistencies. Some of these would at first appear to be explained by the supposition that the stated doses of preparations have been established and perpetuated by long usage, but this view is not correct, as many of the preparations were either entirely new or of altered strength in the edition of 1864, and of those compounds which were taken from the other pharmacopœias the doses do not coincide.

On page 230 of the edition of 1867, and also 1874, the dose of ordinary opium is stated to be from ½ grain to 2 grains. This may then be assumed as a standard to which may be referred other preparations which owe their activity entirely to opium.

The dose of *Ext. Opii* is stated (page 123 in 1867 and 1874) to be from ¼ grain to 2 grains, or the same as that of opium, though 2