

Hair-Restorer, or Brandreth's Plasters are sold with government stamps upon them, and they are, our informant assures us, selling well. We may add that the stamp duty of such medicines is now one *rin*, or the 1000th part of a silver dollar, for those costing 2 *sen* (1 *sen* being the 100th part of a dollar) per bottle or package; 3 *rin* for those under 3 *sen*; 5 *rin* for those under 5 *sen*; 1 *sen* for those under 10 *sen*; and 5 *rin* for every 5 *sen* above 10 *sen*. With regard to the standard of purity which the Japanese set up, it is impossible to understand why any one should complain that it cannot always be met. The Japanese Pharmacopoeia standard is not so high that English makers cannot produce drugs of the required purity. If it be compared with that of this country, or with the pharmacopoeias of Germany, France, the United States, or Holland, it will at once be seen that the standard of Japanese drugs is not much higher than that of other countries. There should, therefore, be no difficulty on the part of manufacturing chemists in producing drugs of a standard to which even Japanese makers can attain, there being but one standard to which both Japanese and foreign-made chemicals must conform. If any English-made fine chemicals or drugs have been driven from the Japanese market, it is not, we believe, on account of the high standard of purity required, but because British firms have not set themselves to compete with the lower prices of German goods. Let but manufacturers turn out goods according to the prescriptions of the Japanese Pharmacopoeia as cheaply as those of Continental firms, and there will be no reason why their chemicals and drugs should not find a very large sale in the Japanese market. At present, our informant points out, the victory rests with the Continental merchants and manufacturers, who do their utmost to extend business by studying and conforming to the special requirements of the Japanese market.—*British Trade Journal*.

#### Colutic Acid.

G. Barbey gives this name (*acide colutic*) to a compound extracted by him from the leaves of bladder senna, *Colutea arborescens* (Leguminosae). The acid is insoluble in cold water, soluble in sixty times its weight of boiling water, and crystallizes in spangles on the solution cooling. From an alcoholic solution, however, it crystallizes in fine needles. It is also soluble in chloroform and in carbon disulphide, and melts at 136°.5 C. The compound reddens litmus, forms salts with soda or ammonia, resembles the phenols in certain of its reactions, and in others appears analogous to cinnamic acid.—(*L'union pharm.*)—*Phar. Journal*.

Cupratin is a combination of copper with albumen similar to ferratin made by Fihlene.

## Business Notices.

As the design of the CANADIAN DRUGGIST is to benefit mutually all interested in the business, we would request all parties ordering goods or making purchases of any description from houses advertising with us to mention in their letter that such advertisement was noticed in the CANADIAN DRUGGIST.

The attention of Druggists and others who may be interested in the articles advertised in this journal is called to the special consideration of the Business Notices.

**TO IMPORTERS.**—We direct attention to the card of Mr. F. Graf on page 218b of this issue.

**SEND A TRIAL ORDER.**—We invite the attention of the trade to the price list of the Royal Oil Company on page 232 of this issue. The goods are right and the prices low.

**HONEY AND HOREHOUND.**—An excellent name and an excellent article is this cough tablet advertised by Lawson & Jones on page 224a this month. Write them for sample and price.

**ONE MINUTE.**—The Key Medicine Co. advertise their One Minute Headache Cure in this issue. This article is having a large and steadily increasing sale, and is guaranteed perfectly safe.

**"KOFF NO MORE."**—Watson's Cough Drops, so universally known throughout Canada, have proved remarkable sellers, and the secret of it is, they act promptly, are pleasant and safe to use, and are always the same.

**DRUGGISTS' CONFECTIONERY.**—On the third page of cover will be found an advertisement of the McCormick Manufacturing Co., of London, Canada, who offer to the trade a full line of confectionery, similar to the English goods, in twelve flavors; a line also of Buttercups, a very choice confection, in twelve kinds. These goods are first-class, handsomely put up, and the reputation of the firm is sufficient to guarantee all their manufactures. They also manufacture the celebrated Menthol Cough Drop, which had an extremely large sale last year, and is one of the most popular cough tablets in the market.

**A NEW ANTISEPTIC.**—The treatment of many medical and all surgical conditions is, at the present time, largely based on the principles of antiseptics, and constant efforts have been made to secure some agent that would be generally applicable. The Borine Chemical Company, of New York, believe that in their preparation "Borine" they have an article which is in every sense desirable. It is composed of the active constituents of benzoin, wintergreen, meadowsweet, golden rod, witch hazel, combined with the stearoptenes of wild thyme, eucalyptus, peppermint, and boracic acid. Its agreeable qualities adapt it for daily use in the toilet, as a mouth wash and as a prophylactic for general use for maintaining

hygienic measures. A postal card sent to the Borine Chemical Company, 21 West 23rd street, New York, will bring an interesting brochure on "External and Intestinal Antiseptics."

#### A Tried Remedy.

Dr. B. W. Hair's Asthma Cure is a remedy that has stood the test of years, and is undoubtedly one of the most successful preparations for this trouble. Read the following letter carefully:

SWANSEA CENTRE, MASS., July 20, 1895.  
DR. B. W. HAIR:

I am pleased to say that I find everything in your statement just as you say in regard to my disease. Yes, I can see it is leaving me; every year, it grows less and less. It commenced later this year and I haven't had a symptom of it for the last three weeks, and have only had a very few sneezing spells, and those at the very beginning; and now I am gaining in flesh and strength very fast.

I have taken only one bottle this year, where last year I took three, I think, and last year was better than the year before; this makes the three seasons. I hope I can send you a line next year saying I haven't it at all, so you can put it in print. I have some friends taking the medicine, who prize it very highly.

Hoping to be able to make a good report next year, if we are all living, I remain,

Very truly,

MRS. A. L. BATTLES.

#### Druggists as Opticians.

That pharmacists are now becoming thoroughly interested in the science of optics is evident from the number of students who have taken a course of instruction at the Optical Institute of Canada. These classes, conducted by Mr. Lawrence, are now held in connection with the Toronto branch of the Montreal Optical Company, at No. 60 Yonge street, and are attracting students from all parts of the province. The following are amongst those druggists and drug clerks who have already obtained diplomas and are qualified to act as opticians:

Mr. Brown, Cornwall.  
J. Findlay, Pembroke.  
T. Stevenson, Orangeville.  
J. P. Lamb, Athens.  
E. C. Mitchell, Kingston.  
Mr. Higginbotham, Milton.  
S. Scott, Newmarket.  
J. W. Browett, Ingersoll.  
Mr. Howell, Galt.  
R. T. Kyle, Strathroy.  
H. Powell, Stouffville.  
T. B. Welch, Strathroy.  
W. M. Kirkland, Galt.  
J. A. Austin, Toronto.  
J. Thomson, Bracebridge.  
S. W. Hobart, Kingston.  
W. Barr, Hamilton.  
J. E. Davis, Goderich.  
G. A. Deadman, Brussels.  
S. C. Lamb, Athens.  
P. L. Scott, Paris.  
J. A. Stewart, Meaford.  
W. W. Porte, Brighton.  
W. H. Scripture, Toronto.  
J. J. Gilfillan, Orono.