

for effecting the trituration, by which the objections to the latter substance are obviated.

Confectio Amygdalæ. The almonds are now ordered to be blanched, dried, and powdered, before being mixed with the sugar, &c., when the materials are to be kept dry, by which process they keep better than formerly.

Decoctum Granati Radicis is now introduced, the old Ph. containing only decoction of the fruit rind, which does not possess anthelmintic properties.

Emplastrum Belladonnæ. The proportion of belladonna is doubled, and soap plaster is substituted for resin plaster.

Emplastrum Opii. The proportion of opium is about three times as great as formerly.

Emplastrum Potassii Iodidi is introduced.

Emplastrum Saponis now contains a little resin, which makes it more adhesive than formerly, which is an advantage.

Enema Colocynthis is now made from the simple instead of the compound extract of colocynth, and the proportion of the cathartic is diminished by one-fourth.

Enema Tabaci. The tobacco is diminished by one-third.

Extractum Colchici is now introduced in addition to the Acetic Extract, which is still retained. The simple extract is made by crushing the fresh cormus, and evaporating the expressed juice.

Extractum Colocynthis Co. is expunged, being now called *Pil. Coloc.*

Extractum Nucis Vomice (Alcoholic) is now introduced.

Extractum Sarzæ is now kept fluid (*lb.iss.* to *Oj.*), instead of being evaporated to dryness.

Infusions are all made with boiling water, as before.

Concentrated infusions of pale and yellow bark are now introduced, one ounce of which will make an eight-ounce mixture of common infusion.

CHLOROFORM AS A TEST FOR THE DETECTION OF IODINE.

M. Rabourdin has made numerous experiments, which prove that chloroform will detect very small quantities of iodide in those liquids which naturally contain that substance. If we take ten parts of a fluid containing one hundred thousandth part of iodide of potassium, and add to it two drops of nitric acid, fifteen or twenty drops of sulphuric acid, and one part of the chloroform, the latter will, by shaking, assume a distinct purple colour. These facts may be of use, but starch is doubtless the most delicate test we possess for the detection of iodine.—*Lancet.*

MIDWIFERY.

COMPLETE ABSENCE OF THE UTERUS.

The *Gazette Médicale* mentions the following case, which shows very forcibly, that we should always, in our attempts at enlarging the vagina, recollect that the uterus may be entirely absent. The patient married at thirty-two, but never menstruated, though she had now and then a discharge from the vagina; the mammae and the rest of the body were well formed, but she had always been indifferent to coition. The woman died at fifty-seven, of phthisis, the lungs being saturated with tubercles. The labia majora and the clitoris were of full