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In every country that I have yet visited I have found in connection with its pharmacy something worth notice, either in the systematic course of education required of the pharmacist, or in the political laws which govern the practice of pharmacy; even the business character or otherwise of the establishments where pharmacy is conducted is sometimes very significant.

The pharmacopœia of a country affords a very fair criterion of its pharmacy; the 'Codigo Pharmaceutico Lusitano par Agostinho Albano da Silveira Pinto,' revised by Jose Pereira Reis, 1858, can scarcely be considered a pharmacopœia. It is a compilation, and was made legal by a decree of 14th February, 1861, in these words, "In consideration that the new edition is found expunged of many of the errors and defects which applied to the old one, now extinct; also, taking into consideration that a long space of time must elapse before the legal pharmacopœia which the faculty of medicine of the university in the terms of its statutes is preparing be published, and as a book to teach the practice of pharmacy cannot be dispensed with in that interval, in agreement with the opinion of the faculty of medicine of the said university, do I hereby decree that the new edition of the 'Codigo Lusitano' shall be used provisionally as a legal pharmacopœia until the pharmacopœia now in charge of the university be printed and approved of."

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