

Taste or Test.

A well-known Brooklyn physician of Spanish extraction has not yet mastered the intricacies of the pronunciation of the English language. Some time ago the doctor had occasion to send a specimen of urine for chemical examination to a druggist who attends to this work for the physician. A servant was dispatched with instructions that the druggist should "taste" it. The fluid was in an ordinary wine bottle, and the German druggist eagerly swallowed a good-sized draught, and immediately declared it to be the worst wine he had ever had the misfortune to sample. When the doctor informed him that it was a specimen to "test" chemically, the druggist was enlightened but not satisfied.—*Med. Record.*

Glass Vaccine Points—A New and Original Idea.

One of the most interesting developments in vaccine points is undoubtedly that recently placed upon the market by the H. K. Mulford Co., of a flint glass point, similar in size and shape to that of the ivory point. Every propagator of vaccine, as well as user, has recognized the limitations of the ivory or bone point, inasmuch as it could not be properly sterilized either by dry heating, which chars it, or by the use of antiseptic solution of powder, which would be absorbed in the bone and destroy the vaccine virus itself, and for this reason experiments have been carried on covering a period of years, to secure a proper substitute in glass which, from the start has been recognized as the ideal, if it could be properly produced. Mulford Company have succeeded in doing this, they have under their management a large and completely equipped glass plant on their vaccine farms at Glenolden, for the manufacture of such glassware as they use in connection with antitoxin and vaccine. It is the only glass plant in the world that employs exclusively women.

The glass point permits of thorough scarification, it is easily and thoroughly sterilized, and is supplied by the H. K. Mulford Co., either in form of dry points, or what is superior to these dry points, the glycerinized form of vaccine; this is the same vaccine employed in the glycerinized tubes, and is thoroughly tested and free from pathogenic organisms. The glass point is first sterilized, then tipped with glycerinized vaccine, which has been carefully tested bacteriologically and physiologically to prove its activity and purity, after that it is encased in sterile glass capsule, which is then hermetically sealed, thus permitting handling of the point without any possible contamination, and it is in point of fact, the ideal form of vaccine, representing the purest and most active.

There is no advanced charge made for the glass glycerinized points, and we endorse them as being the most advanced step forward in the marketing of a pure and aseptic vaccine.