

spark of electricity given off from the lady's hair might have caused the mischief. I confess I should like to make some experiments in regard to this matter of human electricity. I know a lady who was one evening making her toilet when, looking inside her bodice, she noticed a spark, and proceeded to douche herself with water, imagining that she was on fire. The spark was undoubtedly the result of electricity. But the amount of electricity in individuals varies, and certain conditions of the atmosphere tend to assist its development. In Canada, for instance, where they heat their rooms with stoves, and the air gets very dry, the slightest friction will produce electricity. Two people walking across the carpet will generate so much friction that when they shake hands there will be a mild electric shock. Indoors in winter it is hardly safe to kiss in Canada, lest an electric spark should be produced."

THE INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION.

Pharmacists visiting the Industrial Exhibition, Toronto, will find a couple of exhibits of interest to them. Near the eastern entrance, in the centre aisle of the ground floor, is located the space occupied by the Beaver Flint Glass Co. This should attract the pharmaceutical visitor, not only by the display made, but also because it represents the only successful industry of the kind in Canada. Through the columns of the Journal it has been introduced to the trade. The company's factory, on the corner of Parliament and Winchester streets, Toronto, has been in operation for about one and a half years, and their success has been most gratifying. Besides an exhibit of a full line of the goods manufactured, such as homeo vials, glass syringes, ointment pots, etc., etc., the company will show the process of manufacture of homeo vials, two workmen being actually engaged in turning out the goods, while two others will give exhibitions of fancy glass blowing and glass spinning. This point should not be missed by any visitor to the fair. The company is not satisfied with past success, but propose adding to their business a full line of prescription ware and bottles of all kinds; such an enterprise should meet with the most liberal patronage from the business men of the Dominion. "Canada first" should be the motto, and here is an opportunity to put it into practice.

Another exhibit of equal interest to pharmacists is to be found in the first balcony, against the north wall, immediately at the landing of the main stairway. This is the exhibit of the Quickcure Company, of Quebec. The preparations of this company have been received with such flattering commendations by the medical profession wherever used that they feel justified in taking advantage of every opportunity to bring it to the notice of the public. The arrangement of their exhibit is tasteful and taking. A visit to their section should be made by every visitor to the grounds. This company have put forth considerable effort, and so far

have been able to protect the retailer in securing a fair profit on their goods. The company is anxious to make the acquaintance of the druggists and invite you to call at their section.

Editorial Notes.

The young man, or the old man either, for that matter, who is establishing a business, cannot afford to give any of his attention, time or money to outside enterprises. To start a pharmacy and to get it into a good paying condition requires the very best efforts of any man who is not a business prodigy. The druggist who wishes to amuse himself with side-shows had best wait until he is in a position where he can afford to lose the larger part of his capital.—*Spatula*.

This paragraph will bear pondering over; there is a lot of wisdom in it.

The City Council of Chicago passed a couple of ordinances at the meeting of July 12, which will have a material influence on departmental stores. The first prohibits the sale of meat and groceries in stores where either dry goods, hardware, jewellery or drugs are kept, and the second deals in a similar manner with liquors, wine, and beer. Now, if the interests of the public require safeguarding in the matter of their food and beverages, how about their medicines? It is generally accepted that the proper handling of these requires skill and care. Can they get such from departmental store employees, whose only recommendation is that they are willing to work for small wages.

Messrs. Michel-Dansac, and Chassagne have patented their process of photographing in colors, and the formula for the different solutions have been published. They are a little complicated, and one is inclined to imagine that whatever may be the value of the process, the formula given are of such a nature that few will be tempted to try the combination. They look somewhat as if contrived to keep any but the patentees from putting them up.

According to H. Beauregard (Acad. des Sciences), ambergis is an intestinal calculus formed in the sperm whale. When first formed it has a very disagreeable odor, but after some years it loses this and acquires the agreeable odor of commercial ambergis, through the agency of a comma bacillus similar to that of cholera.

A NEW FORM OF DIALYSER.—A correspondent of the PHARMACEUTICAL JOURNAL recommends the ordinary porous flower pot as an efficient substitute for the parchment dialyser, as a much larger surface is exposed by which diffusion is more rapid.