

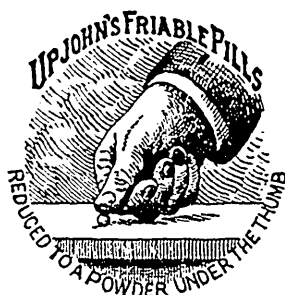
BACKACHE.—It is with pleasure that I give you my experience with Sanmetto. Mr. B., aged forty-nine years, was a sufferer for years from backache, caused from inflamed and overworked kidneys. The pain was so great at times that an opiate had to be given to relieve it. I put Mr. B. on Sanmetto, teaspoonful three times a day. He has never complained of his back since. This has been three months ago.

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TRIPHENYLALBUMIN.—If dry powdered egg albumin is dissolved in ten times its weight of phenol by being heated for several hours on the water bath and alcohol is then added, a flocculent precipitate is obtained, which washed first with alcohol and then with water, gives an odorless and tasteless body, which is insoluble in hot alcohol, water, and potash solu-

tion but soluble in phenol; like ordinary albumin, however, it is subject to fermentation. According to Shimada this body makes an excellent culture medium for bacteria. According to the analysis, three hydroxyl molecules are replaced by as many phenyl groups after the formula— $C_{12}H_{11}N_1SO_{22} + 3C_6H_5OH = C_{12}H_{10.5}(C_6H_5)_3N_1SO_{22} + 3H_2O$
—*Pharm. Post*, xxx., 293.

BARBALOIN.—The fact that investigators have proposed no less than nine different formulæ to represent barbaloin has led Leger to investigate that substance. He concludes that the discrepancies of different workers are in the main caused by the ease with which aloin is decomposed, particularly in the presence of alkalis, and even of water. As most workers have employed water in their process of extraction, the body which



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