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CHEAP ALCOHOL.

All alcohol that can be used in medical preparations is absolutely the same grade, the so-called cheapness or pureness of it depending entirely on the amount of dilution. Anyone at all cognizant of the method of preparing any tincture or mixture according to either the British or United States Pharmacopœias, knows perfectly well that the strength of the alcohol to be used is laid down arbitrarily, in different cases being much weaker or stronger according to the drugs used.

Following the example of the two great bodies which compile these works, any firm manufacturing mixtures, whatever they may be, solely for the use of the medical profession in the treatment of their patients, must use certain strengths of alcohol rigidly tested.

About no firm in the world is this truer than about the world-famed one of Parke, Davis & Co. The excellence of their various medicaments, the care and thorough knowledge shown by them, are

altogether too well known for us to expatiate on. Their medicines, both liquid and solid, are counted as the best, and are used very, very extensively indeed by the great bulk of the medical profession, and that with the greatest of satisfaction at all times. If a drug is going to do a certain work, you may be sure that P. D. & Co.'s preparation of it is perfectly reliable at all times.

A short while back an ugly attack was made on this firm in connection with this same subject of alcohol, through the daily press in Toronto, by an anonymous correspondent. This article claimed that P. D. & Co. were applying to the Canadian Government for permission to bring in a very cheap grade of alcohol to be used in their manufacturing, and pulled them over the coals on the strength of this idea.

That this was false there is not a particle of doubt, and a true explanation of the facts is due the firm in question.