

The pill masses throughout were *Pilulæ*, but are now called *Pilula*.

Sodæ Sesquicarbonas is now *Sodæ Bicarbonas*.

Tinctura Catechu is now *Tinctura Catechu Comp.*

Unguentum Picis Nigræ is now *Ung. Picis*.

Many of the changes, however, are not thus unimportant, and are liable to occasion confusion, because there is something for which it may be mistaken: for instance—

Amygdala Dulcis is now *Amygdala*; but there is also an *Amygdala Amara*, which may be mistaken.

Confectio Rosæ Gallicæ is now *Confectio Rosæ*; but there is also another confection of roses—viz. *Conf. Rosæ Caninæ*.

Decoctum Cinchonæ Cordifoliæ is now *Decoct. Cinchonæ*; but, as there are two other decoctions of cinchona, there are several sources of error.

Extractum Cinchonæ Cordifoliæ is now *Ext. Cinch.*, to which the same remark applies.

Extractum Colocynthis Comp. is now *Pilula Colocynth Comp.*, and the old title of Compound Extract is expunged.

Guaiacum Resina is now *Guaiacum*; but there is also *Guaiacum* wood as well as resin in the *Pharmacopœia*, to either of which, therefore, "*Guaiacum*" alone would apply.

Infusum Cinchonæ of the old Ph. is now *Infus. Cinch. Pallida*; whilst the present *Inf. Cinch.* is made from *yellow*, not *pale* bark; and therefore the prescriber does not know whether yellow or pale bark will be dispensed, nor can the dispenser know which is intended unless the edition of the Ph. is specified; and even then there is great danger of mistake on one side or other.

Unguentum Hydrargyri fortius is now *Unguent. Hydrargyri*; but there were two mercurial ointments of different strength; and there is therefore, a liability to confusion as to whether it is the strong or the weak which has had its name changed. The *Ung. Hydrarg. Mitius* is now expunged from the Ph.

ACTUS.—*Acetum Colehici*: the dried colehicum is now ordered instead of the fresh, which will enable the druggist to make a uniform preparation at any period of the year. The quantity ordered is diminished, so as to compensate for the moisture in the fresh cornus.

Acidum Nitricum. The commercial acid (sp. gr. 1.42) is now ordered instead of the pure (sp. gr. 1.5) the strength now being about three quarters of what it formerly was, in consequence of which, every formula containing this acid is altered to correspond with the diminished strength, so that the result may still remain the same as before.

Acid. Nitric. Dilut. is the same real strength as formerly; but the proportions of acid and water ordered are altered.

Acid. Tannicum and **Gallicum** are introduced into the *Materia Medica*.

ÆTERS.—**Chloroform** is introduced.

Spirit of Nitric Ether is now made by measure instead of by weight the proportions employed remaining as before.

ALKALIES.—**Atropiæ Sulphas** is introduced.

Morphiæ Acetas and **Morphiæ Hydrochloras** now have officinal solutions which are unfortunately very nearly twice as strong as the Dublin and Edinburgh solutions.

Aquæ are made, as before, by distillation from the herbs, fruits, &c., or by *be oil*; but finely powdered flint or sand is now ordered, instead of *magnesia*,