

The doctor who makes his own cough, tonic, etc., remedies in Winchester quantities (as any one has time to do), will derive more wealth, and give his patients better satisfaction than if he prescribes such compounds prepared by pharmaceutical companies; so many of these preparations signally fail to do what is expected of them. Anyway, the use of such goods as last named indicates that the poor doctor is deficient in his materia medica, and is really the laughing stock of the village or town druggist, who is quietly giving such to "his patients," using your name as endorsing the usage. The doctor should know as much as the druggist, more, too, really, as regards medicines, but too frequently the village druggist and the pharmaceutical man are getting too much of his hard-earned wealth.

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The druggist with whom you deal learns very easily your favorite tonics, etc., such as are done up in Winchesters (of course, for us), yet the druggist is doing a big practice in too many instances by saying, "I will fix you up a tonic, such as Dr. Smith uses," and his customer is satisfied.

The same druggist receives a fine money acknowledgement for securing a testimonial from "Joe Bowers," for his cure of rheumatism, the means employed being a patent medicine, on which he makes his profits.

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Instead of using the many, really quack, ointments for eczema, I use a combination of oil of tar and oxide of zinc ointments, with starch, and if such does not work quickly, I use pure tar, and have always good results; especially if well selected diuretics are employed and regulation of diet be enjoined; if erythematous eczema, I employ one part of camphor, powdered, three parts of zinc-oxide, and fifteen parts of starch, and so far I have used in many cases this preparation with first-class results.

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Would it not be wise for those dear pharmaceutical and other companies to name their quack compounds, which they so kindly announce to us—also, the druggists—by such names as "Gastricine," "Pulmonine," "Cardine," etc.? Such would not bother our memory, and save us the trouble of studying our works on the actions of medicines, and at the same time encourage these concerns to further their invasion among us, making us slaves and degrading us and our profession?