

Drug Report.

Business during the month has been good. There have been no important changes.

Silver still maintains its high price.

Gum shellac has again advanced, caused mainly by the high rate of exchange on India. Mercury, stiff; a new mine has been discovered in Austria. Oils Bergamot, lemon and peppermint are higher, and still higher prices are predicted.

Quinine, higher prices probable.

Ipecac continues to advance.

Jalap is very scarce, high price probable.

Soda bicarb is higher.

Opium firmer.

Higher in price - Citric acid, nitrate of silver, balsam Peru, shellac, arnica flowers, menthol, oils lemon, bergamot and peppermint, quinine, galangal, ipecac and jalap roots, spermaceti, and mercurials.

This is the season to look up stocks of goods liable to damage by frost during transportation. Prominent among these are distilled extract witchhazel, Pond's Extract, bromochloralum, fluid magnesia, Indian blood syrups, injections brounatico and G. Luby's Hair Restorer, milk magnesia, mineral waters, Pinkham's Compound, Woolford's Sanitary Lotion, Condy's Fluid, etc.

THE ADVANCE IN RUBBER. An exchange says: There are 10,000 fortunes awaiting the man who will penetrate Stanley's new country of the Congo and

bring back the vast rubber supply found therein. It is the greatest rubber country in the world. There is a famine in the rubber market this season, owing to the failure of the South American crop. The cause of the failure can be assigned to no particular circumstance. Heretofore the rubber crop has been uniformly steady, and has produced in sufficient quantity to supply the markets of the world. What makes a failure of this crop particularly calamitous is the fact that a shortage in South American markets cannot be overcome. Aside from the recent discoveries in the Congo country, there is no other source of supply. But the Congo country is entirely inaccessible. Hence, I say, there are ten thousand fortunes awaiting the man who has the capital and the enterprise to make a success of this trade. The shortage in the rubber market will have the effect of increasing prices at least 65 per cent. To-day rubber is worth ninety-eight cents in New York City, exclusive of freights. This is a price that has not been reached in all the years of the trade. The effect will be felt in all lines of rubber goods, from overshoes to rubber gum.

ARTIFICIAL PHENIC ACID.—M. De Laynes presented recently to the Societe Nationale d'Encouragement pour l'Industrie, on behalf of M. Reines, specimens of synthetic phenic acid prepared at Neuville sur Saone at the branch works of the Baden Anilin Company. This acid is

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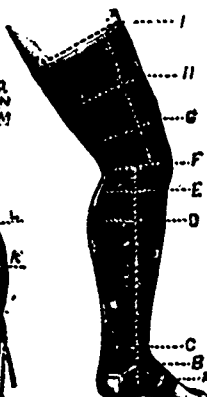
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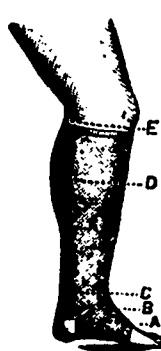
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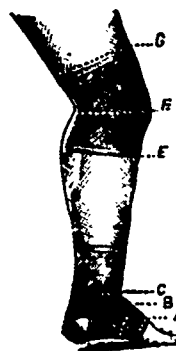
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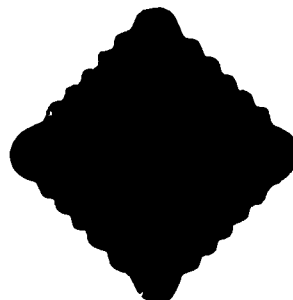
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