

Vigorous Action Against Substituters.

FAIRCHILD BROS. & FOSTER have recently adopted vigorous methods for dealing with those druggists who substitute other preparations when Fairchild's are ordered, as will be seen by the following letter :

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Dear Sir,—We beg to call your attention to the following statement of facts, which we believe will be of great interest to you as a practising physician, relying on the pharmacist for dispensing the medicines which you prescribe :

On a recent date, a prescription of a physician, ordering "Essence of Pepsine, Fairchild's," was sent to drug store. The bottle dispensed upon this prescription was immediately sealed in the presence of a witness and expressed to us. A copy of the prescription was asked for and obtained, which proved to be an accurate transcript of the prescription, bearing date and number corresponding to those upon the label of the bottle dispensed. Upon examination, the content of said bottle was found to be a fluid differing materially from Fairchild's Essence of Pepsine, so as to be obviously recognizable as a plain violation of the physician's prescription.

Another written order for Fairchild's Essence of Pepsine was sent to Druggist Upon examination, this proved likewise to have been filled with a different and inferior fluid.

Subsequently, the same day, a messenger was sent to and asked verbally for four ounces of Fairchild's Essence of Pepsine. He received a wrapped vial, for which he paid fifty cents. This bottle was found without label, and the messenger returned and asked to have the bottle labeled. The druggist then simply labeled it "Essence of Pepsine" Thereupon, the messenger requested the druggist to put "all the name on the bottle." The druggist told the messenger that he "would not dare to put Fairchild's name on the label, although it was all the same." The druggist finally admitted to the messenger that he was "out of Fairchild's Essence," and then returned the fifty cents.

There is one significant fact that should also be mentioned : the price charged in these cases (as in every instance coming to our knowledge) is the same as the patient would be charged by pharmacists who dispense the genuine medicine ordered. Comment is unnecessary.