

this I substituted olive oil for the castor oil, but not with satisfactory results. Still I am not able to state positively that olive oil, entirely free from rancidity, will deoxidize the mercury, as I have some doubts about the oil I used. I then tried sweet oil of almonds; with this I have an ointment, made ten weeks ago, which has as yet shown no signs of change. I had previously tried lard, purified by different methods, also adding a few drops liq. potassæ, as remarked in the U. S. Dispensatory; but in each case there was a reduction of the oxide.

SWEET CASTOR OIL.—We have been favored with a letter from Mr. Copland, proprietor of a patent for preparing this compound, in which it is stated that the formula, published in last month's Journal, does not bear any resemblance to that detailed in the patent. To those desirous of obtaining information on this point the patentee will willingly give an opportunity for ample satisfaction.

THE EUCALYPTUS OF AUSTRALIA.—Mr. Hoffman, of the Geological Survey, read a very interesting paper on the "Eucalyptus of Australia," before the Montreal College of Pharmacy, at its last meeting. This paper is to be printed, and we hope to give it in full in our next number, or such portions as we consider interesting to our readers.

We must decline any further communications in regard to the Ursina-Bearine question. Both parties have had an opportunity of making their respective statements, and we think sufficient has been said to enable the readers of the journal to form a correct conclusion.