

A DEMAND of assignment has been made upon Wm. Moodie, grocer, Montreal. He was formerly of the firm of Moodie, Graham & Co. who failed last October, when they owed \$5,800.

MR CHARLES A. SMITH, of the Montreal Cigar Association—which concern was said to be offering a compromise of 20 cents in the hundred a couple of weeks ago—is reported absent, and a meeting of creditors is called to decide as to what shall be done with the estate.

THE characteristic enterprise which has marked the steady extension of the Mercantile Agency business of Messrs. Dun, Wiman & Co., has induced that firm to open a tenth Canadian office in Quebec city. This will give the firm double the number of offices in the Dominion that any of their competitors possess, and makes a complete chain extending from Halifax to Victoria, B.C.

JOTTINGS FOR DRUGGISTS.

Patient.—“Then, doctor, you do not feel any anxiety regarding my case?” “Not at all! If I did I would ask you to settle the bill at once.”—*Le Figaro*.

Tillinghast—I think I can get you a satisfaction as a Government chemist. Winebiddie—Why, I never analyzed any baking powder in my life.—*Detroit Free Press*.

One-fourth of all the druggists in the United States, which is to say, about 9,000, are located in the five great States of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

The scissors-editor bought a chunk of “Australian stick mucilage” from a pathetic-voiced vendor the other day. The only thing stuck with it so far is the purchaser for ten cents.

A small boy recently walked into a Philadelphia drug store and gravely asked for 5 cents worth of jumps. The clerk, after much puzzled thought, came to the correct conclusion that the lad wanted hops.—*Pharmaceutical Era*.

An American exchange learns that Portland cement was imported into the United States as early as 1868. In 1882 the amount imported was 370,406 barrels, and last year it exceeded 3,000,000 barrels. The present annual production of Portland cement in Europe amounts to upwards of 20,000,000 barrels, and its commercial value to more than \$36,000,000.

In addition to the ordinary household purposes to which it is applied, borax is stated to possess high medicinal qualities. Not only will it relieve hoarseness and dryness of the

mouth, but it is also an excellent thing for cleansing the teeth and hair; besides being a valuable antiseptic. Meat, fish and milk can be kept fresh and sweet by its use; and it is often very beneficial to plants and shrubs.

The arrest of two wholesale druggists in Philadelphia recently for selling adulterated laudanum, is the beginning of an organized crusade on the part of the State Pharmaceutical Society against the sale of impure drugs. The evidence against the two firms was apparently sufficient to warrant their being held under bail, and evidence has been secured against several other dealers. So says the *Oil and Drug Reporter*.

“Clara Belle” writes humorously on druggists in the *New Orleans Times Democrat*. She says: “Druggists have their troubles, too. They are supposed to be doctors and people rush in to get something to stop the pain in their back, or to arrest a boil or prevent a felon, or to put them to sleep or to keep them awake. The clerks have to look up addresses in the directory, personally advise about cosmetics, and always be ready to ‘please lend me a pencil a minute, or won’t you let me have a bottle, please? or a box, or a cork, or some string.’ Then postage stamps! O goodness, yes!”

The *Hamilton Spectator* tells of a city druggist who dropped into the milk inspector’s office and asked for a list of the licensed dairymen. He was asked what he wanted the list for, and replied “to send them all a circular.” This circular he produced. It recommended to the dairymen the use of certain drugs—saltpetre, boracic acid and annatto. The first two are used by unscrupulous milkmen as aids to the preservation of milk, and the annatto to colour milk and butter, giving them a rich appearance, deceptive to the most practiced eye. All three, but especially the last named, are deleterious, and the indignant medical health officer informed him that if it was learned that he was selling these things to dairymen he would be punished as rigorously as the law allows.

BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

The quill appears to have been first in use about the year 600. The word “penna,” meaning a quill, is not found in any work older than that period. Previous to that we find usually the word “calamus,” a reed.

In an American bookseller’s list we find the volume on Viscount Palmerston, as one of the

prime ministers of Queen Victoria’s reign, put down as written by J. G. E. H. D. S. Campbell, which being interpreted means the Marquis of Lorne, whose baptismal name really possesses all those initials.

Raphael Tuck and Sons, of London and New York, have issued 100,000 of the *fac simile* (shilling edition) of the “Queen’s Letter to the Nation.” The remarkable, firm handwriting of her Majesty has been carefully reproduced by photographic process, and stands out as free and as clearly as in the original letter, of which it is said to be a perfect *fac simile*. The production is a handsome one.

Perhaps there are people who do not find anything queer in the notion of writing a book on How to Keep a Dog in the City. But to us it seems odd to find Wesley Mills, M.D., giving his mind and pen, throughout a dozen chapters, to telling “How to house the dog”—“the puppy’s exercise”—“care of the dog’s skin”—“puppy’s accidents and the dog’s ailments.” But he does a needful thing when he gives all the municipal regulations concerning dogs, the elaborateness of which makes us think that both book and author must hail from Boston.

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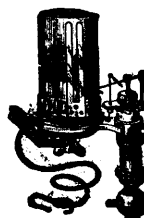


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