

Notes and Queries.

NOTE ON DISPENSING.—*J. C., St. Johns, N. B.*, communicates the following: Having been ordered by a physician to make an ointment composed of three drachms of chloride of lime, and two ounces of lard, it was thought proper to rub up the chloride with a few drops of glycerine, in order to insure thorough incorporation. No sooner was the glycerine added than a violent action took place, accompanied with hissing and the evolution of gas; the glycerine appearing as a brown crust. *J. C.* has never seen the reaction referred to, and asks our opinion.

We do not remember ever seeing any allusion to the action of chloride of lime on glycerine; but tried the experiment with a result similar observed by *J. C.* We have not pursued the subject further, from want of time, but shall endeavour to do so, reserving any remarks until we can speak with certainty. In the meantime it will be well for dispensers to bear the reaction in mind.

CHEMICAL STAINS FOR WOOD.—Walnut may be imitated by applying a solution of potash permanganate. The stronger the solution the deeper will be the color. The stains of the permanganate may be removed from the hands by dilute sulphuric acid. A yellow color, from a canary to a reddish-brown, may be produced by the application of nitric acid. The color is developed and deepened by holding the woodwork near the fire. When the desired shade is attained, stop the action by the application of water. An excellent imitation of satin wood—such as is used to form the backs of hair brushes—may be thus produced.

Subscriber wants a form for OX MARROW POMADE, "made by Mr. Marrow himself." We suppose the following will answer the indication:

Oil. Olive.....	5j.
Ricini.....	5ss.
Palmæ.....	5j.
Cera alba.....	5iiss.
Cetaceum.....	5ij.
Oil. Citronella.....	5j.

This will fill about 1 doz. 4 oz. pomades.

PRESERVATION OF GARLIC.—We have received several inquiries in regard to this subject, but can offer nothing but the usual method—suspension of the garlic, contained in a net, in a cool place. This is said to be ineffectual; can any of our readers suggest anything better?

Changes.

W. T. Hunt & Co., Summerside, have dissolved partnership. The business is now carried on by *Thos. McKinley*, alone.

Alfred Gissing continues the business, in Princeton, formerly under the style of *Gissing & Bros.*

M. W. Heathfield, London, assigned.

SUICIDE OF A DRUGGIST'S ASSISTANT.—On the 23th of last month, an inquest was held, in this city, on the body of *Charles Thomas Farnsworth*, who came to his death by suicide on the day previous. The circumstances of the case are as follows: On the evening preceding his death, *Mr. Farnsworth* presented himself at the *Monkhouse Hotel*, King Street, where, after talking and chatting pleasantly with the boarders until a late hour, he retired to bed. About nine o'clock on the following morning, one of the domestics, on passing his bedroom door, was attracted by hearing him groan. She immediately ran for assistance, the door was burst in, and the young man was discovered apparently in the agonies of death. Efforts were immediately made to effect resuscitation, but in vain, for in a few minutes he breathed his last. It appears that deceased, during the day, had been trying to procure chloroform from several of the druggists, but, being refused, he prevailed on a boy to purchase for him two pennyworth of cyanide of potassium, from the effect of which he died. *Mr. Farnsworth* came from *Chester, England*, to this country, in April last. He sojourned for a short time in *Ottawa and Kingston*, in both places holding situations. A few months ago he came to *Toronto*, and engaged in one of our city stores, where he remained a short time, but ultimately had to be discharged on account of intemperate habits. Not confining himself to spirituous liquors alone, he was accustomed to use large quantities of chloroform, which he inhaled by saturating a handkerchief and laying it over his face, thus inducing stupefaction. On opening his trunk after his death, no less than six empty chloroform bottles were found. Deceased was about twenty-four years of age, and is said to have been quite clever, having acquired a knowledge of the drug business in *England*.

Trade Report.

The cheering accounts which have from time to time been received in regard to the promise of an abundant harvest, are now happily verified, and, as a consequence, business is beginning to show signs of increasing activity. All classes of commercial men look forward to the coming season with pleasurable anticipation, and there is every prospect that their hopes will not suffer disappointment. A good price is being realized for grain, affording encouragement to farmers to put their produce in the market, and thereby debarring a renewal of the "holding on" policy, to which the tightness of the past year may be, in great part, attributed.

There is nothing astounding to report in

regard to the prices of drugs. We append, however, a few changes:

Drugs.—Alcohol has advanced, and is now held at \$1.72½. *Bermuda arrow root* and *Solazzi Licorice* are slightly lower. *Opium* still retains a high price, but *Turkey* is quoted at a reduction of 25 cents per lb. *Turkish Rhubarb* has fallen considerably; other sorts slightly lower. *E. I. Castor Oil*, *Oil Peppermint*, and both qualities of *Musk* are held at lower figures.

Chemicals.—Quotations show but slight changes; the salts of *Morphia*, however, in sympathy with *Opium*, are a trifle easier. *Quinine* is held at an advance. *Strychnine* lower.

Dye Stuffs.—No change, if we except *Ext. Logwood* in boxes, which has fallen ½ cent per lb.; and *Quercitron* which is now held at 3 cents to 5 cents.

Paints and Oils.—The call and prices have been about as last month, and quotations show but slight alteration. *Whale Oil*, refined, has gone down a trifle. *Lard Oil*, No. 2, is held higher.

NOTE.—The notes quoted in our price list are constantly varying, and are intended to show the limits within which a retail druggist should supply himself. The range of prices is caused by the difference between cash and credit, whole packages and smaller lots, and, in some cases, difference of quality.

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