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### A FEW PRACTICAL REMARKS ON WHITE LEAD AND ITS ADULTERATIONS.

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The trade in ground white lead is generally characterized by the closest competition. Prices are cut down, and profits grow correspondingly less until the point is reached beyond which the manufacturer cannot go without seriously endangering his honesty. This limit has been so often overstepped, that the purchaser has almost become reconciled to swallow his dose of adulteration without enquiry other than that which relates to the price paid for the admixture. This appears to be, to some extent, the true state of the case, and so long as the matter is so understood no great harm can result, either to the conscience of the manufacturer or the pocket of the purchaser. Sometimes, however, the buyer is ignorant of this arrangement, and deceived by the representations of the unscrupulous, purchases, in good faith, and at an unfair price, the most worthless compound. The ease with which white lead may be adulterated, and the difficulty attending its detection by the uninitiated, render this kind of fraud of very common occurrence. One writer, whose appreciation of the fitness of things is scarcely in accordance with