

Prof. Sadtler: *The distilled spirits which had been rectified sufficiently to eliminate all but a trace of FUSEL OIL would more nearly comply with what is here stated?*<sup>1</sup>

Doctor Tolman: Do you think then that this test, as given in the Pharmacopœia, would exclude a STRAIGHT WHISKY on that account?

Prof. Sadtler: *It would exclude such samples as I examined, certainly.*

Prof. Sadtler, who is a member of the Revision Committee of the United States Pharmacopœia, having made the following statement:

*"The idea was to define WHISKY so broadly as to cover the best commercial grades of whisky, and the committee made no investigation into the subject of the origin of those commercial grades. They established a series of tests which they supposed were sufficient to establish the purity and freedom from certain ingredients which they considered deleterious"—*

Doctor Wiley was apparently not very well pleased with this testimony, and this ensued:

Doctor Wiley: You spoke about what in the minds of the committee was the best commercial grade of whisky. I ask you now whether you consider a whisky made by a whisky distiller *in the proper method*, and kept in a whisky bonded warehouse for four years, or a whisky made by taking neutral spirits, diluting them to proof, and coloring and flavoring them—which do you consider the *better grade* of commercial whisky?

Prof. Sadtler: If the whisky made, as *you* call it, "in the proper way," is high in these ingredients which *I* call deleterious, *I* would not consider that it was *improved* by the maturing and ageing, or that it complied as well with those requirements as the *other* whisky.

Doctor Wiley: Which would you consider the *better* whisky upon the whole, commercially?

The Solicitor-General: THE QUESTION REALLY IS NOT RELEVANT. THE ENQUIRY HERE IS NOT AS TO WHAT IS THE *best* WHISKY, OR THE *better* WHISKY.

<sup>1</sup>He is a member of the Revision Committee of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, whose Editor, Professor Remington, said that "Straight Whisky," and only "Straight Whisky," would conform to its requirements. (See Chapter XIII—page 79).