

The 1908 edition of Brockhaus' *Konversations-Lexikon* makes the positive assertion that at present no aloes whatever is obtained in Socotra.

It is therefore an open question as to whether those who still dispense and sell Socotrine aloes are not in conflict with the rigid provisions of the Pure Food and Durg Law of 1906.

Even if it could be established that a certain lot of aloes was actually the product of the *Aloe socotrina*, Lumarck, this would not entitle the drug to be sold as Socotrine aloes, as the *Aloe socotrina* was shown by Bolus to be indigenous to the Cape of Good Hope, while the true Socotrine aloes was formerly obtained from the *Aloe Perryi* of J. G. Baker, and a dwarf species with spotted leaves.

BUSINESS CREDIT AND FIRE INSURANCE.

Practically all business in the United States is done upon credit, and the accurate placing of a man's rating is one of the carefully studied commercial sciences of the day. That merchant is foolish who does not give the information requested by creditors or by commercial agencies, and who does not comply with all of the requirements of the situation. Insurance protection plays a large part in the problem of credit, and every merchant owes it to his creditors as well as to himself to see that he buys fire insurance of the proper kind and quantity. So important is this consideration that the National Credit Men's Association, during the last two or three years, has published no fewer than six booklets on the relation of insurance to credit. And yet every day merchants are being burned out with little or no insurance, thus subjecting themselves and all their creditors to losses for which there is no excuse at all.—*Bulletin of Pharmacy*.

CLAMS AND CALAMITY.

A cooped-up, imprisoned, bilious druggist, can neither be a good husband, father or citizen, and it is your plain sacred duty to yourself, your family and your state to help in the regeneration of pharmacy. Don't be a clam—don't breathe calamity—get up and out, and emancipate yourself. Don't sit in your store, studying the race cards or devouring yellow literature; read your drug journals, see what others are doing, and tell others what you are doing; help the editors, poor fellows, to make their columns good lively reading, and you will help others as well as yourself.—*W. Bodemann*.