

A commission of authorities should study this question.

22. **Sulphur Ointment.** The use of petrolatum is suggested instead of lard in this ointment. It is claimed to produce a better-appearing and smoother ointment, but will it be equally efficient therapeutically? This will require a clinical study.

23. **Boric Acid Ointment.** Is the U. S. P. X formula superior to that of the U. S. P. IX? A number of clinicians should be invited to use these two ointments and report comparative results.

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PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

The AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION is indebted to **Dean William B. Day** for the gift of several unbound volumes and quite a number of single copies of the JOURNAL which complete several volumes. Appreciation is expressed for the thoughtfulness which prompted the donation and thanks extended for the gift.

Chairman E. Fullerton Cook, of the Revision Committee of U. S. P. X, has donated a complete set of the Circular Letters, etc., of the recent revision to the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. The thanks of the ASSOCIATION are tendered the Committee and the Board of Trustees.

E. G. Eberhardt, of Eli Lilly & Company, advises that he has received an historic pill-coating machine, historical documents and other matter for the ASSOCIATION, and promises to add to this collection. The helpfulness of our fellow member is appreciated.

George A. Gorgas, of Harrisburg, member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1884, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entry into the drug business, on his own account. The day was marked by congratulations of patrons and of the employees of the four stores of the George A. Gorgas Drug Company.

Pharmacist **F. A. Grazer**, of the Sacramento Hospital, Sacramento, Calif., is convalescing. He has been seriously ill.

Secretary E. L. Newcomb, of the N. W. D. A. and Publicity Director of the Campaign Committee, A. P. H. A. Headquarters Building, was one of the principal speakers at the meeting of the Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association.

A. L. Buzzell, editor of the *Bulletin of Pharmacy* for about a decade, is now the

editor and publisher. It is hoped that the publication will continue to grow in usefulness. **Walter M. Chase**, whose activities at the annual meetings of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION have been very helpful has discontinued his editorial work on the *Bulletin* and assumed a position of responsibility with Parke, Davis & Co. Best wishes are extended to both Mr. Buzzell and Mr. Chase.

TSCHIRCH MEMORIAL VOLUME.

Festschrift für Alexander Tschirch. 10 $\frac{1}{3}$ " x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 460 pages. Publisher Chr. Herm. Tauchnitz, Leipzig. This volume, in memory of the seventieth anniversary of Dr. A. Tschirch, contains 56 original papers by contributors of note, and the volume is dedicated to him. An account of the festivities on the occasion of the seventieth birthday of Dr. Tschirch will be found in several of the preceding numbers of the JOURNAL. Thirteen countries are represented by the contributors and the subjects concern the work in which Dr. Tschirch has been active and prominent during many years. The preface to the book was prepared and written by Prof. Dr. H. Thoms and a number of the titles of the contributions follow: "The Determination of Santonin in Wormseed" (H. Feckurts); "The Laxative Action of some Sugars" (H. Fühner); "How Are Alkaloids Produced?" (J. Gadamer); "The Sources of the Oldest Herbals" (F. Homel); "Some Non-Alkaloidal Constituents of Ipecacuanha" (O. Keller); "The Importance of Hamburg as a Leading Commercial Center and Harbor with Special Reference to Its Drug Market" (G. Weigel); "A Method for the Quantitative Determination of Essential Oils in Drugs" (J. Stamm); "Greek Liquorice and Its Juice" (E. Emmanuel); "Aspergillus Flavus in Blocked Fresh Lac"; "East Indian Balsam of Tolu and West Indian Balsam of Peru" (L. van Itallie, W. J. van Eerde and A. Harmsma); "The Distillation of Essential Oils with Superheated Steam" (P. van der Wielen and A. H. W. M. Hermans); "The Therapeutic Importance of Drugs" (E. Bürgi); "Studies on Hashish" (P. Casparis); "The Antigen Properties of Lipoids" (G. Sobernheim); "Colorimetric Assays and Standardized Colored Fluids" (H. V. Army, in English). The work contains several tables and illustrations, among the latter a picture of Dr. Tschirch.