

THE FAMILY MEDICINE CLOSET.

Dr. F. W. Palfrey (*Hygeia*) suggests the following list of drugs to be kept in the family medicine closet for emergencies. (Drugs to be marked clearly by name.)

Glycerin.

Boric acid solution, 4 per cent or saturated.

Quinine (only for malaria).

Acetylsalicylic acid—Aspirin. Label "One or two for headache or for slight fever."

Castor oil.

Seidlitz powders.

Extract of cascara, 3-grain tablets.

(The above three to be labeled "Not to be taken for pain.")

Bismuth subgallate or subcarbonate. Label "Half a level teaspoonful 3 or 4 times a day for diarrhea."

Milk of magnesia.

Sodium bicarbonate.

Wine of ipecac. Label "For croup, 5 to 10 drops every four hours in afternoon and evening as preventive. In an attack, a teaspoonful."

Compound tincture of benzoin. Label "A teaspoonful to the quart of boiling water. Inhale the steam."

Tincture of iodine—half an ounce.

Boric acid ointment.

Supplies: Books on first-aid medicine and surgery, nursing and diets.

Bedpan, drinking tube, enema syringe, croup kettle, sterile gauze "sponges," sterile-absorbent cotton, gauze bandage, cotton.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Cyrus H. K. Curtis, publisher, has been elected President of the Benjamin Franklin Memorial Committee to raise funds for the erection of a \$10,000,000 memorial to Benjamin Franklin for his "discovery of electricity."

Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, surgeon-general of the United States Public Health Service, has been elected a corresponding member of the Royal Society of Medicine of Great Britain for "meritorious work and ability as a scientist and leader in public health affairs."

Dr. Louis I. Harris, Commissioner of Health of the City of New York, has resigned and will become sanitary administrator for the National Dairy Products Corporation. Dr. Harris had been a member of the administrative and technical staffs of the local department of health for a number of years when made commissioner by Mayor Walker.

Dr. R. A. Hatcher, with N. B. Eddy, has corroborated former investigations by Hatcher and Weiss that nicotine neutralizes the emetic action of all pure digitalis principles which are in common use, and also that of many of the crude drugs of this group.

Edmund White known to American pharmacists for his work in connection with the British Pharmacopœia, has retired from the British Pharmaceutical Council. Mr. White is untiring in his efforts for pharmacy. He is the representative of Great Britain and a member of the International Pharmaceutical Federation.

Through the donations made by the late C. G. Lloyd, Cornell University has three Wild Life Preserves—400 acres near Slaterville, N. Y., 110 acres near Ringwood, and 80 acres near McLean. With these preserves Cornell University will always have an opportunity of studying plant and animal life in situations where interference by the public is reduced to a minimum. The donor is a brother of our senior Past-President John Uri Lloyd.

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor interested in the subject of chemical education a professorial chair in this field has been endowed for the immediate future in the Johns Hopkins University, and Dr. Neil E. Gordon has been elected to the position. Dr. Gordon is at the present time head of the department of chemistry at the University of Maryland and state chemist; he is a member of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The present year marks the centenary of Wöhler's publication of the synthesis of urea. Concerning this epoch-making discovery, Professor Hofmann wrote in his biography of Wöhler: "The present generation, which is constantly gathering such rich harvests from the territory won for it by Wöhler, can only with difficulty transport itself back to that remote period which the creation of an organic compound within the body of an animal or plant appeared to be conditioned in some mysterious way by the vital force, and they can hardly realize the impression which the building up of urea from its elements made on men's minds." Wöhler was for a time a pharmacy inspector.

One of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION veteran members, E. W. Runyon, is making a trip around the world.

Adelaide Rudolph, former librarian of New York College of Pharmacy, is contributing interesting historical data to *The Messenger*

culled from old letters and documents in Columbia University Library.

W. Bruce Philip is the Grand Regent of Kappa Psi Fraternity, which will hold its annual meeting in Portland, Me., August 17th and 18th. Kappa Psi was founded at Russell Military Academy in 1879, New Haven, Conn.

W. O. Richtman gave an illustrated lecture at Wisconsin Pharmaceutical Association on his trip through Ireland, Scotland, England, Germany, Switzerland and France. He visited the botanical gardens of these countries and compared those of this country with them.

J. Leon Lascoff is recovering, following an operation for acute appendicitis.

Dr. William C. Anderson, who has been very ill for several weeks, is now on his way to recovery.

These faithful members would certainly be missed if absent from the meeting in Portland.

Mrs. Charles W. Holton met with a painful accident while on an automobile trip, in Canada, with her husband and children. Mrs. Holton is up and about in her home, we are glad to learn.

Charles F. Lanwermeyer, formerly Chief Chemist for John T. Milliken & Co., is now Control Chemist at the Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago.

H. S. Forrer succeeds B. R. Rhies as narcotic agent for Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia. He was previously in charge of the district comprising Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

President A. H. Vossmeier, of the Southern California Retail Druggists' Association, has prepared a comprehensive schedule of combination sales. The list is worthy of study by all retailers.

C. L. Cox, who for the past ten years has been professor of pharmacy in the Valparaiso University College of Pharmacy, has resigned and accepted a position as associate professor of pharmacy in The New Jersey College of Pharmacy.

MARKET FOR VETERINARY MEDICINES IN CHILE.

The presence of hookworm among sheep in certain areas of Chile is attributed to those sheep which have been imported for breeding purposes. However, the ravages of this disease in the sheep herds have caused not only losses of many animals but have resulted in a drop in prices paid for casings.

Among the contagious diseases affecting

the cattle in Chile, probably the most common are anthrax, symptomatic anthrax, and epizootic abortion, the last being also common among sheep and hogs.

Exports of biologicals to Chile increased from \$711 in 1923 to \$24,000 in 1925, and decreased to \$20,120 in 1927. Chile ranked fifteenth as a purchaser of American biologicals in 1927 and was a customer for \$316,360 worth of other medicinal preparations.

ONE PHARMACY FOR EACH 10,000 PERSONS IN TURKEY.

In accordance with the law passed by the National Assembly limiting the number of pharmacies in Turkey to one per 10,000 persons, a long list of names of Constantinople pharmacies which must close was published on May 9th. It is understood, however, that the new law applies only to the preparation of prescriptions and that shops desiring to restrict their business to the sale of prepared drugs and medicines will be allowed to continue their activity.

JUGOSLAVIA PRESCRIBES REGULATIONS FOR RETAIL AND WHOLESALE DRUG TRADE.

The field of activities of each of the three types of enterprises engaged in the sale of pharmaceutical products and drugs in Jugoslavia pharmacies, wholesale drug stores and retail drug stores, has been defined by the government, according to a report from U. S. Consul K. S. Patton, Belgrade.

Wholesale and retail drug stores are classified separately from pharmacies. The wholesale drug stores, under the new régime, can sell only to pharmacies, chemical laboratories, hygienic institutions, and trade enterprises dealing in drugs, chemicals, poisons and products necessary for technical and agricultural needs.

Retail drug stores may, under the new regulations, sell direct to individual customers, under the rules prescribed for the sale of the products which they handle.

We are advised of the death of **Ferd F. Koch**, former president of Colorado Pharmaceutical Association, July 8th. Further notice will be made.

Sympathy is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Maltbie in their bereavement by the death of their only daughter Harriet Maltbie Millea. The deceased was married about a year ago.