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### ERRORS IN "COMMENTS ON SOLUTION OF MAGNESIUM CITRATE."

Errors of omission occurred in the article by Frederick Kleinschmidt, "Comments on Solution of Magnesium Citrate," *JOUR. A. PH. A.*, 20 (1931), 48. In eleventh line sub-figure "2" was omitted from formulas  $(C_6H_5O_7)_2$ , and at end of the article the equal sign between potassium hydroxide and potassium glucosate was omitted.

### THE CAPPER-KELLY BILL.

It is to be hoped that in the further consideration of the Capper-Kelly Bill it will be held to its original purpose, a matter that should receive serious consideration because of its importance to the retail trade in its various divisions and indirectly affecting all citizens. The *N. W. D. A. Bulletin* says: "Throughout the debate on the bill the opponents of the measure manifested an astonishing ignorance of the intent and scope of its provisions and many who have heretofore pledged themselves to vote for the measure supported destructive amendments which they declared were necessary "for the protection of the consumer."

We are quoting elsewhere a discussion of a related subject by Lieutenant Governor Huber of Wisconsin.

Further consideration of resale price maintenance legislation was postponed beyond this session of Congress by vote on February 3rd of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce.

The action of the Committee involved both the Capper-Kelly Resale Price Bill (H. R. 11) and the bill (S. 240), introduced by Senator Capper of Kansas, to govern the distribution of trade-marked articles.

Postponement of the consideration of the Capper-Kelly Bill was agreed to by the Committee after the bill had been passed January 29th by the House carrying four amendments. The other bill (S. 240), concerning the resale of trade-marked articles, had been introduced early in the session by Senator Capper and had not been reported by the committee to the Senate.

### CANADIAN HOSPITAL PHARMACY.

*The Canadian Hospital* quotes Dean G. A. Burbidge in the following: "Our Act always made hospital pharmacy work illegal unless conducted by a registered pharmacist, and to become a registered pharmacist in Nova Scotia one must serve four years in a drug store in addition to taking a 2-year course at the Maritime College of Pharmacy. This store service was felt unnecessary for hospital work and a handicap for hospitals that might desire to engage a pharmacist. Hence the Act was amended so that any person with matriculation qualifications may take the College course and become a hospital pharmacist. If such a person desires to become a registered pharmacist, he or she may do so by completing four years' drug store service. For the present the College course for hospital pharmacy is the same as for ordinary registration, but it may be thought desirable to add to it or to so modify it to better suit hospital needs. It is not the intention, however, to have a standard for hospital pharmacy in any degree lower than for drug store service. This matter was discussed fully by Dr. H. L. Scammell, field representative of the hospital department of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Scammell expressed himself as strongly favoring the policy adopted in this province.

### INFLUENCE OF MAGNESIUM SALTS ON STRYCHNINE OR COCAINE POISONING.

Hypodermic injection of 0.2 Gm. of magnesium sulphate per kilo body weight in rats causes a slowing of the respiration; with 0.4 to 0.7 Gm. narcosis lasting for thirty minutes is produced; with 0.8 to 1.0 Gm. the narcosis lasts for an hour; and longer with still larger doses. Combined injection of magnesium and strychnine increases the mortality among rats, death resulting from paralysis of the respiratory center. Cocaine combined in the injection with magnesium sulphate exerts an antagonistic effect on the central nervous system, but the cardiac action is a summation of the effects of the two drugs. Magnesium sulphate, cannot, therefore, be employed as an antidote for strychnine or cocaine poisoning.—S. V. Ziganov (*Zhur. exper. Biol. Med.*, 12 (1930), 252; through *Chem. Abstr.*, 24 (1930), 2196).

### FUNDS SUBSCRIBED TO ST. LOUIS DRUG SURVEY.

Drug manufacturers, wholesalers and other interests in the drug and allied trades have thus far pledged a total of \$18,956.50 to the St. Louis survey now being carried on under the direction of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

The total cost of conducting the thorough study of the operation of nine drug stores in St. Louis and one in a nearby small town is estimated at from \$100,000 to \$125,000; about one-half of this amount will be provided by the federal government, the remainder must come from other sources. According to the committee, there are many who have not subscribed who have either not been approached or who have not had the importance or the scope of the work properly brought to their attention.

### GENEVA NARCOTIC CONFERENCE.

President Hoover has commended legislation for favorable action authorizing an appropriation of \$35,000 for the expenses of participation by the United States in the Conference on Limitation of the Manufacture of Narcotics to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on May 27, 1931.

### ALLEGED COUNTERFEITING OF ALLONAL.

Caught, it is charged, in the act of selling allegedly counterfeit "Allonal" to a druggist, a man was arrested in New York City last

month. Indicted by the Grand Jury, he was held in \$2500.00 bail for trial in general sessions court.

The alleged sale was made in the doorway of a building on Broadway, where the man apparently had arranged a meeting with his customer to deliver the product. The accused was trailed to the spot by a special investigator and Detectives Barrett and Vaughn of the safe and loft squad of the New York Police Department, who had been assigned to work with the investigator in breaking up drug counterfeiting.

### EFFECT OF CHAIN STORES ON LIFE OF COMMUNITIES.

BY HENRY W. HUBER.\*

The following paragraphs are quoted from the *U. S. Daily* of February 2nd:

"The day of reckoning has come with chain stores that are fast driving the country store-keeper to the wall, with consolidations of enterprises to stifle competition and boost prices on the consumer and with a growing financial dictatorship that tells the farmer what will be paid for his crops—not what the crops are worth in labor and industry.

"The chain store is a vital question, that strikes to the very lifeblood of society. This question is not only attracting the attention of the people of Wisconsin, but of the whole Nation.

"What has become of the neighbor who ran a grocery store and bought the products of the near-by farmer? He has been crowded out by the chain grocer. Maybe members of the community may save a few pennies on a package of raisins or a dozen oranges, but they have lost a real citizen in their community. In the place of the home grocer has come the clerk for the chain grocery, whose home is in some far-away city and who is interested only in sales, the profits of which take wing out of the community.

"The chain store issue is a form of monopoly that strikes at the very root of the home. Ordinarily, in discussing a monopoly the effect has been so far away that people cannot readily understand the evil of the system. But in the chain store monopoly people will become interested. It is the greatest evil of any system of monopoly that has ever come into existence, because it aims at the home.

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\* Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin in *U. S. Daily*.

"Should the chain store monopoly securely fasten itself upon Wisconsin, our children's children will be like peasants and the property which rightfully belongs to them will be owned and controlled by absentee landlords in the large community centers."

### PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

**Mr. and Mrs. Israel Shurtleff** observed their golden wedding, Sunday, December 21st, with a family dinner at New Bedford's (Massachusetts) leading hotel. Reception was held Monday afternoon and evening at their home, 252 County Street. Mr. Shurtleff was born in Mattapoisett in 1849. He is a life member of the A. Ph. A., a member of the N. A. R. D., Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, a life member of the M. S. P. A., an honorary member of New Bedford Druggists' Association. In the January 1927 number of the JOURNAL of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, there is a sketch of Mr. Shurtleff, in which comment was made that he had been eminently successful in business and is held in esteem by members of the profession, business men and the citizens of his home city.

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Jones**, Los Angeles, Calif., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on January 11th, and were at home to their many friends for the occasion. Mr. Jones was secretary for a number of years of the Los Angeles and Southern California Association, and for five years of the California Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. Jones is known as "the grand old man of pharmacy" in California. Congratulations and good wishes are extended.

**Linwood A. Brown**, member of the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy for two 5-year terms, is leaving the Board and will probably be succeeded by **R. Lee Cassell** of Lexington.

**Wm. N. Littell**, 85 years young, of Mt. Arlington, N. J., a charter member of New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association, attended the mid-winter meeting of New Jersey Pharmaceutical Association.

**Dr. Charles H. Rogers**, of the department of pharmaceutical chemistry of the University of Minnesota, will leave in March for Europe, where he will join Mrs. Rogers who has been spending the winter in Spain and northern Africa. Besides touring through the principal continental countries, Dr. Rogers will carry on some studies and will return to Minneapolis in time for the fall quarter.

**Prof. Arnold J. Lehman** is now a member of the staff in the Department of Pharmacology, Stanford Medical School. He was formerly a member of the faculty of the School of Pharmacy, University of Washington.

**Wm. J. Stonebach** gave an illustrated lecture before the Riverside Kiwanis Club on "Various Vegetable Poisons."

**Hossein Amin** is Chief Inspector of pharmacists in the Department of Public Health, at Cairo, Egypt. At the present time there is an exhibit showing ancient and modern pharmacy at the agricultural and industrial exposition in Cairo. Dr. Amin studied pharmacy in this country, receiving his degrees from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science and Temple University.

**Dr. I. V. Stanley Stanislaus** was honored by the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy in recognition of his thirty-five years of service as teacher in pharmacy. On this occasion a beautiful gold watch was presented to him.

A sound film of Dr. John Jacob Abel, of the Johns Hopkins Medical School, lecturing on "The Relation of Pharmacology to Chemistry," is being made under the auspices of the Chemical Foundation of New York and the Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Abel is well known to pharmacists for his researches on the chemistry of the secretion of the ductless glands.

Chief Pharmacist Laurence Oliphant Schetky, U. S. N., has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Medical Corps on the retired list of the Navy.

**Dean Ernest Little** sailed with his family for Europe on February 3rd to be gone for about eight months.

**O. U. Sisson**, member of the A. Ph. A., was elected president of the Chicago Retail Druggists Association at its recent annual meeting.

**John W. Dargavel**, one of the *Vice-Presidents* of the A. Ph. A., was reelected *Secretary* of the Minnesota State Board of Pharmacy. This is the 9th election. Mr. Dargavel is also *First Vice-President* of the N. A. R. D.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has been selected to receive an award of the first gold medal of the One Hundred-Year Club of New York City. The stated object of the Club is to preserve and perpetuate the worthy traditions and high ideals of business and professional life in the city of New York, and to cooperate with the new generation of business men.

Dr. Leonard Harrison Cretcher, has been elected as Assistant-Director of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, Pittsburgh.