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## OMISSIONS.

*On account of the reports of the General Sessions and House of Delegates it was necessary to omit several departments and abridge others in this issue of the Journal.*

## LET US ASSIST YOU IN SOLVING PRESCRIPTION PROBLEMS.

Dr. S. L. Hilton, former President of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION and Chairman of its Council, well and favorably known pharmacist of Washington, will answer problems that come up in prescription practice. We, therefore, invite those who have problems to send them to this office at 10 W. Chase St., Baltimore.

## EPHEDRINE SOLUTIONS.

BY S. L. HILTON.

According to two authorities ephedrine oil spray decomposes on standing, in the presence of light and moisture. The manufacturers furnish these oil solutions in amber bottles and I have found no difficulty in keeping them when thus protected.

The aqueous solution requires a preservative and chlorobutanol, 5%, is used. Chlorobutanol is soluble in 125 parts of water. There should be no trouble in making a 5% solution in distilled water of chlorobutanol and then dissolving the ephedrine sulphate or hydrochloride in the solution, making the finished product contain 3% ephedrine sulphate or hydrochloride.

As to the oil solutions the plain and com-

pound are usually made of one per cent strength using the alkaloid; one manufacturer flavors the plain solution with oil of rose. I have found the following formula for the compound solution satisfactory:

Ephedrine Alkaloid.....	1.00
Camphor.....	.20
Menthol.....	.20
Methyl Salicylate.....	.05
Oil Cinnamon.....	.05
Liq. Petrolatum, light	
q. s. ad	<hr/> 100.00 cc

Triturate the camphor and menthol to a liquid, add the methyl salicylate and oil of cinnamon, then the ephedrine alkaloid and liquid petrolatum, light, to make 100 cc. The solution may be heated to not over 40° C. to facilitate solution.

## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION RETAIL DRUGGISTS.

The 34th annual meeting of the N. A. R. D. registered a large attendance at its Boston meeting, September 26th and 30th.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

*President*, John A. Goode, Asheville, N. C.; *First Vice-President*, M. L. Powell, Denver, Colo.; *Second Vice-President*, Harvey A. Henry, Los Angeles, Calif.; *Third Vice-President*, George Secord, Chicago, Ill.; *Secretary*, Samuel C. Henry, 168 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.; *Treasurer*, William Rheineck, Milwaukee, Wis. *Executive Committee: Chairman*, Ambrose Hunsberger, Philadelphia, Pa.;

Thomas Roach, Oklahoma City, Okla.; F. R. Peterson, Portland, Ore.; John W. Dargavel, Minneapolis, Minn.; Charles Ehlers, Cincinnati, O.; Fred Wright, Boston, Mass.

The addresses by President John W. Dargavel and Dr. J. H. Beal were well received. The former presented an interesting report of the activities during the year of his term of office; the address of the latter is to be reprinted for wide distribution.

The resolutions adopted covered events and activities in the drug field, including legislative matters. Quite a number of the resolutions related to drug store and drug trade activities dealing with secret rebates, discounts and allowances; channels of distribution, manufacturers' price lists, needless drug stores, "pine board" drug stores, unfair trade practices, insisting on fair consideration of independent stores, profit items, St. Louis Drug Store Survey and advertising.

The work of Counselor W. Bruce Philip and of Secretary Samuel C. Henry was given endorsement. Commendations were also given Dr. James M. Doran, Commissioner Anslinger, Congressman Kelly and Senator Capper. Endorsement was given to the Nye bills, Capper-Kelly Bill, consideration of narcotic legislation, without imposition of unnecessary and burdensome regulations, and favoring restriction of the sale of preparations containing narcotic drugs to registered pharmacists. Hearty endorsement was given to the establishment of a Pharmacy Corps in the U. S. Army.

Encouragement was given to methods of educating the public relative to the service of pharmacy, promoting U. S. P. and N. F. prescribing, Pharmacy Week was endorsed and the necessity emphasized of avoiding commercial use of the show globe, and coöperation among the various drug trade activities and associations was stressed.

The foregoing references are not complete and give only a general outline of the substance of the resolutions.

The meeting throughout showed an intense interest and a serious consideration of the problems of the retail druggist.

President Dargavel in his address discussed at length many of the problems which resulted in the adoption of many of the resolutions referred to. Favorable reference was made to the progress and benefits of the N. A. R. D. Washington office and the splendid work of Counselor W. Bruce Philip.

#### THE NATIONAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The National Wholesale Druggists' Association, at its annual meeting at White Sulphur Springs, commended the work of the National Institute of Health, reëndorsed the Capper-Kelly Bill, urged an early restoration of the 2-cent first class postage rate.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

*President*, Carl F. G. Meyer, St. Louis; *Vice-Presidents*, George Van Gorder, Cleveland; H. M. Hewitt, St. Joseph, Mo.; George C. Read, Spartanburg, S. C.; Earl C. Scott, Ft. Worth, Texas; George A. Kelly, Pittsburgh. *Members of the Board of Control*, P. A. Hayes, Greensboro, N. C.; George H. Kauffman, Columbus, O.; Leo A. Lanigan, Chicago, Ill.; George V. Doerr, Minneapolis, Minn.; E. L. Newcomb was reëlected *Secretary*. French Lick Springs, Ind., was selected for the 1933 meeting.

#### THE FEDERAL WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Federal Wholesale Druggists' Association, at its annual meeting in Washington, reëlected O. J. Cloughly, of St. Louis, as *President*; W. Z. Krupp, of Philadelphia, *Vice-President*; G. A. Raab, of Providence, *Treasurer*; and reëlected R. E. Lee Williamson of Baltimore, *Secretary*.

Among the resolutions adopted were endorsements of the administrations of Harry J. Anslinger and James M. Doran. Continued support was given to Pharmacy Week, endorsement of the show globe, coöperation with the St. Louis Drug Store Survey, the Nye bills, the Capper-Kelly Bill; discriminatory tax laws were opposed and also certain methods of drug-trade practice. Coöperation in legislative matters was endorsed.

Various national organizations had representation at the meeting, Secretary E. F. Kelly represented the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Legislative matters were discussed by General Counsel Eugene C. Brokmeyer.

#### REGIONAL MEETING, MARYLAND PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Fall regional meeting of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association was held at Olney Inn, Montgomery Co., October 18th, and was well attended.