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### LET US ASSIST YOU IN SOLVING PRESCRIPTION PROBLEMS.

Dr. S. L. Hilton, former president of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, *Chairman* of its Council, and well and favorably known pharmacist of Washington, has consented to answer problems that come up in prescription practice. We desire to express appreciation for this coöperation and know that the suggestions related to prescriptions will be sources of valuable information. Mail your prescriptions with explanation of the trouble you have had with them and explain your procedure and why the resulting preparation has not been satisfactory. Address the JOURNAL A. PH. A., 10 West Chase Street, Baltimore, Md. The valuable work of Dr. Hilton on the U. S. P. and N. F. is known to you.

### ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE JAPANESE PHARMACOPŒIA.

The Japan Pharmaceutical Society discussed the plan of translating the Japanese Pharmacopœia No. 5 revised at its meeting on December 12th. It has been decided that no comparative list of chemicals will be included in the pharmacopœia, because comparison is said to be impossible as two sets of same medicine may be made of different raw materials. The inclusion of this list was to be made in accordance with Article 8 of the Brussels International Conference in 1925.

### IOWA PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

Among the speakers at the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association, were President Walter D. Adams, of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION; President John W. Dargavel, of the National Association of Retail Druggists; Paul C. Olsen, and President-elect W. B. Philip, of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

A booth at the Great Northwestern Drug Show, to be held in Cedar Rapids, will be set aside for the general use of the National Association of Retail Druggists and the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. This is a plan suggested by Lee S. Coy of Cedar Rapids and it is hoped to make this display so effective that it will be utilized at other State association meetings. The Iowa convention holds forth during four days, namely, from the 16th to the 19th of February. On the first day the officers of the Association make their reports and all of them have something worth while. Addresses were arranged for on different days; and throughout the meeting was both interesting and instructive.

### ANTISEPTICS, DISINFECTANTS—TESTS DESCRIBED BY BULLETIN, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

After twenty years' experience with the problem of determining the accuracy of claims of bactericidals and antiseptics made for disinfectants and antiseptics, the Federal officials

have become convinced that certain tests are well suited for judging such products. These tests, selected by the insecticide control office of the Food and Drug Administration, are described in circular No. 198-C, "United States Food and Drug Administration Methods of Testing Antiseptics and Disinfectants," just published by the Department of Agriculture.

The authors of this bulletin, G. L. A. Ruehle, senior bacteriologist, and C. M. Brewer, associate bacteriologist of the administration, write:

This possibility of misunderstanding would be obviated if the same methods were employed by all, and many manufacturers, recognizing this, have requested information as to the methods employed by the Food and Drug Administration.

The circular describes several tests, including the Food and Drug Administration (F. D. A.) phenol-coefficient method, and the wet and dry filter-paper, the agar-plate, the serum agar-plate, and the agar cup-plate methods. It is illustrated and includes citations of the literature. A copy of circular 198-C will be sent free at request by the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington.

#### BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM MEXICO.

BY DR. G. G. COLIN.

##### PHARMACISTS SEEK SUPPORT FROM MANUFACTURERS.

A small group of pharmacists in the city of Mexico organized an association seeking a compensation for their work in merchandizing patent medicines. This group addressed manufacturers in a circular, stating that pharmacists have been coöperating with manufacturers for many years in the sale of their products. In many instances the profit is so small that the pharmacist is at a loss buying certain preparations. They claim that manufacturers should offer a small subsidy, amounting to some \$50.00 a year, in order to stimulate the sale of their products through the drug trade. Certain manufacturers commented on this request as being absurd since they furnish the necessary means to stimulate the sales of their products, thus helping the pharmacist.

##### PHYSICIANS ORGANIZE TO MANUFACTURE PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS.

A group of prominent physicians has organized to form the "Unión Médica Mexicana,"

a coöperative society, to manufacture medicinal preparations, thus becoming independent from foreign products. These products are manufactured at the "Terapia Laboratorios," managed and controlled by the Unión Médica Mexicana in the city of Mexico. The number of stock holders in this society is rapidly increasing. The demand for "Terapia" products is good and rapidly increasing in sales volume.

##### SURGICAL COTTON.

In spite of the fact that the supply of cotton is abundant, no effort had been made to manufacture a product for surgical use until recently.

One factory has been operating for some time successfully and the product is being consumed in preference to imported material.

A prominent physician has organized another company with a capital of about \$300,000.00. It is claimed that the product manufactured is superior to any imported cotton for surgical use. The production of this new factory is all sold to the government, for use in its various hospitals and other health institutions.

##### NATIONALISTIC CAMPAIGN.

In view of the severe depression in business now being felt in this country, Congress has organized a well-conducted campaign to stimulate the consumption of home-made products in preference to imported similars.

The results for this campaign have been very satisfactory. Manufacturers of patent medicines and pharmacists state that both the public and physicians are giving preference to products made in Mexico.

#### PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Dean Jacob Diner, of the Fordham College of Pharmacy and former president of the New York Pharmaceutical Conference, was guest of honor at a testimonial dinner given under the auspices of the Fordham Alumni Association at the Hotel Biltmore, February 3rd. The dinner marked the twentieth anniversary of the Fordham College of Pharmacy. J. J. Hammer was *chairman* of the Committee on Arrangements.

Delegations from every New York pharmaceutical association attended the affair.

Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service, Department of the Treasury, on January 26th was reappointed to his office by President