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A NEW FOOD?

The daily papers are apt to report as new and wonderful discoveries familiar things or those not of such recent discovery, but unfamiliar to their readers.

The story, to which the title has reference, is reported about as follows: "A bacteriologist in one of the trenches of Belgium discovered a mold which possessed a wondrous power of turning sugar into fat. Another yeast had been discovered which with the assistance of ammonium sulphate, will produce a considerable percentage of protein or 'meat'."

We do not desire to say that practical application will not be made and possibly a serviceable food will be developed, but the idea of utilizing yeast as food is not new nor, of course, the fact that starch and sugar and some form of nitrogen are converted into fat and protein. This is what occurs in animal and vegetable life.

Yeast in some form or other has been for ages and is now used as food and medicine. At one time it was quite extensively employed in the treatment of diabetes, because of its action on sugar. Experiments were made several years ago to determine the food value of yeast, when it was found that in limited amounts it was not objectionable, but prolonged or more extended diet produced disturbance of the digestion.



NOBEL PRIZES AWARDED.

The Nobel prize for physics has been awarded to Professor Meed von Laue of Frankfort-on-the-Main, for his discovery of the diffraction of rays in crystals. The chemistry prize has been awarded to Professor Theodore William Richards of Harvard University, for fixing the atomic weights of certain elements. Professor Richards is director of the Gibbs memorial laboratory at Harvard, and a member of the International Commission on Atomic Weights. In 1910 he was awarded the Davy medal by the Royal Society of Arts and Sciences and in 1912 he received the Willard Gibbs medal from the American Chemical Society.

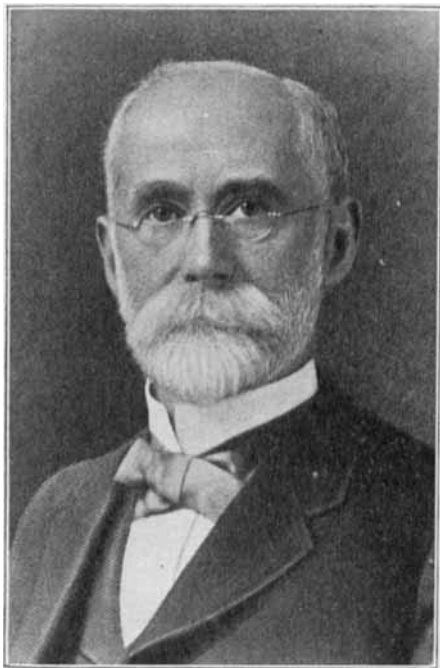


SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICS SEIZED

Recently throughout the country, worthless imitation drug products have been seized by officials in charge of the enforce-

ment of the Food and Drugs Act. Itinerant peddlers are selling these imitations, made up and labeled similar to the preparations they are intended to represent. They do not confine themselves to the drugs, but dispose of them in tablet and other forms for administration. The reference is made because some of these venders are very persuasive and there is no limit to their assurance.

Obituary



SAMUEL A. D. SHEPPARD
Treasurer of the American Pharmaceutical
Association from 1886-1908

While not unexpected, because of the enfeebled health of Mr. Sheppard, the news of his death came as a shock to his many friends. We regret deeply that the Journal is not in position to have a more extended reference of this lamented friend and member, but in the next issue further tributes will be published.

We know that ex-President John G. Godding will pardon our making use of a communication addressed to Secretary J. W. England of the Council A. Ph. A., and received just before completing this number of the Journal. The letter follows:

"You probably have learned of the passing away of our dear friend, S. A. D. Sheppard with pneumonia, on Sunday, November 28th. He was on his way to Pinehurst, N. C., stopping over with his son Robert at Newton Centre, where he was taken ill and passed away surrounded by relatives and friends. Funeral was from the son's residence, Wednesday, December 3d, and was largely attended. Members of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and representatives from other pharmaceutical organizations were present. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Cleaves, the pastor of the church which he attended at Newburyport during the summer. Interment was at Newton Cemetery. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

"This removes one of the best known Pharmacists in New England, a genuine lover of his profession who has given liberally of his time and money for its interest. Personally I lose a friend of long acquaintance begun at the M. C. P. as classmate and working with him later for the interests of the M. C. P. our friendship strengthened as years passed by. A man of sterling character, companionable and lovable, considerate of those who did not agree with him. Thus the world loses a good citizen.

"His last appearance in public was last May at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy Commencement where in the presence of a large audience he was given an Honorary Degree. His acceptance was in his usual bright and cheery manner with much good advice to those graduating.

"His passing away was as peaceful and beautiful as the life he had lived. We are better for having known him and fortunate to have been included in the circle of friends. His works and deeds will remain a monument to his memory.

Signed, JOHN G. GODDING."

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DERWENTWATER KIRKLAND

Derwentwater Kirkland, one of the most widely known drug men on the Pacific Coast, died on November 1, at the Fremont Hotel, Los Angeles, Cal. He was born on the high seas when his mother and father were enroute to Canada from Australia. He received his education and degree of pharmacy in Canada, and went to California in 1876, where he engaged in the drug business.