

The Pharmacist and the Law

DENATURED ALCOHOL PERMISSIBLE IN MAKING NON-MEDICATED COLLODION.

Mr. S. L. Hilton has sent us the following which is a copy of a reply to his letter and is quoted in part. The specially denatured alcohol is made by mixing equal parts of ethyl alcohol and ethyl ether:

I have made a careful examination of the letter from S. L. Hilton, Washington, D. C., dated the 11th instant, relative to T. D. 2241, authorizing the use of denatured alcohol in the manufacture of U. S. P. Collodion. He makes three points in his argument as to why this T. D. should be revoked:

- 1st: That collodion is a medicine.
- 2nd: That collodion is mixed with other medicinal agents and that these compounds are medicinal.
- 3rd: That retail druggists in certain cases have the habit of making collodion and by reason of T. D. 2241, and the inability to obtain specially denatured alcohol, they would be unable to compete with larger manufacturers.

I think point No. 3 is immaterial to this office as it is simply an economic discussion.

In regard to point No. 1, I would quote from Wood's Therapeutics, page 630:

"Collodion—This is a solution in alcohol and ether of pyroxylin or soluble gun-cotton, which consists chiefly of the tri- and tetranitro-cellulose; upon evaporation collodion leaves on the skin an adherent protecting film. Physiologically, *gun-cotton is inert.*"

It would, therefore, seem according to Wood that Collodion is not a medicine.

In regard to point No. 2, I would state that undoubtedly when collodion is mixed with iodine and other true medicinal agents some medicinal action would be exerted upon the human skin, therefore, there might be some question as to whether collodion manufactured from denatured alcohol should be used in such a preparation. However, since such preparations are only applied externally and before the effect is obtained the

denatured alcohol is all evaporated. I would think it a very narrow construction of the law to revoke the permission in this instance.

As stated above I believe that there is no question but what U. S. P. collodion is not in any sense a remedy or medicinal preparation.

Respectfully,
(Signed) A. B. ADAMS,
Chief Chemist.

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AMENDMENTS TO NEW YORK HEALTH BOARD MEDICINE REGISTRATION ORDINANCE.

The New York Health Board has amended the Medicine Registration Ordinance so that the third paragraph of Section 117 now reads:

The expression "proprietary or patent medicine," for the purposes of this section, shall be taken to mean and include every medicine or medical compound, manufactured, prepared or intended for internal human use, the name, composition or definition of which is not to be found in the United States Pharmacopœia or National Formulary, or which does not bear the names of all the ingredients to which the therapeutic effects claimed are attributed and the names of all other ingredients except such as are physiologically inactive, conspicuously, clearly and legibly set forth, in English, on the outside of each bottle, box or package in which the said medicine or medicinal compound is held, offered for sale, sold or given away.

Subdivision e of Section 116, relating to misbranding reads:

(e) If any proprietary or patent medicine to which the provisions of sections 117 of this Code relate shall fail to contain every ingredient the name of which shall have been filed in the Department of Health, pursuant to section 117 of this code as a constituent part of said medicine, or if such proprietary or patent medicine shall contain any ingredient the name of which is required by the provisions of section 117 of this code to be filed in the said department which name has not been so filed. (S. C. Sec. 69.) (The provisions of subdivision (e) shall take effect December 31, 1915.)

PROPRIETARY MEDICINE MEN TO FIGHT NEW YORK FORMULA DISCLOSURE ORDINANCE.

Characterizing the adoption of the proprietary medicine formula disclosure and registration ordinance of the New York City Health Board as "an arrogant assumption of a power which is non-existent in that board," members of the Proprietary Association of America voted as a body, at a special meeting, held in the Hotel Astor, New York City, on November 16 and 17, to ignore the provisions of section 117 of the local Sanitary Code, embodying this ordinance. The association also voted to offer legal and financial aid in the defense of any and all distributors of their goods who may be subjected to prosecution by the local health department for handling medicinal preparations which have not complied with the provisions of the ordinance by filing their qualitative formulas and registering with the Health Department authorities after December 31, when this ordinance becomes operative.

It was also voted at this meeting to safeguard the interests of the proprietary medicine industry against such emergency revenue taxation as that which has been levied upon perfumes and cosmetics through the stamp tax which became effective December 1 of last year and which Congress may attempt to continue through a re-enactment of Schedule "B" of the Emergency Revenue Act, after December 31 of this year.—From Paint, Oil and Drug Reporter.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

List of changes of stations covering period ending October 31, 1915, in the cases of Sergeants First Class, and Sergeants Hospital Corps.

SERGEANTS FIRST CLASS.

Richard A. Wood, from on furlough in the U. S., to Frankford Arsenal.

Paul M. Lange, from Ft. Clark, to the Philippines Department.

Eugene Weber, from Ft. Barry, to ordered to the Philippines Department.

Fred O. Wells, from Ambulance Company No. 3, to the Philippines Department.

Richard T. Edwards, from the 13th Cavalry Hospital, at Columbus, N. M., to the Philippines Department.

Maynard Heatherly, from the 6th Cavalry Hospital, Southern Department, to the Philippines Department.

Charles M. Shaw, from Ambulance Company No. 5, to Ft. Porter.

Julius Strauss, from Rock Island Arsenal, ordered to Ft. Omaha.

Elmer H. Simons, from the Office of the Surgeon, Port of Embarkation, to Rock Island Arsenal.

John L. Collins, from Field Hospital Company No. 1, to the Philippines Department.

John Hodgins, from Ft. Monroe, to Ft. Michie.

Hans Hoch, from the 17th Infantry Hospital, Eagle Pass, Texas, to Ft. Washington.

John Keralla, from Ft. Washington, to Ft. Wood.

Christopher Killikelly, from Ft. Wood, to Field Hospital Company No. 6.

Charles G. Manning, from Ft. George Wright, to Ft. Apache.

Max Dohle, from Ambulance Company No. 2, to the Philippines Department (ordered).

George J. Shull, from Ft. Thomas, to the Philippines Department (ordered).

Henry Aicklen, from Field Hospital Company No. 3, to the Philippines Department (ordered).

Charles R. Bartlett, from Ft. Worden, to the Philippines Department (ordered).

William F. Coleman, from the Cantonment Hospital, Galveston, Tex., to the Philippines Department (ordered).

Frederick Thomas, from Ft. Crockett, to the Philippines Department (ordered).

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Joseph Levy, from Plattsburg Barracks, to Ft. Jay.

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Arthur Bade, from Ft. Totten, to Ft. McKinley.

Edward H. Krog, from Key West Barracks, to Plattsburg Barracks.

Charles W. Jensen, from the Cable Boat "Joseph Henry," to the Organized Militia of Rhode Island.

George C. Daily, from Ft. Sam Houston, to Ft. Sheridan.

James F. Griffin, from the Philippines Department, to the Letterman General Hospital.

Rex M. Davenport, from Ft. Oglethorpe to Ft. Barrancas.

Everett E. Maddison, from Field Hospital Company No. 3, to ordered to the Philippines Department.

Richard Bennett, from Ft. Totten, to San Juan, P. R.

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From 800 Tenth St., Minneapolis, Minn.
To Chicago and Tenth Sts., Minneapolis, Minn.

PORRO, ALVARO.

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To Marti 23, Camaguey, Cuba.

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From residence unknown
To 6 F. A., Douglas, Ariz.

DIETZ, HENRY W.

From residence unknown
To U. S. A. Transport Merritt, Manila, P. I.

FENDER, WALTER E.

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