

Alcohol causes no retardation to pepsin unless the solution contains more than 30 percent.

Sulphurous acid causes no retardation to pepsin unless the solution contains more than 0.7 percent.

Glycerin shows no effect even when the solution contains as much as 50 percent.

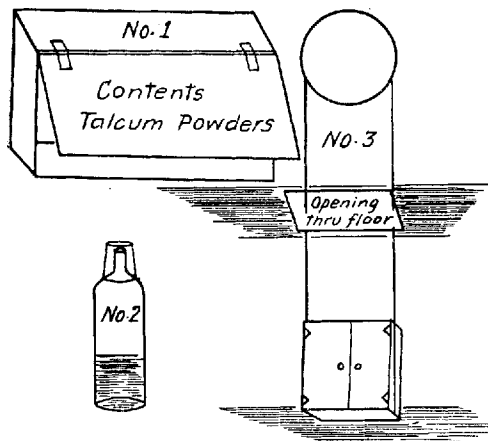
The above preparations will be tested again after standing one year. The results appear to indicate that acid causes a deterioration of pepsin in solution. This investigation will be carried further.

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CONVENIENCES IN THE STOCK ROOM.*

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The proper storing and protection of surplus stock is worth the thought of the druggist or merchant, and adds to the value of his resources. The surplus



stock put away in the cellar or other room should be protected from light and dust. For that purpose I have utilized the boxes obtained from my jobber at various times, by hinging the lid and placing the box so that the door keeps closed by gravitation (see illustration No. 1). In these boxes are stored patents, proprietaries, chemicals and other packages of like nature.

To protect stock bottles containing liquids, I use empty beef extract jars, or small glass tumblers placed over the top of the bottle, as is shown by illustration No. 2. For storing the official syrups, put up in small bottles, as is directed by the Pharmacopoeia, a dumb elevator constructed, as indicated in illustration No. 3, is a splendid and useful fixture. The syrups can all at times be kept in the cellar and can readily be elevated to the store floor when needed. The arrangement need not be large, and can be built in some convenient, out of the way corner of the prescription department.

Small quantities of fluid extracts remaining in pint bottles and not often used should be transferred to 4-oz. bottles. Some additional shelf room is gained by this, and you have the opportunity of seeing the condition of the extract.

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