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Pharmacists, while engaged in their profession, have seldom, if ever, been members of Congress, or occupied any of the higher political offices. There are, however, many who, during some period of their lives, have been actively engaged in the drug business, but to name them is not the purpose of this writing.

Congressman G. W. Edmonds, sponsor of the bill by his name, was born at Pottsville, Pa., February 22, 1864. Doubtless, the date of his birth suggested his Christian and surname. He was educated in the schools of his native city prior to his attendance at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which institution he graduated in 1886. He was engaged both in the retail and wholesale drug business as clerk for a number of years, and afterward on his own account. After about seven years of service in pharmacy he embarked in the coal business and his business interests today are in that line. So notwithstanding the fact that he is no longer active in the profession of pharmacy, his knowledge of the requirements and a deep realization that our soldiers are entitled to and need the services of pharmacy made him a willing spokesman and advocate for a Pharmaceutical Corps in the Army. We are hopeful that Congress will recognize the need of it as he does.

CONSERVATIVE CONSERVATION OF DRUGS—AN ADDENDUM.

Since the editorial on next page under above caption was written, the U. S. Food Administration has issued a bulletin announcing regulations relative to sugar purchases and sales.

Distribution under a new plan goes into effect May 15; a certificate system is provided that will virtually eliminate fictitious demands. While the restrictions were brought about primarily to assure sufficient supplies for essential foodstuffs, they were required to insure a greater supply for the Allies. Druggists will be permitted to buy sufficient sugar to meet their full requirements for medicines. Ice cream has been placed in the preferred class to encourage dairy interests to maintain their production; the use of sugar for soda fountain beverages is restricted.