

The statements of color in the foregoing table are arbitrary but the best possible in the absence of a standard list of colors for solutions. The color of No. 1 approximates very closely that of a 1 in 15000 aqueous solution of fuchsin; but the cudbear solution has a purplish tinge in thin layers.

The conclusions to be drawn from these observations are not quite so obvious as they at first appear. The ten lots of cudbear range through six distinct shades; and there are six markedly different colors among the solutions; but there is no direct relation between the color of the drug and the color of the resulting solution. It is plain that uniformity of color is not assured by the use of cudbear per se, and that some standard of color based upon a solution of a stable, definite coloring principle is the only means by which even approximate uniformity becomes possible.

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#### BETTER TIMES FOR RETAIL PHARMACISTS.

"Some of our readers who are still in pharmacy have had sufficiently long experience to date back to the time when about all that a pharmacist knew regarding his neighbor was what disgruntled customers of his competitors told him. In those days pharmacists were more likely to look the other way than they were to greet a fellow pharmacist when they accidentally met. Times are now quite different and it is due to the good work of local organizations. Pharmacists have learned to know their neighbors as neighbors and to look upon their competitors as fellow-pharmacists in the profession and trade.

"While the social feature and the friendly feeling is an important factor in human life, it is the financial side of the present day pharmacists' calling that gives the most important contrast with conditions a few years ago. Retail pharmacists who once hesitated to pay one dollar per year dues in a state association are now perfectly willing to pay one dollar per month in their local organization, in addition to belonging to the state association and the A. Ph. A. and the N. A. R. D. They realize that the money invested in annual dues is really a business investment. Dividends are not paid regularly semi-annually, as is the case with bonds, but the returns are just as certain and as useful when they do come. The Chicago R. D. A., at its recent annual meeting, approved of a budget covering \$13,000.00 expenses for the current year. Among the items was a contingent fund for legal services. Members who get into difficulty through the regular routine of the drug business are not left to their own fate, but are backed in their positions by the entire membership of the C. R. D. A. and its corporate body. This one feature of paying dividends to members is alone worth the expense of membership. It is true that members may go along for a lifetime without legal complications, but many of our readers have had the bitter experience of suits of various kinds for which they were in no moral sense to blame."—*Meyer Brothers Druggist.*