

of a law entitled "An Act to Regulate the Sale of Viruses, Serums, Toxins and Analogous Products in the District of Columbia, to Regulate Interstate Traffic in Said Articles, and for Other Purposes." The law provides for the licensing of U. S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service to have an inspection made of its necessary for an establishment desiring it to request the Surgeon-General of the U. S. Public Health & Marine Hospital Service to have an inspection made of its laboratories, methods, products, etc. This inspection is made by an officer of that service, and consists in a careful examination of the stables, laboratory, facilities, methods, animals, collection of the serum, standardization, and tests for potency, purity, and amount of preservative employed. Samples of the products from licensed manufacturers are bought on the open market and examined at frequent intervals in the Hygenic Laboratory of the P. H. and M. H. Service. The inspection of the laboratories is repeated at least once a year and if unsanitary conditions are found, or if the products are not what they are claimed, the license is suspended.'

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DESTRUCTION OF FLIES BY FORMALDEHYDE.

A very conclusive test of the efficacy of formaldehyde is claimed to have been made by a writer in the Economic Entomology, according to a report in the Veterinary Record. The mixture used was one of formalin, 1 oz.; milk, 8 oz.; water, 8 oz., and was used by placing it in shallow plates with a piece of bread in the middle of each plate. Six plates of the mixture were placed in the passage-way between the stalls in a large calf barn. This passage-way was about six feet wide and thirty feet long. The mixture was exposed at 12 o'clock noon and left until 8 o'clock the next morning. The dead flies when swept up measured three quarts, and half as many had died in the stall on each side. Between forty and fifty thousand flies were killed in twenty hours by this experiment.—*Pharmaceutical Journal and Pharmacist.*