

quinine sulphate may be diffused through the mixture, and the licorice will then mask its bitterness. Dispense with a shake-label."

Here, it will be noted, is a more important ingredient omitted, resulting in a less acid solution, and a more assimilable quinine mixture.

I have not said anything with regard to the first prescription. A pharmacist certainly dislikes to criticize a physician's prescription. It is somewhat out of place to do that, but I might venture to state that physicians should be aware that in a solution of this kind they should not expect the therapeutic action of aspirin. A very short time after the combination is made the acetyl salicylic acid breaks down into its elementary portions and salicylic acid is evidenced by the ferric chloride test. It would seem to the writer, if the effect of aspirin is desired, that crystals, or capsules, or tablets should be administered. Aqueous solutions such as the above are sure to decompose and the therapeutic results are not as would naturally be anticipated by the prescriber. I should incidentally call attention to a lesson which this prescription teaches, namely, that the profession of Pharmacy is derelict in its duty to the public unless it seeks in every legitimate way to impress upon the members of the medical profession the need of a highly trained pharmacist to teach materia medica and prescription incompatibility and compounding in every one of our medical schools. The drug nihilism that is now so rampant among a few young and clinically inexperienced experimental pharmacologists who style themselves as highly scientific should, in the interests of sane medical practice, be checkmated and vigorously opposed. Prescription compounding in their hands would become a lost art.

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LIQUID DENTIFRICE.

(Formula proposed by Leo G. Penn, Philadelphia, for inclusion in the National Formulary.)

FORMULA:

Guaiacum Wood.....	
Cinnamon.....	
Star-Anise, of each.....	1½ ounces
Cloves.....	½ ounce
Cochineal.....	40 grains
Oil of Peppermint.....	30 minims
Oil of Lemon.....	10 minims
Alcohol, 65% to make 16 fluidounces.	

Quantities are given in apothecaries' weights and measures. The drugs are to be ground to a No. 40 powder, and macerated in the alcohol for six (6) days; the oils are then added, and the liquid filtered, using talcum as a medium.
