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FINANCING A PERMANENT FIELD SECRETARY IN KANSAS.

Something new in the way of financing the office of a permanent field secretary was started at the recent meeting of the Kansas Pharmaceutical Association. The plan is an ambitious one and by means of it it is hoped to raise from ten to twenty thousand dollars annually for carrying on the work.

The idea revolves around an arbitrary standard called a "unit," and the aim is to sell not less than 500 units at \$20 each. More than 500 if possible, of course. Indeed it is hoped that every druggist in the State—there are over 1100 of them—will buy at least one unit and that some of the larger concerns will subscribe for two, three, five or more.

The money thus raised will be used in part to pay the salary and expenses of a highly capable field secretary, who will devote his entire time to bringing about a betterment of conditions in the way of larger drug-store profits, more satisfactory laws and closer coöperation between the druggist and the state. It is the plan to have the field secretary work under the direction of the executive committee of the association and to be directly responsible to it.

While all details have not been worked out yet, the plan, as explained by the officers of the association, is essentially one for the general protection of drug interests. Representatives of the Kansas association are already taking subscriptions, and the outcome will be watched with interest.—Editorial in August *Bulletin of Pharmacy*.

CONTEMPLATING A HOME FOR THE PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION IN FRANCE.

Pharmaceutical associations throughout France are having their attention drawn to the desirability of acquiring a "Maison des

Pharmaciens" as permanent quarters for the General Association. The idea is to form a sort of coöperative building society, with 100-fr. shares, and to erect a special building.—*Chemist & Druggist*, August 6.

THE SEXCENTENARY OF DANTE.

X. Rayser II, in *Chemist and Druggist*, May 14, '21, p. 47, writes: "The poet Dante, the sexcentenary of whose death will be celebrated in the summer of this year (the exact date of his death is disputed), cannot be claimed as a pharmacist, but he was a student of medicine (probably at Padua, so famous for its medical school), and a member of the Guild of Physicians and Apothecaries of Florence. One of his biographers thinks it necessary to apologize for this lapse on his part, and bids us not suppose he ever practiced as an apothecary; but, however this may be, he was well versed in all the science of his time, and must have had some special interest in medicine as a reason for joining that particular guild. We learn from his 'Convito' that his library contained seven volumes of Albertus Magnus, three of his pupil, St. Thomas Aquinas, and three of Avicenna, each of whom wrote largely of medicine among other things. That Dante thought very highly of the first two is clear, since he placed them both in Paradise among that

'Bright band in liveliness

Surpassing . . . yet more sweet in voice

Than in their visage beaming.'

Aquinas, who, in his 'Thesaurus Alchemia,' acknowledges Albertus as his master, he calls 'the angelic teacher,' and though he doubtless studied him most as a theologian, there is evidence in his 'Divine Comedy' of a general acquaintance with his teaching. There is, so far as I remember, no such reference in the poem referred to, as we often find in Keats, to his medical studies. It is noteworthy, how-

ever, that among the great spirits in Limbo he places

'Hippocrates,
Galenus, Avicen, and him who made
That commentary vast, Averroes.' "

SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE AS A HOUSEHOLD BLEACHING, DEODORIZING AND DISINFECTING AGENT.

The *Scientific American* of August 6, '21, states that sodium hypochlorite is becoming popular for purposes indicated in the title. The article concludes by stating that sodium hypochlorite was used in the war to keep wounds aseptic, and it may find a use for this purpose as a household aseptic. It is used in laundries, and is now being introduced for family use under many names, being easily identified by the peculiar and not disagreeable smell, which one soon learns to associate with cleanliness and purity. It is not a poisonous antiseptic like carbolic acid, corrosive sublimate and formaldehyde, unless it is mixed with large amounts of strong mineral acids, when chlorine is set free in such amounts as to be dangerous to breathe. Next to soap and washing soda, sodium hypochlorite may quite possibly become the most commonly used household cleansing reagent.

ALKALOIDS OF VALERIAN.

Waliscewski announced in 1891 that his investigation of valerian root indicated the presence of two alkaloids, one being soluble in ether, to which he gave the name chatinine; the other, which is less abundant and which is insoluble in ether, he called valerine. Goris and Vischniac (*Répert. de Pharm.*, June 6, 1921) extracted 5 kilos of an aqueous extract of valerian, representing 40 kilos of fresh root, with a 10% solution of sodium carbonate, treating the liquid with a mixture of ether and chloroform, then with water containing 2 percent of hydrochloric acid, finally saturating this solution with potassium carbonate and successfully extracting with ether and with chloroform. They succeeded in obtaining 4 Gm. of crude bases, from which they were able to separate 3 Gm. of chatinine and 1 Gm. of valerine. The former is difficult to obtain in a crystalline form, except as the picrate, which melts at 97° to 98°. Animal experiments showed that these two alkaloids have practically no

physiological action; the therapeutic properties of valerian are therefore not due to these two bodies.—Through *Chemist & Druggist*, July 23, '21.

SULPHUR IN ALOPECIA.

Striking results are said to have been obtained in the treatment of alopecia and psoriasis after intramuscular injection of one or two cubic centimeters of a 5% oil solution of sulphur. The addition of cholesterolin to the oil increases the absorbing powers. The formula used is: sulphur, 8 parts; cholesterolized oil, 80 parts; eucalyptol, 20 parts. The injections are repeated twice a week. The sulphur treatment acts on the papillae. Cod-liver oil is said to have special advantages in this formula. The proportion of cholesterolin, however, is not stated.—Pautrier (*Presse Médicale*, Paris, May 18, 1921, through *Journ. Amer. Med. Assoc.*, July 2, 1921, 73).

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

TREACY H. DUERFELDT.

WINNER OF THE FAIRCHILD SCHOLARSHIP,
1921.

Treacy H. Duerfeldt, to whom the Fairchild Scholarship for 1921 has been awarded, is a son of our fellow-member H. G. Duerfeldt of Spokane, Wash. Treacy H. Duerfeldt was born in Helena, Montana, June 2, 1901, and received his earlier education in Detroit, Mich., and in Spokane. He finished the grade school at the Holmes School of the latter city, and graduated from North Central High School, Spokane, in 1916, at the age of 17 years. In the fall of the same year he entered Washington State College at Pullman, where for two years he was enrolled for pre-medical studies, and had expected to enter the medical course, but, later, decided to take up the study of pharmacy. He matriculated in the School of Pharmacy of the same institution, September 16, 1920, completing his first year in pharmacy in 1921, with a record of grade "A," averaging upwards of 90 percent in all branches. We quote from a letter of Prof. P. H. Dirstine, Head of the School of Pharmacy of the State College of Washington, as follows:—"Treacy H. Duerfeldt has been an honor student all the time he has been at the State College of Washington, and is one of the best students that has ever attended the State College of Washington, in any course."

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THE PHARMACIST AND THE LAW.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF JOURNALISTS.

Those who write and sketch for newspapers have a responsibility in the moulding of public opinion. Sometimes, if not more frequently, they make use of their privilege and opportunity for ulterior purposes or, perhaps, cater to viewpoints of readers and occasionally there is a deliberate attempt to create class hatred; there is a degree of thoughtlessness, a desire to please certain patrons. The sincerity of some is questioned, others are persuaded to think they are mistreated and underpaid. Application of the same indictments would be resented by the writers, even though their title as good citizens might not compare favorably with those they attack. They are thoughtless, because there is a desire to please a certain class, and they know that those attacked will not do them injury.

About all the average citizen says about these items is, "that the papers must be filled with reading matter, will evoke merriment etc." Little thought is given to the fact that this is moulding public opinion, creating beliefs and viewpoints. Our purpose is to express disapproval of the articles in the press associating pharmacists with the liquor business very few of them want to have anything to do with alcoholic beverages, and only dispense on prescriptions because it is their duty. By the unthinking misrepresentations pharmacists and their profession are slandered; their service to the public is injured. We are not without a sense of humor, but can not see the joke in a sketch which depicts the one who dispenses medicine, whose character is a large asset, as a bootlegger or hold-up man. Perhaps written statements or misstatements are even worse for they are apt to make a more lasting impression. The point, however, is made that everyone, citizen and pharmacist, can help in bringing about a correction of these abuses in the press.

STOLEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

A day never passes without the printing of an item of news in the press relating to stolen alcohol or alcoholic beverages. These thefts are not confined to licensed or unlicensed dealers, but as the following editorial in the *Philadelphia Ledger*, of August 3, indicates— thefts are made from storage rooms:

"Somewhere in the group of men who are appointed to enforce the Federal laws in this general neighborhood there must be some one with authority to answer questions, to initiate inquiries and to assume responsibility.

"That man, whoever he is, should be made to account for the shameful farce revealed in successive reports of thefts from the rooms in the Federal Building where seized whisky has been stored in large quantities.

"The locks are broken at intervals. The public is informed that on each occasion many thousands of dollars' worth of liquor has been stolen. Yet the storage rooms are supposed to be guarded. The corridors of the building are never in darkness. The elevators are closed and locked at given hours. Any one who took barrels of whisky or cases of stuff from the storage rooms would have to carry the loot down four flights of stairs in plain sight of dozens of Postoffice employes."

Alcohol and Liquors at wholesale T. D. 3208 amends regulation 60, and these can be obtained from the collectors. *N. W. D. A. Bulletin* No. 38 states that an innovation of much interest to the drug trade is the provision that wholesalers shall be permitted to sell alcohol only in original stamped packages, thus obviating the inconvenience of breaking statutory packages which has frequently resulted in loss through pilfering, evaporation, etc. In order to accommodate retailers who may desire to purchase less than a standard five-gallon package, the Bureau will authorize an original stamped package