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"HIGH-BROW STUFF" AND THE PRESCRIPTION COUNTER.

Under above caption in the *Bulletin of Pharmacy* for October, W. L. Scoville discusses the following prescription:

Solution of potassium citrate. 4 fluidounces.
Citratèd caffèin,
Urotropin,
Potassium acetate, of each. 2 drachms.
Peppermint water. 2 fluidounces.

Directions: A teaspoonful every 3 hours.

The author refers to articles which appeared in at least three pharmaceutical journals—and in one of the journals two different articles—on the subject of the hydrogen-ion concentration of solutions. "All of the writers," states the author, "were astute enough to suspect that this subject is of but little if any interest to the average pharmacist, and quasi-apologies therefore accompanied the papers." Professor Scoville comments further: "Thus far nobody has had the temerity to suggest that this high-brow stuff might be dragged down to the prescription counter and made to function on a guileless mixture. Wherein the sapient writers referred to in the opening paragraph missed a point." The pharmacist dispensed a clear solution, but, after standing for a while, the solution changed to a crystalline mass. An interesting explanation follows. An analysis of the reactions is given in part in the following paragraph:

"So again we consider. We now remember that potassium citrate and potassium acetate are excellent 'buffer salts.' They hinder acids or alkalis, particularly weak ones, from dissociating and, therefore, from reacting. That is to say, the urotropin has two protectors present—potassium citrate and potassium acetate—which prevent the citric acid from attacking it. So it remains calm and serene

in the presence of its would-be destroycr. For the same reason the citric acid is unable to exert its solvent action on the caffèin, and the latter behaves as though it were not present."

More solvent is the answer; however, the prescription afforded an opportunity for a most interesting article.



C. P. GLADDING.

Curtis P. Gladding, recently elected president of the National Association of Retail Druggists, is a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association. He affiliated in 1912. Mr. Gladding is president of the Gladding Drug Company, of Hartford, Conn. He has been quite closely identified with local and state associations. He was a member of the Connecticut State Board of Pharmacy for two terms, and is an ex-president of Connecti-

cut State Pharmaceutical Association; for years he has been on state and national legislative committees.

A testimonial dinner was given at Hotel Garde, Hartford, October 18, which was attended by more than 200 guests from Hartford, Connecticut, and other sections of New England. Among the speakers were the Rev. Herbert Judson White, pastor of the First Baptist Church in which Mr. Gladding is a deacon; Timothy F. Shea, president of the Massachusetts Pharmaceutical Association; E. F. Gyde, president of the Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association; Samuel C. Henry, secretary of the National Association of Retail Druggists; James F. Finneran, of Boston, a former president of the N. A. R. D.; P. J. Garvin, secretary of the Connecticut Pharmaceutical Association; Colonel John W. Lowe, of Massachusetts, first treasurer of the N. A. R. D., and J. D. Hartigan, of Bridgeport, Conn., all of whom spoke of the guest of the evening in words of highest praise and esteem, pledging their support to his administration.

Oliver Franklin Fuller celebrated his 93rd birthday on October 19th, at home. Members of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association called in a body to congratulate their honorary president and veteran member, and enjoyed a visit with him. The traditional one carnation was attached by John Blocki, and then the celebrant was presented with thirty more carnations, one for each active member. Mr. Fuller was Honorary President A. Ph. A. 1918-1919; he was born in Connecticut in 1829; he joined the Association in 1869. The recording secretary, Fra. Wilhelm Bode-mann, placed in the hands of Mr. Fuller the round robin signed by all the members at the round table.

Elmer H. Wirth, for a number of years with Frederick F. Ingram Co., is now instructor of Pharmacognosy at the University of Illinois School of Pharmacy, associated with Prof. E. N. Gathercoal.

Clyde L. Eddy, managing editor of the *Druggists' Circular*, has been elected a vice-president of the American Medical Editors' Association. This is the first time that a pharmaceutical editor has been so honored by this body.

Robert Alexander Gayle, son of J. W. Gayle, secretary of Kentucky Board of Pharmacy, was married November 23rd, to Miss Frances Garnett. Mr. Gayle graduated from Louisville College of Pharmacy in 1921, and was the valedictorian of his class.

C. Herbert Packard has resigned as president of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy; he will continue to be a member of the board of trustees. Mr. Packard was elected president of the college in 1909, and is now succeeded by William H. Glover, who has been vice-president of the institution for many years.

L. E. Warren addressed the American Association of Dairy, Food and Drug Officials at its 26th annual convention, October 3rd, in Kansas City. The subject of his address was "The Laboratory of the American Medical Association and Its Work;" results of the analyses of numerous proprietary and "patent medicines" were shown by means of lantern slides.

W. Bruce Philip, vice-president of the N. A. R. D. and a vice-chairman of the House of Delegates A. Ph. A., was given a testimonial dinner by San Francisco and Alameda Associations of Retail Druggists. While the occasion was prompted by his election, it was expressive of the appreciation of California druggists for his efforts in their behalf. All interests of the drug trade were represented at the table. Mr. Philip, in writing to the *JOURNAL*, states: "This makes me feel that we are getting somewhere."

E. H. Gane, after twenty-five years of service with McKesson & Robbins, has severed his connection with latter firm, and has opened up an office at 1063 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, as pharmaceutical and analytical chemist.

L. A. Jeancon, general manager of Scholtz Mutual Drug Co., reports the successful opening of the San Francisco store, and preparations are well advanced for the Los Angeles establishment.

Otto Raubenheimer is now grandfather; a card under date of October 7th announces Shirley Meta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Raubenheimer.

E. M. Holmes, honorary member of the American Pharmaceutical Association since 1899, to whose serious accidental injury mention was made several times during the year, is now fully recovered from the effects of the accident.

Sir W. S. Glyn-Jones, honorary member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, has been elected president of the National Association of Insurance Companies for England and Wales for the ensuing year.

In the July issue of the *Journal* reference was made to the award of the Hanbury Medal for 1922 to Prof. Emile Perrot. The formal

award was made at the opening of the British Pharmaceutical Society's School of Pharmacy, October 4th. The inaugural sessional address of the reopening of the school was made by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of London, H. J. Waring. An address was also made by Professor Perrot.

The Chemist and Druggist of October 15, 1872, refers to an anecdote about Apothecary Karl Wilhelm Scheele. During his lifetime the King of Sweden, his sovereign, visited Paris, and Lavoisier and all the learned men inquired about Scheele, but his Majesty had never heard of him. He wrote home at once and ordered his ministers to look him up. The only Scheele who could be found was a clerk in one of the Government offices, so he was knighted and pensioned. But when the King returned the real Scheele was found and offered every inducement to take up his residence in Stockholm, but he preferred his shop in Köping.

The Pharmaceutical Journal and Pharmacist of October 21st reviews the YEAR BOOK of the American Pharmaceutical Association for 1920. After referring to the text matter with considerable detail the following concluding remarks are made:

"The abstracts are drawn from the literature all over the world. The subjects have been chosen with great judgment, and the volume as a whole is one which is truly representative of the best that is being done in the pharmaceutical world and eminently designed to keep the pharmacist *au courant* with the technical affairs of his calling. While a perusal of the pages of this YEAR BOOK serves to give one a good idea of the multiplicity of subjects dealt with, a glance at the general index imparts a better idea—there are twenty-six two-column pages of it and there is also an index of authors."

David Hooper writes to Secretary William B. Day—"I have to thank you for Volume 9 of the YEAR BOOK of the A. Ph. A. It is a splendid production and is of great interest."

The Carolina Journal of Pharmacy, published monthly by the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, is also the official organ of the South Carolina Pharmaceutical Association. The text matter is chiefly devoted to matters of immediate interest to these two state bodies. The October number contains an historical account of the famous old Charleston drug shop, now 142 years old. The article was written by Mr. John Bennett, of Charleston, and presented as a contribution to the Section on Historical

Pharmacy of the American Pharmaceutical Association, Cleveland meeting.

The 70th anniversary of the founding of Meyer Brothers Drug Company of St. Louis was celebrated September 12th. The banquet was part of the program of the ceremonies, at which time men prominent in the affairs of St. Louis were speakers, and also a number of those who had for many years participated in the activities of this company, and more particularly those who gave their energetic support since February 1915, when the company passed into the hands of a receiver, and now has wiped out this indebtedness.

1867 CLUB.

At the Nashville Convention of the A. Ph. A., Otto Raubenheimer and J. Leon Lascoff, both born in 1867, conceived the idea to get together the pharmacists born that year and form a social club. For over 20 years the former has collected dates of birth and death and other happenings in pharmacy which served as a foundation for his many historical papers.

Thus the 1867 Club came into existence. An annual gathering is held in connection with a dinner, which this year took place on the evening of November 2, at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City. The following members were present: Dr. Alfred R. L. Dohme from Baltimore, Congressman Herman A. Metz, J. Leon Lascoff, R. E. Dyer, S. Watkins, M. Schlesinger and Wm. Roschen of N. Y. City, Otto Raubenheimer and Robert S. Lehman of Brooklyn, and C. A. Buchbinder of Winfield, N. Y. Warren L. Bradt of Albany, Francis B. Hays of North Carolina, John F. Behrens of Orange, Adolf Schmidt of Hoboken, and Emil Weiss and George S. Schweinfurth sent letters of regret for their absence. Hugo Kantrowitz of the New York *Apotheker Zeitung* was the guest of the dinner.

A delightful evening was spent and the members exchanged some of their reminiscences. The gathering did not break up until midnight, when the members present accompanied Dr. Dohme to the train for Baltimore.

Pharmacists and all those connected with pharmacy born in 1867 are eligible for admission. There are no dues or fees. Simply send your name, address and date of birth to the president, J. Leon Lascoff, Lexington Avenue and 83rd Street, N. Y. City, or to the secretary, Robert S. Lehman, 3rd Ave. & 27th St., N. Y. City, or to the historian, Otto Raubenheimer, 1341 Fulton St., Brooklyn, N. Y.