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More than fifty years of membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association, and a somewhat longer period of service as retail pharmacist, are records in the life of our venerable fellow-member, Solomon Boehm. In 1867 the subject of this sketch opened the drug store at the southwest corner of 8th & Morgan Sts., St. Louis; the business developed, and the proprietor gained the esteem of those with whom he came into social and business contact by his fine traits of character, his ability and perseverance; the store is favorably known, and largely through "the man within." The daily press of a metropolis seldom fails to give recognition to citizens who have participated in the city's development, but the notice relative to Mr. Boehm when he celebrated his 81st birthday spoke of more than an octogenarian, successful business man and useful citizen; there was embodied a well-deserved expression of respect for one whose service meant more to him and those with whom he came into business contact than fair dealing alone. He is the oldest retail pharmacist of St. Louis in point of years, continuance in business, and at the same location.

Solomon Boehm was born in Bohemia, April 6, 1840, and came to this country with his parents in 1854. They resided in Iowa when the war between the States broke out; the son gave active service throughout the war, and at its close was commissioned a captain. Soon afterward he came to St. Louis and, in 1867, opened the store which still bears his name.

His interest in pharmacy is shown by his affiliation with local, State and national pharmaceutical bodies, and further by his connection with the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, which institution he served faithfully as treasurer for thirty years. Pharmaceutical training and education were probably recognized by three of Mr. Boehm's sons who are physicians as of great value in a medical education for they are also graduates in pharmacy, but it may be assumed that their father's influence had a part, and to the writer it is somewhat surprising that the other son did not precede his study of law by a course in pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Boehm (nee Miss Jennie Gross Levy) were married January 27, 1874; they have five children—Joseph L., Emil and Julius B., physicians, and Edward M., a lawyer; the daughters, Mrs. David J. Maibrunn and Mrs. Emmett M. Baum, reside in New York City.

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