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TRAFFIC IN ILLINOIS STATE LICENSES.

An investigation is being made by the state's attorney of charges that licenses to practice medicine and pharmacy are being sold in Illinois. Secretary H. C. Christensen, of the N. A. B. P., states, in the *Chicago Tribune* of March 20, that a condition developed under the present licensure system whereby it was possible for unqualified persons to procure licenses to practice medicine or pharmacy by the payment of a fee.

This is a lamentable state of affairs, but the exposure will result in putting a stop to such business and, let us hope, displace the system under which such traffic is possible.

INTERFERENCE WITH SALE OF DOG SOAP AND FLEA POWDER.

A French dog specialist offers the diverting announcement that the traditional and ubiquitous flea is indispensable to the health of a dog. He asserts this statement is the result of a long study of dog psychology and sums up in conclusion:

"If dogs should not be compelled to spend a large part of their time in persuasive persistent efforts against epizoots they would lose their most salutary distraction and would promptly become victims of dark and dangerous melancholy."

"David Harum" (Edward Noyes Westcott) said: "A reasonable amount of fleas is good for a dog—they keep him f'm broodin' on bein' a dog."

PARAFFIN FILM TREATMENT.

A. Kissmeyer has extended the paraffin film treatment, originally used for burns, to a number of skin diseases, and has found the method of particular service in eczema and pruritus. The

film seems to induce rapid growth of the epithelium. Leg ulcers healed rapidly; eczema which had resisted other treatment for years disappeared promptly under the paraffin film; neurodermatitis, prurigo, and X-ray burns soon subsided. The composition he favors is a mixture of benzoin, 1 part; caoutchouc, 5 parts; neutral paraffin (m. p. 52° C.), 100 parts.—Through *Practical Druggist*, March 1922.

INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION INSTEAD OF INJECTION OR VACCINATION.

The press of March 14 carried the news item that Director Roux of the Pasteur Institute had made the statement to the Academy of Sciences that immunity from disease will soon be secured by swallowing dead microbes of the particular disease from which immunity is desired. "Eat and Be Cured;" "Breakfasts of Dead Microbes" were among the emanations of headliners.

A HAND POWER ICE MACHINE.

Francis T. Mann, in the *Scientific American* for April, describes a hand power ice machine of French design, intended principally for domestic use, but which has also found application in hospitals and laboratories. A small air pump is part of the apparatus. The freezing action is brought about by the rapid evaporation of the water in the vacuum which is produced by the pump. The water vapor is absorbed by sulphuric acid contained in a receptacle which forms part of the machine.

The article is illustrated, and the statement is made that a small amount of ice can be produced in about a minute. However, a further statement is to the effect that to freeze a 2-lb. block of ice will require about ten minutes.

WASTE SILVER IN THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY.

Charles Alma Byers, in the *Scientific American* for April 1922, states that formerly the silver-laden waste hypo was entirely a waste product. Now it is recovered and the waste silver of the motion picture industry in Los Angeles yields on an average nearly 1000 pounds per month of metallic silver.

PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

Hugo Kantrowitz, managing editor and publisher of the *Apotheker-Zeitung*, celebrated his forty-third year of associated activity with the well and favorably known publication—the official organ of the New York German Apothecaries' Society—last month. As the age of the latter corresponds with the years of the former's connection with it, Editor Kantrowitz has no difficulty in remembering this important date even though the time between anniversaries is seemingly becoming less each year. Mr. Kantrowitz has given useful service to the American Pharmaceutical Association and he has been successful in giving his readers a monthly pharmaceutical publication of a high order; congratulations are extended with best wishes for continued success.

Cornelius Osseward, for six years a lecturer on commercial pharmacy in the University of Washington, has been appointed acting associate professor of pharmacy to fill the place of Professor Linton. Professor Osseward was graduated from Columbia and received a degree in pharmaceutical chemistry from Northwestern University. Until recently he has been proprietor of one of the largest exclusively prescription stores in Washington. He has been active in the state association and also in the American Pharmaceutical Association, his interest being largely in the Section on Practical Pharmacy and Dispensing.

Dr. Edsel A. Ruddiman, formerly dean of the School of Pharmacy, Vanderbilt University, now chief chemist for John T. Milliken Company, St. Louis, Mo., is to be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Kansas State Pharmaceutical Association to be held in Kansas City.

J. A. Pool, of Redfield, and **David F. Jones**, of Watertown, were among the South Dakota delegates to the annual meeting of Minnesota Pharmaceutical Association.

J. W. Collins, Amarillo, has succeeded to the presidency of Texas Pharmaceutical Association. The executive committee of Texas Pharmaceutical Association has established a scholarship in pharmacy from a fund raised by the late President **W. Arthur Skillern** to be used in the relief of druggists of San Antonio, following the flood in that city last September. The money was transmitted to the Retail Druggists' Association, who returned it and asked that it be used for a scholarship in memory of the deceased.

Dr. Jacob Diner, responding to the question, "what shall be done with the money in the treasury of the New York Retail Druggists' Association?" suggested that this serve as a nucleus for a fund to erect a centrally located building to be known as the New York Academy of Pharmacy. The building is to serve as pharmaceutical headquarters, and it is stated \$50,000 for the purpose is in sight.

Samuel T. Hensel will open a new pharmacy in Denver at Sixth Ave. and Marion St.

Hon. John F. Shaffroth, ex-senator from Colorado and twice governor of the state, died February 20. Mention is made in memory of the interest he exhibited in the A. Ph. A. meeting in 1912, while he was Governor.

Howard T. Graber, director of the Chemical Laboratory of the Digestive Ferments Co., has been elected secretary of the Company.

J. Leon Lascoff, in the *Pharmaceutical Era* for March 1922, describes his prescription department, which arrangement, in his opinion, makes greatest efficiency possible.

COÖPERATIVE ADVERTISING.

Large manufacturers have inaugurated a national advertising campaign in the magazines in which the attention of the public is called to the drug store as the place for purchasing dependable spices, as well as drugs and medicines. The value of this publicity to druggists throughout the country is apparent. While this advertising campaign is primarily conducted in the interest of the advertisers, the publicity is of a type which should benefit the retail drug trade and pharmacy. "Try the drug store first" is a good slogan, but there is no value in any advertising unless its promises are made good and customers are satisfied.