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Chairman J. Leon Lascoff made an interesting report of progress on the A. Ph. A. Book of Unofficial Formulas before New York Branch, A. Ph. A., March 10. In his introductory remarks he emphasized that "it is absolutely necessary for every pharmacist to have a number of reference books; a pharmacy cannot be conducted without them. Formulas for unofficial preparations should be standardized just as those of the Pharmacopœia and National Formulary are," he said.

Stressing these points the Chairman added that, "not long ago, a pharmacist received notice from the District Attorney to appear and answer a charge of violation of the laws of 1906. The pharmacist did not remember violating any pharmacy laws and was very much concerned relative to what the alleged contravention of law might be." After conferring with him Chairman Lascoff called on a well-known lawyer, who resides in his neighborhood, and asked him whether he could give any information relative to the law without consulting his library. He also communicated with several other lawyers and not one of them could give definite information anent the violation with which the pharmacist was charged; each and every one of them advised that it was necessary to consult the law books before expressing an opinion. Chairman Lascoff made application of the foregoing to the practice of pharmacy by saying that a formula cannot be remembered, with certainty, and no attempt should be made to do so; books of reference should be consulted—these are as necessary for pharmacists as for lawyers.

In the continuation of his remarks Chairman Lascoff stated that there were quite a number of reference books published in Europe as companions to pharmacopœias. He cited as examples the "British Pharmaceutical Codex," "Squire's Companion to the British Pharmacopœia," "Dietrich's Manual" and "Hager's Pharmazeutische Praxis." He contended that if the British Pharmaceutical Codex could include formulas credited to the United States Pharmacopœia, then the proposed Recipe Book could also have formulas from foreign pharmacopœias. It is probably more necessary to have such references here than in Europe because more nationalities are represented in the citizenship of the United States. Many physicians who received their medical education and training abroad still prescribe according to the formulas of their native land, so it is necessary for the pharmacist to possess several foreign pharmacopœias,—the inclusion in the Recipe Book of the important formulas to be found in these standards is therefore a necessity.

"This book of unofficial formulas," Chairman Lascoff said, "should be con-