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PIERRE POMET, A SEVENTEENTH CENTURY WORKER FOR PURE DRUGS, SPICES AND FOODS.\*

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In order to understand existing conditions, it is necessary to know something of the efforts of the past. I shall therefore briefly note a few historical features, undoubtedly well known to Monsieur Pomet, a man of the highest ideals.

The striving for pure foods and drugs antedates the memory of man. Pliny's Natural History, written about 77 A.D., is one of the oldest source of information available to us. Much of what he says was common knowledge in his time. He simply recorded current information, including the wheat and some chaff, in his

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