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PHYSICIANS' PRESCRIPTIONS IN RELATION TO THE U. S. P. AND N. F. PREPARATIONS.*

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Pharmacists should realize that in the United States Pharmacopœia and the National Formulary there are a number of formulas which physicians would gladly make use of, if they were consistently featured to them, and every pharmacist should endeavor to place the formulas and the finished preparations at the disposal of his own circle of physicians. Some of these formulas may be classified as vehicles, others as active remedies. As a rule, vehicles are calculated to make the administering of active drugs more palatable; among those, the following are quite satisfactory.

Compound Elixir of Almond
Elixir of Anise
Compound Elixir of Cardamom
Aqueous Elixir of Glycyrrhiza
Compound Elixir of Pepsin

There are a number of others, but these are good vehicles; Syrup of Wild Cherry, also, when prepared according to the official formula is always popular.

Among the active remedies the following deserve more consideration:

Elixir Terpin Hydrate
Compound Elixir of Terpin Hydrate and Creosote
Elixir of Three Bromides
Elixir of Five Bromides
Compound Cathartic Elixir
Compound Elixir of Euphorbia
Elixir of Iron, Quinine and Strychnine
Glycerinated Elixir of Gentian
Solution of Peptonized Iron and Manganese

The writer has had experience with various physicians featuring Compound Mixture of Chloral and Potassium Bromide; Compound Mixture of Glycyrrhiza; Compound Mixture of Rhubarb; Expectorant Mixture, known as Stokes Expectorant. This last formula was especially effective when recently prepared.

Compound Mixture of Glycyrrhiza is frequently prescribed with Sodium Iodide or Salicylate, and quite a number of physicians have replaced other formulas by these, with very satisfactory therapeutic effects. Physicians have told us that they had not before realized how satisfactory these preparations were.

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