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**“THE DEADLY BICHLORIDE
TABLET.”**

Under the above title the editor of the *Practical Druggist* alludes to the fact that “hundreds of people die annually by swallowing bichloride tablets or a solution of the same,” and makes some very pertinent suggestions for the distinguishing of such tablets by means of color, shape, character of packages, etc.

The regulations which seem to him most effective are those prescribed by the German Pharmacopœia, namely, that they shall be composed of equal parts of bichloride and sodium chloride, colored bright red with an aniline dye, cylindrical in shape, twice as long as thick, each tablet wrapped in black paper bearing the word poison in white letters, and the amount of bichloride, and be dispensed in glass bottles which are also to be labeled poison.

Certainly such precautions are none too great in view of the danger involved.

A FAMILIAR EXCUSE.

"Some criticism has at times been indulged in because the Denver "bunch" seemed to run things at these annual gatherings, and while said "bunch" pleads guilty to the charge, it is argued in extenuation, that somebody has to run things, and none would be better pleased than they if the attendance from other points should be so large as to put Denver in a decided minority."

The above is from an article in the *Rocky Mountain Druggist* announcing the next annual meeting of the Colorado Pharmacal Association.

Any one who has seen the Denver druggists in action can believe that they are always ready to do their full share of work (or more, if necessary, to make things go), but no one who knows them well will believe that they care a "rap" for the glory, or that they want to run affairs for their own benefit.

But the above was not quoted for the purpose of defending the Denver druggists against a silly and unjust charge, but because the same excuse will soon be heard in other states where the stay-at-home druggists will try to cover up their own delinquencies by the same puerile whine.

Any one who has had any experience in association work knows that those who do the most of it, do it from a sense of duty, and would gladly relinquish the offices to any others who would accept the duties annexed.

Giving as a reason for not attending the state meeting that some particular lot of people want to run the affair is about the most pitiful excuse that can be offered, and the druggist who is half a man won't offer it.

The chances are that you will be able to attend if you only think so, but if for any reason you can't go, for pure decency's sake send the boys a telegram saying, "More power to your elbows. I'm with you in spirit. If you want me to see my Senator or Representative, or need any financial help for legislative expenses next winter, just wire yours truly."

You'll think a lot more of yourself than if you fall back on the antiquated fib hereinbefore referred to.

"Every man can tell how many goats or sheep he possesses, but not how many friends."—*Cicero*.

The Bulletin Board

COMMUNICATIONS RESPECTING THE A. PH. A. HOME.

DENVER, COLO.

I am heartily in favor of carrying out your suggestions given in the *JOURNAL* for November, especially in regard to providing fireproof quarters for the repository of the historical collection. I do not believe that the maintenance of such a structure would put an excessive tax on the individual member.

I thank you for asking for an expression of my views on the subject.

Fraternally yours,

WM. BEUKMA.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Your circular letter concerning the A. Ph. A. Home has just been received.

I am heartily in sympathy with this movement and think it is just what we need for the furtherance of American Pharmacy.

Very truly yours,

M. N. FORD.

MINOT, N. D.

In response to the circular letter in reference to "Need of an Association Home," I would say that I am heartily in favor of such a proposition and do not see why the A. Ph. A. should not have one with its "sixty-one years of honorable and useful activity."

Wishing the A. Ph. A. success in all its undertakings, and assuring you that it is an honor to be a member of the association,

Yours very truly,

WM. L. BROMME.

NASHVILLE, TENN.

Answering your circular letter of recent date, I am of the opinion that the Association should have such a building as you mentioned and will be glad to cooperate with the Association in any way I can to this end. It certainly should be a source of satisfaction to the members of this Association if we had a permanent home and