

tives will also advise with the local committees in charge of the survey to work out financial and other preliminary details.—*Bulletin of the Department of Commerce*, January 5, 1931.

The National Drug Store Survey is of far-reaching importance. Editorial references have heretofore been made—see July JOUR. A. PH. A., page 674 and the December number, page 1280.

FLUECKIGERIANA.*

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VI. Flueckiger letters to Power, 1882–1890.

Strassburg, Sept. 16, 1885.

MY DEAR FRIEND:

I must apologize for not having sooner replied to yours of Aug. 5th, which I found on my desk on my return from Switzerland (1). Many thanks for the pamphlets (2) dedicated to the meeting of German Naturalists; they show that you are in good progress.

As to the "Grundlagen" (3) there is no objection if you like to translate them; both the authors would be much pleased and the publisher informs me that he is willing to have the engravings reproduced, for an American publisher, on reasonable terms.

The "Pharmaceutische Chemie" is in slow progress, owing to my rather uncertain health (4); I can no longer work in the same way as a few years ago, being frequently suffering more or less.

It will certainly take one year more to revise the whole; I have as yet arrived at the essential oils.

As to Mr. Foster's paper on "The Medicinal Plants of Wisconsin" in your contributions (5) it would be interesting to discuss whether *Sinapis*, *Althaea*, *Tussilago Farfara*, *Inula Helenium*, *Artemisia Absinthium* can with good reason be considered as indigenous to your State (6).

I see you are quite correct with regard to chloral hydrate; it is a mistake, which I am very glad to correct.

18 Sept.

The meeting took just, with great satisfaction, notice of your "Contributions No. 1" and directed me to acknowledge very thankfully and respectfully the receipt of the same, congratulating you to this very first step and wishes good progress to you and your Department.

Yours very truly,

F. A. FLUECKIGER.

(1) Apparently Flueckiger had been spending the summer vacation in Switzerland, his native country.

(2) Flueckiger here has reference to No. 1 of the Contributions of the Department of Pharmacy of the University of Wisconsin. In a previous letter he had informed Power of the meeting of the Verein deutscher Naturforscher und Aerzte to be held in Strassburg in 1885 and of the proposed organization of a section devoted to Pharmacy. He had also asked his former pupil to send a contribution or two. It was, no doubt, in response to this invitation that Power had the graduation theses of his first class, also a few other papers by himself and Professor Trellese, then Professor of Botany, published. (See also Note No. 6.)

(3) Flueckiger u. Tschirch, "Grundlagen der Pharmacognosie, Einleitung in das Studium der Rohstoffe des Pflanzenreiches" had appeared in 1885. It constituted the second edition of Flueckiger's "Grundlagen der Warenkunde: Einleitung in das Studium der Pharmacognosie" of 1873. The English translation by Power, "Principles of Pharmacognosy; an introduction to the study of the crude substances of the vegetable kingdom" appeared in 1887.

(4) At the time of writing Flueckiger was only 57 years old.

(5) Charles A. Foster, The medicinal plants of the State of Wisconsin, page 7 of "Contributions from the Department of Pharmacy, University of Wisconsin, No. 1, 1885. Dedicated to the Pharmaceutical Section of the Society of German Naturalists. In Convention at Strassburg, Germany, September 17–22, 1885." Foster does not use the word indigenous. His statement reads: "In regard to plants which have escaped from cultivation, only those which are proven beyond doubt to have become naturalized have been included."

(6) During the interval the Verein deutscher Naturforscher und Aerzte had met in Strassburg and the reorganized "Sektion: Pharmacie" which had to struggle for its existence was no doubt pleased to receive a contribution from abroad for the first meeting.

* Continued from December JOUR. A. PH. A., 1930, page 1278.