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Dr. Walter Arthur Bastedo, the president of the U. S. Pharmacopœial Convention, was born in New Market, Ontario, and is an alumnus of the University of Toronto; coming to New York at the close of his teens, he matriculated at the New York College of Pharmacy (Columbia University) and graduated in 1894; he continued his studies at Columbia University, earning his M.D. degree in 1899; his *Alma Mater* honored him with the degree of Sc.D. in 1929.

Dr. Bastedo was curator of New York Botanical Gardens, 1897-1898. He is author of "Laboratory Exercises in Pharmacy for Medical Students," which has gone through two editions; of "Materia Medica, Pharmacology and Therapeutics;" of *Pharmacology and Therapeutics of Gastro-Intestinal Tract* in "Nelson's Medicine;" *Bacillary Dysentery* in "Blumer's Bedside Diagnosis;" editor of section on *Newer Remedies* in "Reference Handbook of the Medical Sciences;" he has also contributed many articles to the publications on pharmacy, pharmacology and medicine.

He was representative of the president of Columbia University on the Faculty of the College of Pharmacy (Columbia University), 1914-1921; teacher in Pharmacology and Therapeutics at Bellevue, Cornell and Columbia; is assistant professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia. He is originator of "Bastedo's Sign" for the diagnosis of chronic appendicitis, attending physician at City Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital and consulting physician to several hospitals.

Doctor Bastedo is a former chairman of the Section of Pharmacology and Therapeutics of the American Medical Association; past-president of the American Gastro-Enterological Association, New York Gastro-Enterological Association, and an Honorary Associate of the American Proctologic Society.

The U. S. Pharmacopœial Convention of 1910 elected him as a vice-president of the organization and again in 1920, and, in May 1930, as president, for the decennium, 1930-1940; parts of his address on that occasion will be found on page 669 of the July 1930 issue of the JOURNAL. In 1907, Doctor Bastedo proposed the idea of designating "certified pharmacies" for the information of physicians.