

It is not compulsory for American ships to carry any medicine, but a list of preparations has been recommended by the American Marine Standards Committee of the Department of Commerce. These preparations include aromatic spirit of ammonia, aspirin tablets, sodium bicarbonate tablets, bismuth subnitrate tablets, mercuric ointment, sodium bromide tablets, brown mixture tablets, calomel ointment, castor oil, potassium chlorate tablets, compound cathartic pills, Dover's powder, ear drops, eye solution, gargle solution tablets, epsom salt, morphine sulphate tablets, oil of cloves, camphorated tincture of opium, potassium permanganate tablets, rhinitis tablets, soap liniment, strychnine sulphate tablets, sulphur ointment, sun cholera tablets, spirit of nitrous ether, ointment of zinc oxide.

The names of preparations listed by other countries are indexed and described. The volume contains an Index which makes it possible to look up preparations under various foreign titles. To us it seems a timely compilation and should be useful as indicated in the abstract of the Preface.

DONATION OF A VOLUME TO AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY BY
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The first part of the treatise on minerals, in which is explained the separation of gold from rocks, sand, clay and other components of the earth by the use of spirits of salt (hydrochloric acid) which is the only method by which such separation may be effected, and in which is also made known a Panacea or Universal Medicine, antimonial, with explanation as to its use by Hans Rudolph Glauber; translated into French by M. Du Teil, Paris, Thomas Lolly Iure Bookstore, Rue St. Jacques, at the corner of the Rue de Parcheminerie at the Arms of Holland, A. D., 1659, with the Privilege of the King.

PREFACE TO THE READER IN ABSTRACT.

The author explains that there are many people who, not knowing his experience, his travels, etc., have accused him of inability to put into print what he has maintained in regard to his scientific ideas. He accuses his enemies of having spread a rumor that either he knows nothing new or that what he knows he has obtained from other people. He states that if he were to follow the inclination of his nature he would be too proud to reply to them and would keep silent, but that his better sense and his regard for his fellow men de-

mand that he give to the world the results of his studies. Thereafter he explains that many people will not understand him because they are ignorant and that many other people will not want to understand him because they are envious, that for the glory of God and for his love for his fellow man he is determined to give to the world what he knows, not in an artful way to please literary dilettants, but with a probity of words so that his great secrets may be understood by those sincerely desirous to know them.

The author gives a brief description of his work, "Treatise on Minerals," which he divides into three parts: Part I, the separation of gold from other metals in rocks, sand, etc. Part II, the generation and death of minerals and metals. Part III, the possibility of the transmutation of metals which the author states is his great desire to accomplish for the glory and benefit of the human race.

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