

A NEW AND SATISFACTORY FORMULA FOR LIQUOR ANTI-
SEPTICUS ALKALINUS.

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The National Formulary preparation bearing this title is unnecessarily high in solids and in alkalinity. The following formula is offered as one which has been well tested and meets all the requirements of such a solution:

Sodium bicarbonate	5.0 Gm.
Sodium benzoate	10.0 Gm.
Sodium salicylate	10.0 Gm.
Sodium borate	30.0 Gm.
Thymol	0.2 Gm.
Menthol	0.2 Gm.
Eucalyptol	0.2 Cc.
Methyl salicylate	0.2 Cc.
Alcohol	40.0 Cc.
Glycerin	150.0 Cc.
Water q. s. to make.....	1000.0 Cc.

This solution should be made according to the art of the apothecary and if it is desired to color the solution red, as is frequently done, cudbear may be used for this purpose; or if it is desired to employ a more resistant color, one which will not bleach out so quickly when the colored solution is dispensed with hydrogen dioxide solution, the color known as vegetable red, used by confectioners and bakers, which is a sulphonated orcin, may be used.

SUPPLYING THE PHYSICIAN.

The typical M. D. seems to think that every purchase he makes from a supply house saves him just that much money. He regards the druggist as a middle man for whose existence there is no excuse as far as he is concerned. He forgets that the supply house is itself a middle man source of supply, that it is rarely an original manufacturer of high-class specialties. He forgets, too, that there is a limit of price below which certain goods cannot be sold. Supply houses cannot keep underpricing one another and the druggist indefinitely without ultimately reaching the bottom. If he were to investigate he would find that supply house qualities are just about on a level with supply house prices. But it is a condition, not a theory, that confronts the druggist. The physicians do buy from the supply houses, and they will continue to do so unless they are sold by some one else. If you want to sell them, instead of sitting back and complaining or wishing, you will have to take off your coat and go after the business as those competing houses do.—*The Spatula*.