

carbonate. By all of the American authorities, however, it is applied to a zinc silicate. So, when the American houses wish to put out a calamine that is beyond reproach, they follow the American mineralogists. Powdered zinc silicate is almost as inert as silica. I believe if you are willing to forego the mysterious properties of the impurities of the old calamine, you will do better by buying and selling zinc carbonate, U. S. P.

Probably I have been a little severe on some of these products and on those who place them on the market, but that has not been my purpose. Your wholesale druggist will give you what you ask for. The remedy for this situation rests with you, and not with the wholesaler. No blame attaches to you, for you have not been in a position to know what you were getting. But, you will find your wholesaler most willing to coöperate in giving you a good raw material, if you but say the word and keep right on saying the word. The word is "U. S. P."

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#### BIBLICAL REFERENCES TO PHYSICIANS.

According to a writer in the *Chemist and Druggist*, biblical reference to the physician and his work are not particularly numerous, neither are they particularly flattering. In Genesis physicians are referred to only as "embalmers," a title too suggestive of undertaking to be agreeable; Job has a reference to "physicians of no value," by which he probably referred to the "irregulars" of his day; three of the texts are versions of the saying about them that are whole and need not the physician; two refer to the woman who had "suffered many things of many physicians," which Luke (himself a physician) softens to "had spent all her living on physicians." Luke, by the way, is the only Evangelist who quotes the proverb, "Physician heal thyself." This Evangelist figures in the only really complimentary text, "Luke, the beloved physician"; and there is even here nothing to show that it was his profession that made him beloved. It was Dean Swift, who preaching before the Royal College of Physicians, took for his text, 2 Chron., xvi, 12-13: "Yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers," which decidedly suggests the connection of cause and effect.