

ducting their business honestly in the belief that they are buying a certain article when they are receiving instead a worthless product for their money.

"The time has come for us to let dishonest manufacturers know that in our land we can differentiate between the good and bad stuffs they send us. It is true that some of them place on their goods labels like the ones used on some milks, expressing their quality, by using the words 'skimmed milk,' written in a foreign language. The buyer is not aware of the fact that it can be translated into these words: 'milk from which the principal nutritive ingredient has been taken away.' In case the buyer may understand the language in which are written words like these: 'Prepared expressly for Export,' he probably is not aware of the fact that the real meaning may be 'Little care in the Preparation.' Anyone might think, on the contrary, that the label indicates special care taken, that the product may reach us in perfect condition. Let the public know once for all that articles thus marked may be classified among those that the law forbids to be sold under such label statements in other countries. Some

labels—as that on a well-known brand of Swiss Condensed Milk, for instance—states that the product is pure and that 'nothing but water is taken from it.' On examination, some of the samples of that same milk show that they did not contain any appreciable amount of milk fat, and we do not believe, on the other hand, the product to be obtained from any special kind of cows that produce ready skimmed milk.

"The Municipality of Panama has done a good deal in the way of 'prevention' against such methods, but, for the general good of our country, there is a great deal more to be done.

"The legal regulations to which we refer—either local or national—must, of course, conform with the true spirit of justice corresponding to each and every case. For this reason we believe there should be some provision to the end of avoiding, by means of scientific supervision, the importation into our country of such articles as are making the little Republic of Panama the valve through which flows the great bulk of spurious food products *not salable at all in the civilized countries of the world.*

OBITUARY

GEORGE C. BARTELLS.

George C. Bartells, life member of the American Pharmaceutical Association and first vice-president in 1897-1898, died at St. Paul, Minnesota, September 10. Mr. Bartells had arrived on a visit to his son Charles W. Bartells, only two days before his death. The deceased was a familiar figure at the meetings of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association, of which he was treasurer from 1898 to 1912. Upon his refusal to accept re-election in 1912, the members of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association elected him to honorary membership in recognition of their appreciation of his long and faithful service. Mr. Bartells was a civil war veteran, a man of fine qualities and successful as a pharmacist of the old school. For many years he was active in the American Pharmaceutical Association, and a regular attendant at the annual meetings. He joined the Association in 1881.

Mr. Wilhelm Bodemann, in writing relative to the deceased, says that he was born in the Province of Hannover, Germany, July 1, 1841. At the age of twelve years his family came to the United States and settled in Wheeling, West Virginia. In 1855 he came to Illinois, where he was apprenticed to Dr. H. A. Rogers, of Quincy. He was a member of the Fiftieth Illinois Volunteers, and his experience in the drug store resulted in his appointment as nurse and dispenser. Since 1870 he was in business at Camp Point, Ill. Mr. Bartells was a three-fold veteran—a veteran of the Civil War; a veteran treasurer of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association, and last, but not least, a member of the Chicago Veteran Druggists' Association. A lovable character—honest to the limit, fearless in his convictions, loyal as a friend, and one of God's noblemen, and that ranks above any degree of nobility of effete monarchies.