

Germany, has been supplying the United States with drugs and chemicals, and this supply has now been cut off. The Stassfurt mines in Germany no longer furnish the crude material to American manufacturers of potassium salts. The consequent scarcity and extremely high price of the latter were the reason that the Revision Committee authorized the *alternative use of an equivalent amount* of sodium salts by the addition of a Note to the Formula of the following:

Liq. Magnes. Citrat.	2.1 Gm. NaHCO ₃	to replace 2.5 Gm. KHCO ₃
Pil. Ferri Carbon.	7.2 Gm. Na ₂ CO ₃ H ₂ O	to replace 8 Gm. K ₂ CO ₃
Liquor Cresolis Co.	54 Gm. NaOH	to replace 80 Gm. KOH

Although the action of the Revision Committee has been criticized as "hysterical" and "approving substitution," the writer is firmly convinced that it was a timely step in the right direction and of material benefit to the entire drug trade. In a paper "Sodium Bicarbonate for Citrate of Magnesia," published in *The Practical Druggist*, June 1916, p. 22, I have gone into full details regarding that particular subject.

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ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION BUILDING PROJECT IN PEKING.

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An announcement has just been made by the representative of the Rockefeller Foundation in this city with regard to an extensive building program that institution has in prospect. Some time ago the foundation took over the previously established Union Medical College of Peking and the hospital operated in connection with it. It is now proposed to build a complete new plant for these institutions, the plans calling for buildings for the college to accommodate a maximum of 50 students and for the hospital to provide for a present maximum of 200 beds, with possibilities of later expansion. The hospital is intended primarily to provide clinical facilities for the college, and it is expected to be patronized mainly by the poorer classes.

The expenditure that this project will involve is not officially stated, but it is understood that it may run over \$1,000,000. The announcement is not only of interest in connection with the great benefit that will accrue to the cause of medical education in China, and with the increase that will result in American prestige in this part of the country, but from a more strictly commercial point of view because of the expenditure that will ultimately be necessary for materials and supplies.

So far the place has only been looked over by an architect. The appointment of regular architects will follow shortly.
