

MATERIA MEDICA

LATIN NAME—MATERIA MEDICOSUM.

CHEMICAL SYMBOLS—CR2 I7 ME23.

(Not official, and never will be.)

Synonyms—Craniosum Impenetrosum, Antimemorium and Dental Students' Delight.

Preparation—It is prepared by a complicated process, known to the ancients (Hippocrates having first prepared it), but unknown at the present day. This compound becomes old with age and has to be redistilled every ten years.

Description—It is a hard, amorphous subject, with a pungent odor, very tasteless and remains dry under all conditions. It is insoluble in the cerebro-spinal fluids. It burns readily (this has been proven by simple methods after state board exams.), but does not support combustion or life, except simple life in the twist house. Although it is omnipresent (during the term), it is difficult to obtain and more difficult to keep when it is caught.

Dose—Four or five pages twice a week, taken before retiring and upon arising. There is no adjuvant nor corrective known.

Physiological Action:—

External:—

It cannot be absorbed by the unbroken skin. It is a

caustic. It is disinfectant, as it instantly destroys certain bacteria as the *Bacillus hapiigoluckiis*, *Restococcus* and *Streptococcus dilatorius intercellularis*.

Internal:—

Digestive Tract—It paralyzes peristaltic movements and diminishes the secretions. It is indigestible and is not acted upon by the gastric or any other juice.

Circulation—It is a heart depressant, causing that sinking feeling; the blood pressure, however, is raised.

Blood—It is a blood coagulant, liberating fibrin by reflex action. To think of it makes one's blood run cold.

Respiration—Causes the respiration to take the form of long drawn sighs and loud manifestations such as groans, accompanied by facial distortions.

Nervous System—When taken in moderate doses it is a limited stimulant, causing intermittent studious activity. In large doses it is a depressant. It is the best hypnotic we have. If taken frequently, causes loss of memory and abolition of reflex action.