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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2nd 1882

Sir;

My report for the month of January, 1882, relating to the Materia Medica section of the National Museum, shows no specimens catalogued or received. The time has been occupied in preparing for exhibition the specimens already received; experimenting on the form and character of labels; continuing the compilation of the Pharmacopoeias; and preparing a classification and definitions of Medicinal Forms, to be illustrated by a special exhibit.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant

J. M. Flint.

Professor S. F. Baird,

Director of the U.S. National Museum
Washington, D.C.

Flint.
Jan. 82.

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G. BROWN GOODE

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3rd 1882

Sir,

I have the honor to report - for the month of February, 361 specimens (50800 - 51160) entered in the Materia Medica Section.

They consist chiefly of Volatile Oils, Fluid Extracts and Pills. About 200 duplicate specimens of Crude drugs have been received in answer to a request that the quantity of many of those previously sent, might be increased. As these are merely added to the others in the jars, they have not been separately entered in the Catalogue.

A report on the Pharmacopoeias is in preparation and awaits information relative to the Pharmacopoeia of Italy for its completion.

Very respectfully

J. W. Felt.

Professor S. F. Baird.

Director of the U.S. National Museum.

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Feb. 82.

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G. BROWN GOODE
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National Museum.

Washington, April 1st 1882

Professor S. F. Baird.

Director of the National Museum

Sir,

Since the last Monthly Report (March 3rd) 602 specimens have been entered in the Materia Medica Catalogue. This includes 527 specimens from the Bureau of Agriculture composing drugs from Brazil, Chili, Argentine Confederation and Wallace Brothers Collection of indigenous medicinal plants.

Some of these from the Bureau of Agriculture will have to be rejected, having been ruined by mould and insects.

There are other articles just received from Schiffelin & Co., which have not been catalogued. The preparation of these specimens and the writing of labels, is the work now on hand.

Very respectfully,

J. W. Flint

Honorary Curator Materia Medica Section.

Glint
March 82

U. S. NATIONAL MUSEUM,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 6th 1882

Professor S. F. Baird
Director of the National Museum,

Sir,

I have to report, for the month of April, 262 specimens (No. 51762 to 52030) entered in the Materia Medica Catalogue.

Nearly all, thus far received, have been bottled and made ready for exhibition. The work of arranging them in the cases, according to the classification determined upon, is going on.

The usual routine work continues.

Very respectfully
J. W. Flint.
Curator.

Flint
Apr. 12.

June 12th 1882

Sir: During the month of May 192 specimens (No. 52031 to 52222) were entered in the Materia Medica Catalogue. They were all received from Schiefelin & Co., many of them being duplicates from the Museum of the Pharmaceutical Society London. I am informed that S. & Co. have furnished specimens of nearly all the crude drugs on their lists. They will add from time to time, however, anything new that may come to hand and any preparations which they keep in stock, that may be desired. About 350 labels have been prepared for the printer and turned over to the Asst. Director.

U. S. NATIONAL MUSEUM,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Several hundred specimens are ready
for exhibition as soon as the cases
shall be made available

Very respectfully

J. M. Flint.

Curator Materia Medica -
Section -

Flint, May, 12.

National Museum
Washington, D. C. July 1st 1882

Sir,

No additional specimens have been entered in the Materia Medica Section during the month of June. The total number entered, up to date, is just 3000. Of these about 2500 have been put in bottles and made ready for permanent exhibition, more than 2000 of them being already arranged, in proper order, in the exhibition cases. About 100 articles from Schieffelin & Co., remain to be enclosed - 300 or more, mostly from South America are still in the original bottles in which they were received from the Bureau of Agriculture. The remaining 100 consist of woods and barks not liable to deterioration from exposure -

Copy for about 425 labels has been turned in to the Assistant Director, to be printed.

An alphabetical index of all the specimens entered, has been prepared.

A list of the Crude Drugs and Pharmaceutical Preparations to be found in 13 of the 17 National Pharmacopoeias, now in the possession of the Museum, has been compiled. When this list shall be complete, it is proposed to prepare an official synonymy of each drug, and for each preparation a tabular statement of the constituents and

proportions directed by the various Pharmacopoeias.

It is suggested that it may be worth the labor, at some future time, to prepare a card Catalogue of the specimens, with bibliographical references to such works on *Materia Medica* as are, or may be, in the Library of the Museum.

There are now on hand colored plates illustrating the great majority of the plants from which medicines are prepared. It remains to be determined how they can best be made available for purposes of general instruction. Plates illustrating the microscopical characters of drugs are yet to be obtained.

A Pharmaceutical Herbarium is a desideratum for this Section. It is estimated that a collection containing 1000 specimens, might be made to include all the medicinal plants of any considerable importance.

There are other directions in which the Section of *Materia Medica* may be expanded. It is believed that an exhibition of the principal Mineral waters, and their constituents, in proportional parts, would be interesting and instructive. The waters may be easily obtained, and the constituents, in proper proportions, according to the analysis of some admitted authority, could be put up, at the Museum at very little expense for material.

The instruments and appliances used in Pharmacy, would also be appropriate adjuncts to the Materia Medica Collection.

It is possible that Amulets and charms used to prevent or cure diseases, might find their proper place in this section.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
J. W. Flint,
Curator.

Professor S. F. Baird.

Director of the National Museum.

Flint
June 82

U. S. NATIONAL MUSEUM,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Nov. 1st 1882

Professor S. F. Baird

Director of the U. S. National Museum.

Sir,

During the months of July, August and September no additions were made to the collection in the Materia Medica Section.

Work upon the Pharmacopoeias was continued.

For the month of October I have to report the entry of 152 specimens (No. 52223 to 52374 inclusive) most of them from the house of Parke, Davis & Co. Detroit.

The usual routine work continues.

Very respectfully

James W. Flint

Curator Materia Medica Section.

Flint

July, Aug, & Sept. 82

U. S. National Museum
Washington D.C.
Oct. - 1882

Professor S. F. Baird
Director of the National Museum

Sir
No specimens
have been entered in the Materia Medica section since
last report and no changes have been made in the
condition or arrangement of the collection. The work done
has been entirely upon the compilation of the Pharmacopoeia
Very respectfully

J. W. Phil-
operator.

U. S. National Museum
Washington D.C.
Jan. 1883

Professor S. F. Baird,
Director of the National Museum.

Sir,
Nine
entries only were made in the Materia Medica Catalogue during the month of December. The work of the month has been summed up, with whatever else has been accomplished or projected, in my annual report just-presented.

The usual routine work has been carried on: some progress made with the Pharmacopoeias: an index to the collection prepared: and the labelling of specimens continued.

Very respectfully

J. W. Flint
Curator.

Print.
Dec. '99.

U. S. National Museum
Washington Dc.
Dec. 1882.

Professor S. F. Baird
Director of the National Museum.

Sir

The acquisitions to the Materia Medica collection during the month of November, were six only. The work of the month has been devoted to the preparation of labels for Chinese drugs; the bottling and arrangement of drugs previously received; and continuation of work on the Pharmacopoeias.

Very respectfully

J. H. Flint
Curator.

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