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### THERAPEUTIC TIPS.

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#### ALCOHOL INJECTION IN COCCYGDYNIA.

DEVESIAN, of Paris, offers a quick and permanent means of bringing about relief in this annoying condition. He inserts a finger into the rectum and introduces the needle one inch behind the anus, and fifteen minims of alcohol (60°) are injected in all directions in front of the anus; the needle is then introduced posteriorly to the coccyx but perpendicularly to the bony surface, and the same amount of alcohol employed. The treatment is painful but is not followed by any inflammatory action and the disease does not return.—*Therap. Record.*

#### ARTISTIC DISPENSING.

Scoville, of Boston, advises pharmacists to study well the artistic possibilities of their preparations particularly in the line of flavors. This is not a particularly difficult study and is a proper part of professional pharmacy not to say an essential part. When it comes to the preparation of drugs the evidence of the senses are not to be despised. See the wisdom of some highly successful preparations of making them appeal to the non-scientific mind. The esthetic merits of many official preparations are too little ap-

preciated. Take, for instance, such articles as aromatic spirits of ammonia, aromatic elixir, aromatic syrup of rhubarb, compound tincture of rhubarb, compound tincture of gentian, compound tincture of lavender and many others. These are models of art when well made. They cannot be improved upon, yet they can be caricatured by the use of poor materials. I have had together a score of samples of aromatic elixir from as many different stores, all made according to the official formula, but no two alike, and some of them were travesties on the formula. He suggests to his readers the possibility of dispensing ordinary preparations in a form which shall be attractive, shall look and taste well.—*Practical Druggist.*

#### VINEGAR, AN ANTIDOTE TO PHENOL.

Dr. Carlton, of New York, has found the above to be true. Applied to surfaces burned by the strong acid, it at once checks the bleaching and anesthesia and prevents the formation of eschar. It is also serviceable when the poison has been swallowed. In this case the vinegar should be given freely mixed with an equal volume of water and the stomach washed out as quickly as possible.—*Practical Druggist.*

#### SOOTHING SYRUPS WITHOUT OBJECTIONABLE NARCOTICS.

The following should answer all the requirements for a reliable formula for