

WE have always maintained—and this has never been successfully contradicted—that in **Pepto-Mangan (Gude)** the iron and manganese are in organic combination as true peptonates. In the numerous imitations that are openly offered to the profession, or are surreptitiously dispensed when **Pepto-Mangan** is specified, the iron and manganese are not in true organic combination, and are, if anything, worse than the inorganic compounds of the metals. The National Formulary gives a formula for *Liquor Ferri Peptonati cum Mangano*. We have obtained several samples made by the druggists and wholesale houses—not one of them contained the true iron or manganese peptonate. In fact, the National Formulary directs manganese citrate to be used, but says in a note, that “if manganese peptonate is *available*” it may be used in place of the soluble manganese citrate.

It is interesting to note what a prominent chemist and pharmacist has to say about the N. F. preparation. Mr. M. I. Wilbert, who is a member of the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical Association, writes as follows, in a recent issue of the *American Journal of Pharmacy* (May, 1907, p. 211):

“The possible errors that arise out of attempts at unduly simplifying formulas is well illustrated by the formula for *Liquor Ferri Peptonati cum Mangano*. This substance at best is *variable*, is *unstable*, and, as usually met with, is *decomposed and unfit for use*. Commercial manganese peptonate, suggested in the alternative formula, is even more unsatisfactory than the ferric peptonate.”

Discriminating physicians will, therefore, see to it that their patients receive **Pepto-Mangan (Gude)** and sternly refuse any imitation or substitution.

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