

MR. J. HERBERT WILSON, J.P., Past Mayor of Harrogate, Pharmaceutical Chemist, examined by Mr. Levett, stated that he recollected, many years back, the word "Tabloids" coming into use and being associated with the name of Burroughs, Wellcome and Co. He had never heard anybody else's goods so described. The meaning the word conveys to the trade is the compressed preparations of Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., and to the public exactly the same meaning as it does to the trade. In many cases doctors use the word "Tabloid" only. Sometimes they add "B. W. and Co." When he got a prescription with "Tabloid" alone, his conscience would not permit him to supply anything but Burroughs, Wellcome and Co.'s preparation.

Cross examined by Mr. Walter: My business is at Harrogate, a fashionable watering-place where we get prescriptions from all parts. There are perhaps fifty medical men resident in Harrogate. Many of these, who know the character of the chemists, would not put anything but "Tabloid"; but possibly if they were writing a prescription which might travel abroad, or what not, they might extra safeguard it by putting "B. and W."

SIR PATRICK MANSON, K.C.M.G., Medical Adviser to the Colonial Office and Crown Agents for the Colonies, examined by Mr. Neville, stated that, in his mind, the meaning of "Tabloid" is a special form of drug prepared by Burroughs and Wellcome. He frequently prescribed Burroughs and Wellcome's preparations under the name "Tabloid," and when he prescribed "Tabloid" or "Tabloids" he expected the dispensing chemist to supply Burroughs, Wellcome and Co's.

Cross-examined by Mr. Walter: In his prescriptions he occasionally put "B. and W." to make quite sure that he got the article he wished for. That was his occasional practice, because he knew that imitations occur, and he desired in the case of a serious disease to make quite sure that his patient received what he ordered.

DR. SYDNEY HARVEY, Queen's Gate, London, examined by Mr. Levett, stated that he remembered "Tabloids" being brought out by Burroughs and Wellcome about 1884 or 1885. Before that he had never heard the word "Tabloid." When he prescribed for patients he always used the word "Tabloid," and expected the patient to get Burroughs and Wellcome's drugs. He had sometimes used the words "B. W." or "B. and W." to emphasise the prescription and prevent substitution. As far as he knew, with the medical profession "Tabloid" means Burroughs and Wellcome's preparations, and he thought all chemists understand "Tabloids" to mean Burroughs and Wellcome's productions.

Cross-examined by Mr. Walter, he stated that he used "B. and W." on his prescriptions to emphasise it—not always, but sometimes. To emphasise the prescription, because he had had other drugs substi-

tuted for Burroughs and Wellcome's preparations. For example; he had written a prescription—"Three Syrups, 'Tabloids,' Burroughs and Wellcome," and had had oxide of iron and ferrous phosphate dispensed—a totally different drug—although it was "Tabloid" emphasised by "B. W. and Co."

That was a mistake?—I do not think so; it occurred two or three times.

SIR ANDERSON CRITCHFIELD, Surgeon-Oculist to H.M. the King, examined by Mr. Neville, stated that he had been for many years acquainted with the word "Tabloid," and had always attributed the name to Burroughs, Wellcome and Co. He knew there were different forms of "Tabloids." He had used the medical "Tabloids," which differ in form from the ophthalmic "Tabloids." He very often prescribed "Tabloids," especially for people going abroad; mainly, nowadays, the ophthalmic "Tabloids." He wrote the word "Tabloid" alone, without indicating the name of the firm, and in that case he intended the dispensers to supply goods of Burroughs, Wellcome and Co.

Cross-examined by Mr. Walter, the witness stated that "Tabloid" conveyed no idea of shape to him. As to the precise meaning of the word he was really unable to arrive at any definite conclusion, and thought that it must be a word, like the "Tabloid" itself, which had been manufactured for a special purpose.

*Punch* has been rather fond of "Tabloid" lately. Surely "Tabloid" suggests to your mind tablet?—A mural one?

MR. CHARLES BOWEN ALLEN, Vice-President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, examined by Mr. Neville, stated that if he got an order for "Tabloids" he supplied compressed goods of Burroughs, Wellcome's manufacture. He did not know of the use of the word "Tabloid" in connection with any make other than Burroughs and Wellcome's. Undoubtedly it was common knowledge in the trade that Burroughs and Wellcome's mark is "Tabloid."

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SIR WILLIAM THOMSON, C.B., Surgeon to H.M. the King in Ireland, Surgeon-in-Ordinary to H.M. the late Queen Victoria in Ireland, examined by Mr. Levett, stated that he had always associated "Tabloids" with the firm of Burroughs and Wellcome. He had never known the goods of any other firm described as "Tabloids." He was in the habit of using the word "Tabloid" in his prescriptions. When he used that word in a prescription, he expected the patient to get Burroughs, Wellcome and Co.'s "Tabloids." Sometimes he put the letters "B. W. and Co." after the word "Tabloid." He had the greatest reliance upon the preparations made by Burroughs, Wellcome and Co., and he wished in such cases to make sure, if the prescription went into the hands of somebody in the country—say, some small place—that it was

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