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## ABSTRACT.

The author showed that, in the case of five samples of English and American manufacture, taken indiscriminately, not one contained morphia in greater quantity than at the rate of  $\frac{1}{23}$  of a grain to the fluid ounce, although this alkaloid was present in each of them. The residue consisted of water, oil of aniseed, and sugar; the oil to about one-thirtieth by volume of it, and the sugar to the extent of 42 per cent.