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"ETHYL ESTER" FOR LEPROSY

Although leprosy has been known since the earliest times and it is still common in many parts of the world, medical science has never been able to grapple successfully with it. Chaulmoogra oil, which has long been used, has given better results than any other medicine ever tried but it is not an infallible remedy.

At the instance of the U. S. Public health service Prof. L. E. Dean of the chemical department of the College of Hawaii some time ago undertook to isolate the active principles of Chaulmoogra oil in order that the treatment of leprosy might be simplified. He has succeeded by preparing an "ethyl ester" from the oil. Prof. Dean's discovery is hailed by the public health service, as "the greatest thing Hawaii has yet given to the world."

The new remedy has given such good results that Hawaiian lepers submit themselves willingly to treatment. In each of 59 cases treated with it the disease was overcome to such an extent that the patients were released on parole. After a year no symptoms of recurrence were found in any of the cases. Because of these results the public health service is convinced that a reliable cure for the disease has at last been found.—*The Pathfinder*, November 27th.

PLAN TO CLIMB MT. EVEREST

Mt. Everest in the Himalayas, 29,000 feet high, stands well above the other lofty peaks in the world. No one has ever come within 10,000 feet of its

summit but plans are now being made for a British expedition which, it is hoped, will succeed in reaching the top-most pinnacle.

Great mountain peaks as well as the sources of rivers and other natural features are regarded by the Hindus as sacred. For this reason they will not permit Europeans to approach Everest through their territory. The expedition therefore will have to take the more roundabout route through Tibet, which is now open.

The greatest difficulty anticipated in the ascent is breathing the rarefied air high above the general level of the earth. To be sure aviators have flown at altitudes far above the peak of this mountain but they were not obliged to put forth any muscular effort while in the tenuous atmospheric strata. Experience has thought that physical effort of any kind is extremely exhausting at high altitudes; in several instances experienced climbers have been compelled to give up when within a few hundred yards of the summit of high Himalayan peaks.—*Ibid*.

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ORDER OF THE DAY

for the 3rd Ordinary Meeting of the
Colonial Council for St. Croix,
MONDAY, December 13, 1920, at
one o'clock p. m.

1. Colonial Council Bill No. 50.
2nd Discussion on Colonial Council
Bill No. 50 Draft of Additional
Money Bill to the Budget for the
Municipality of St. Croix, for the
fiscal year ending June 30, 1921. In-
troduced by Government, authoriz-
ing the payment of Fres. 60,000.00
from funds in the Municipal Treas-
ury, not otherwise obligated, to the
Telephone Fund for the purpose of
effecting repairs and new installa-
tions.
2. Colonial Council Bill No. 52.
Introduction of, and 1st Discussion
on Colonial Council Bill No. 52,
Draft of Additional Money Bill to
the Budget for the Municipality of
St. Croix, for the fiscal year ending
June 30, 1921, Aid to poor of Chris-
tiansted and Frederiksted introduc-
ed by Government.
3. Colonial Council Bill No. 51.
1st Discussion on Resolution intro-
duced by 4th Appointed Member
(Blackwood) authorizing the payment
of the unexpended balance of the
pension granted former Sicknurse
Ritzberg to his widow.

Colonial Council Office, St. Croix, De-
cember 6, 1920.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman.

Post Office Notice.

FACILITIES for exchanging local cur-
rency for United States paper having
become still more materially restrict-
ed since the notice of this office of Sep-
tember 16th., only United States money
or Government paper will be accept-
able for the purchase of money orders
and payment of money-order fees (includ-
ing C. O. D. business).

Until further, Danish money (which
for the most part can be disposed of in
local disbursements) will be accepted for
the purchase of postage stamped paper,
box-rent, etc.

Post Office, Christiansted, V. I., De-
cember 6, 1920.

B. R. LARSEN, Postmaster.