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Court & Plum Streets,

Cincinnati, O.

May 16th, 1888

Mr. Walter Deane, 1
Boston, Mass.

Friend Deane:--

Your favor of the 11th inst. at hand and contents noted. Please accept thanks.

If you will carefully read the charges against Norton and especially the affidavit made by my brother, who is the manufacturer of Lloyd's Hydrastis, the question you ask will be answered regarding the possibility of any former lot not containing the alkaloid. The facts are, that the preparation has been made by the same process from the first and that every bottle that left our store has contained large quantities of the alkaloid. It has



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been our custom to place to one side a pound bottle from every batch of Lloyd's Hydrastis that has been made from the first, dating the same and since this controversy has arisen we have ourselves tested every bottle of each batch that has been made and found an abundance in every one without exception.

We do not know Prof. Norton personally, but from his treatment of the gentlemanly letter we wrote him we do not feel disposed to spare his name nor reputation in our attack, still, he is not the party whom we would like primarily to reach. It is of course, the Wm. S. Merrell Chem. Co. who are at the bottom of this rascality. As long as Prof. Norton refuses to correct the injustice he has done



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us we propose to thoroughly break down his analysis before the scientific men of this country, and to this end will during next year, distribute over 200,000 circulars, embodying our charge. Not only that, deane, but we have any number of friends that stand highest in both the medical and pharmaceutical professions and they will not hesitate to speak out their minds about the injustice of the wrong done us. Even the reputation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology cannot support such a glaring wrong and if they do not correct this matter, they will find as prof. Norton has found too late, that they have made a mistake.

Let me give an instance of the way this matter



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strikes the chemist of the country. A certain chemist in the East with whom we have no acquaintance whatever, was employed by some one, we do not know whom, to analyze Lloyd's Hydrastis and the statement was made to him at the time that there was probably some crookedness in its manufacture. This was before the Norton-Merrell controversy was made public. He procuring a bottle of the preparation, analyzed it, satisfying himself that it represented the drug it was claimed to represent and so reported to his employers. On the appearance of these charges based upon Norton's analysis, he wrote us the above facts. He has taken an unusual interest in the subject and has prepared to be read



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at the meeting of one of the Eastern Pharmaceutical Associations, a paper literally flaying Norton alive for his ignorance if not his duplicity in the matter.

As far as we are concerned, Deane, you are at liberty to tell Norton so should you ever meet him or his friend, Prof. Wood should you see him again. We do not know what course prof. Norton takes, but as we wrote him before we are amply able to protect ourselves and we propose to do so. If he allow us to remain in the position that this protection must be at the expense of his reputation as a chemist he has no one but himself to blame. Before taking any steps whatever, we gave him an opportunity to



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set himself right.

We feel morally certain that he did not make this analysis but that it was made by the son of G. S. Merrell, who is one of Norton's pupils, and that Norton signed it probably without paying much attention to the subject and the gravity of the position in which he was placing himself. It was either this or Norton analyzed a bottle from which the alkaloid had been precipitated before he was furnished the bottle, and in this case, surely he could have known it was not an original package. Prof. Norton nowhere states that he analyzed an original bottle of Lloyd's Hydrastis.

If he wishes to make either of these state-



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ments to us now and will correct the matter by procuring an original bottle of Lloyd's Hydrastis from any source and analyze it, reporting if or if not, he found an abundance of the white alkaloid then we are willing to withdraw our charges before the Institute of Technology, and to direct our efforts against the firm whom we would like best of all to reach, but whom we cannot reach now because Norton stands between.

We do not ask you to keep this letter confidential, Deane, and you are at liberty to show it to your friend, Prof. Wood or to Prof. Norton himself should you deem it advisable.

Your friend,

Lloyd.

P. S. Let me hear from you soon. -- Lloyd.



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