

or not at all. He is sent to some forest early in the morning before the reptiles arise for breakfast, and stands at a specially selected spot to see some of the fiercest and dangerous species of snakes crawling out of their holes (which are well known to the physician from the fact that he travels to and fro hunting drugs which he uses as medicine). Of course the "would-be" doctor has been *antidoted* so that the reptiles will not harm him, and he has received instructions how to act. More than half of the keen youngsters, bubbling over with life and with a hankering after medicine, flee for their lives in their matriculation, losing sight of the goal of their ambitions, thus proving themselves unfit to study medicine. A valiant student will watch with alert senses the leaves of weeds and plants eaten by the hideous snakes and pluck specimens and carry them in triumph to his examining tutor. If correct he gains 100% in his exam. and the boy receives a verbal certificate to study medicine, also informing him there is much to be done, yet if he persists, a bright future awaits him. For five years the boy stays with the physician, travelling here and there, carrying different roots, weeds, or leaves, in varying quantities from one pound to half an ounce, according to the power of the drug, and may consist of bark, leaves, rhigomes, twigs and shoots. These are carefully dried and cured by the doctor. Much hardship has oftentimes to be endured, for these herbs, etc., grow only at certain seasons and only in certain districts. Frequently he sends a hurried messenger to another physician for certain leaves for which he has to pay a big price, ranging from \$5 to \$22 and even \$50, or probably a horse, or an ox. These drugs, in some cases, have to be cured and dried for a number of years prior to being utilized.

The people taken sick in different parts of the country, send for a doctor, who has to travel on foot for a distant journey, occupying anywhere from one to three years, taking with him the youngster who is aspiring to follow in his footsteps. This first year med. carries clothes, medicine, and acts as messenger boy. Many are his cases en route, and for his services he collects cattle or goats; six goats are worth one head of cattle. When arriving home again he sends the youngster to visit his patients, after laying out a route which will take him three years at least, to follow, for he has to sojourn at each place for a certain time. He, like his master, has to prescribe to those not yet recovered and collect fees from those cured. Different from some races of people, those who have gotten well will pay without asking.

The physician remains behind a day or two after his student, then follows him up and carefully notes what he prescribes, if right or wrong he arranges things so that patient is not aware of it, so he takes his trip, and arrives back home a day or two before the student. This proceeds for about five years and if the student is faithful and uses his head, he becomes a graduate.

In surgical cases, his attendant and two or three strong men and a rope, are the only anaesthetics he ever administers. The noted doctor cuts, or burns his patient, often using hot drugs and boiling water. Many a time the victim