

This is an extreme case, but I only give it to illustrate the difficulties of the situation. If the medical witness were allowed to go on, and in his own way give an opinion, with the reasons for such opinion, things would be greatly simplified. It is safe to say that the great bulk of medical expert testimony is honestly given, and is helpful to the adjudication of controversies. When it is not so, the trouble is with the expert, and not with the system. I have little sympathy with the so-called expert who gets into hot water on cross examination. Let me tell you how to judge of the value of an expert's testimony. The advocate whose cause he is hurting, will treat him with respect during the cross examination; but when he comes to the closing argument, he will try to convince the jury that the expert was mistaken, unless the case should happen to be tried in Brown County, in which case he will simply call him a liar and a thief.

If I were in search of a strictly commercial enterprise, I should adopt the manufacture and sale of a so-called "health food." The field has been worked to a considerable extent, but not enough to prevent a successful exploitation.

Now, you know that all the health food people argue from nature, that is, they pretend to follow along lines indicated by observation of the habits of animals. Food should be eaten raw, and should be such as exists naturally. Butter should be superseded by vegetable oils. Whole wheat flour should take the place of the patented article, because, forsooth, the whole wheat kernel was intended for nutriment.

Now, I should follow out a line of argument that would receive support from all the health food cranks in the country. I should not only use the whole wheat, but I should also include the straw, and the roots, and even the thistles, for do they not grow together? I should add the chicken, feathers and all, for the feathers would not be there if they were not intended to be eaten. I would add a sprinkling of gravel, for the ostrich with his perfect digestion demands it. Then a few tin cans, and pieces of leather, because the goats from the eighth ward thrive upon them. A sprinkling of grasshoppers and a high-sounding name, suggestive of a connection with a church and my fortune would be made.

Is this overdrawn? Not a bit of it. The appetite is no longer a guide to what we should eat. The feelings of the person are no longer consulted; reason itself has been dethroned in this mad rush for the elixir of eternal youth. The end of the health foods will come, but the ingenuity