

conjuror with his magic wand, and the Eclectic in the midst, attempting to select from this confused mass. He may be successful, but we believe his success must depend partly upon a better preparation of remedies.

It may be inferred from this that we wish to break down, or cast a stigma upon the profession of medicine: far from it. We wish to erect the true standard; one which shall gather laurels of glory upon her crown, in the redemption of millions from an untimely grave. It is in vain to hope that Eclecticism will take that dignified position in medical science that its friends anticipate, until it adopts a scientific system of pharmacy. It will do for Indian and root doctors, whose chief fame consists in the darkness that surrounds them, to select their medicines from any source, and to exhibit them in any form; but men of science should exhibit their remedies on the principles of philosophy and true medical science, and then, and not till then, will the Eclectic system take that high and honorable position that will entitle it to the esteem and respect of the learned and honorable of the land.

And now in view of these reasons, and in view of the favorable position Eclecticism presents—in view of the great good that will result to the reformed profession, and the people generally, and the age of improvement, taste and refinement in which we live—does it not become us, as far as just wisdom and prudence directs, to remove the too well-merited censure of bulk and inconvenience in our remedies; and just at this crisis give the crowning test to our system, which will secure its complete and speedy triumph over all others, and elevate it above the confused mass of the medical world.

Respectfully yours,

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TAR VAPOR IN PERTUSSIS.—This remedy is highly praised in the London Medical Repository. A vessel of any size may be taken to hold the tar. From one aperture, a tube should pass, to be connected with the patient's mouth; the other opening should have a moveable stopper, into which a heated iron poker is introduced, to convert the tar into vapor. The poker should not be red hot, because there is danger of producing an explosion of the carburetted hydrogen gas that is evolved.