

house of cards—better, house of nonsense. But, mark well, these same chiropractors are seeking legal recognition in Ontario.

WILLARD CARVER'S VIEWS.

Let us now look at the teachings of Willard Carver, who is at the head of the Carver Chiropractic College, of Oklahoma. On page 3 of his "Red Book" he says: "Chiropractic is the most exalted of all mechanical sciences, since 'the greatest study of mankind is man,' and let it be understood once for all that it is purely a mechanical science, and has absolutely nothing whatever to do with treating, healing or curing disease. Its entire purpose and object is accomplished when the displaced elements are put in place, the occlusion removed from nerves, and the stimulus has had time to restore normal power to muscles, ligaments and other tissues to maintain normal position. Incidentally, when this condition has been attained, no sickness, disease or pain can exist."

Now, this mess of thought and expression comes from Willard Carver, who is the author of a large work on chiropractic. It will be news to many to learn that the nerves send power to the ligaments; but this is chiropractic anatomy and physiology. Then, also, note that the disease is of no moment, the whole affair being some deviation in the backbone, which, when corrected by the magic "chiropractic thrust," disappears into "thin air" like the characters in the "Tempest." Well might one exclaim over this as did Celia, "O, wonderful, wonderful, and most wonderful wonderful, and yet again wonderful, and after that out of all whooping!"

But we are not done with Willard Carver. On page 4 of his "Red Book" we find this precious gem of chiropraxy: "Chiropractic teaches that all sickness and abnormal function can be removed from the body so long as the displacement can be adjusted, occlusion removed from the nerves. The nerves are not destroyed and the brain is in condition to transmit normal nerve energy." Further on he states: "Chiropractic does not teach the treatment of disease, but, on the other hand, teaches the removal of the cause of abnormality."

This sort of thing should condemn chiropractic at once. A man has had his derma penetrated by the proboscis of the anopheles, and is in an ague rigor. It is too late now to drain the swamp, and so we must give the man quinine. The chiropractor would fumble along the spine for the subluxation that made it possible for the plasmodium to make the man ill, through an arrest of nerve energy to some organ. As it happens that the plasmodium breeds in the blood corpuscles, which have no nerves, we are at a loss to see how the chiropractor can make his theory hold good.