

The Business Side of Medicine.

"We are professional men in every sense of the word; we have the mental labor of lawyers, the moral standing of ministers, the technical knowledge of organized artisans, and the business qualifications of school children. The average man will give a lawyer \$300 to \$500, together with a lifetime's praise, to keep him out of the penitentiary for from two to ten years, and at the same time he will raise a phosphorescent glow and a kick that can be heard around the world if a doctor charges him \$50 to \$100 to keep him out of hell for a lifetime."

"The average doctor tries to do too much work. Every doctor wants everybody to patronize him. He likes to be going night and day, rain or shine, Sunday or week-day, hot or cold. This is a business mistake. It wears a doctor to a frazzle. It gives him no time for bill collecting and business matters; no time for patients who naturally feel neglected and are slow pay as a consequence. A doctor can do better work, more good, and build up a more enviable reputation if he coolly takes his time and is careful and painstaking in his examinations and if he takes into consideration the pathologic conditions he meets."

"We are the only people under God's ethereal tent to-day who keep open shop 24 hours each day and 365 days in each year. We are also the only labourers to keep on working for people who do not pay."

"I can carry my part of charity with as good a grace as most men. I can go through rain, snow or mud and do my best, provided the case is one of worthy need, but to reward continually downright rascality, wilful drunkenness and wanton laziness is getting out of my line."—*J. E. Diddy, in Texas State Journal.*

From my point of view, one type of saintliness makes a bad father or mother. I mean the hard, rigid, ultra-religious person who thinks all pleasure sin, and all beauty from the devil; who thinks so constantly about what is going to become of his soul, as to forget he has other duties in the world; who forgets that possibly to give pleasure to others is "to acquire merit"; who represses all manifestation of pleasurable emotion, and who, in truth, is a supreme egotist masquerading as an altruist. Such a person is biologically a bad parent.—*Burr, J. A. M. A.*

Too PARTICULAR.—Matrimonial Agent—"I can strongly recommend Mr. Softy. He's financially solid, and he neither drinks, smokes, nor takes snuff."

Applicant—"Do you think I will marry a man that I can't find fault with?"—*Fliegende Blaetter.*