

APPROPOS of woman's limitations as a doctor, the late Dr. W. C. van Bibbert, of Baltimore, used to tell this story. Awakened late one night by a ring at his bell, he called down the speaking-tube to know who it was. "It's I, doctor, Mr. ——. I want you to come at once to my wife. She is in labor." "Yes, but I don't attend your family. Why don't you go for your own physician?" And back came the reply: "I did, doctor; but she's about to be confined herself."—*Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*.

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