

"INCURABLE."

The only disorder to which we are disposed to apply the above designation is that of *ignorantia medicorum* (*medical ignorance*). We feel ashamed to confess that this is alike chronic and incurable.

HERALDIC.

Our zeal for the honor and dignity of the medical profession emboldens us to offer another suggestion or two, for the enrichment of its coat of arms ; we cannot be content that the shield should lack a crest, and we think *the ostrich* is an eminently suitable bird to be represented in that relation to the faculty ; not on account of its digestive powers, which are doubtless equal to the assimilation of mercurial pills, nor on account of its swiftness, which might aptly symbolize *swift destruction* ; but rather in consideration of its mode of hiding from danger ; the bird, as most readers will know when danger threatens, is wont to hide its head in the sand ; in that particular, as we apprehend, it is preeminently calculated to represent a profession which, in view of the approach of Homœopaths, Hydropaths, Medical Botanists, Physio-Medical Practitioners, Electricians and Magnetists, persistently buries its head in the sand of Dunglison's Medical Lexicon.

Whenever the Herald King at Arms may be consulted on this subject, he will doubtless also accede to the propriety of adding *the red hand* to the shield.

NEW MEDICAL DODGE.

The great unprotected obviously need protection ; the medical profession therefore most unselfishly induces the (medically) uninformed Parliaments of the world to protect the gullible public against all forms of imposture except those emanating from their corporate bodies ; one manœuvre is succeeding another just now, in so spasmodic a fashion as seems to suggest a consciousness that medical orthodoxy is imperilled ; the latest we hear of is a nurse-voucher agency, calling itself "a directory for nurses." An M. D. who has somewhat recently developed stylishly is the principal agent in this business, and dubs himself "Registrar," any one in need of Betsey Prig, or Mrs. Gamp, applies to Dr. Prig for advice as to the virtues of Betsey ; the advice is given, in consideration of the transfer of \$1.00 to the pocket of the doctor ; \$2.00 if the advice is sought at night, with the additional proviso that "an extra charge will be made in cases requiring unusual labor or responsibility ; this two sided move therefore has at least some cuteness to commend it. The tender consideration for the nurse appears to confirm the testimony of the late Dr. Rush (which we printed in No. 4) as to the comparative importance of nurses.

"Travelling expenses should be paid by the patient, and the nurse's washing be done." Would it not be well to include arrears of the nurse's washing ?

"A nurse should have sufficient sleep (if possible a continuous one), an hour for exercise in the fresh air every day, and facilities for bathing at suitable intervals."

"A lunch or an early meal should be provided for the nurse, if required to sit up at night."

As the nurse gives \$2.00 for the privilege of receiving professional recommendation, these considerations will help to account for the style which is perceptible in the appointments of certain M. Ds.

AGUE AND FEVER.

The above-named twin disorders have been conquered by the same means as have been so successful in relation to inflammatory rheumatism.