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### SOME IRREGULAR FORMS OF PRACTICE DEFINED.

At the present moment when the subject of medical practice is up for discussion, it may be well for all of us to refresh our memories on the important matter of definitions and what the irregular cults in practice set forth as the domain of their operations.

**Charopractic.**—This is derived from two Greek words meaning to do with the hand. It is defined in the International Dictionary as “a system, or the practice, of adjusting the joints, especially of the spine, by hand for the curing of disease.” One can see at a glance how very limited a phase of medical practice this is. It may be laid down as a definite law that the more limited any field of practice is, the more thorough should be the knowledge of diagnosis to enable the practitioner to apply his method correctly. For example: There would be no object in manipulating the spinal column for displacement of the uterus.

**Osteopathy.**—This word is formed by the combination of the two Greek words, *osteon*, bone, and *pathos*, suffering. Osteopathy is defined in the International Dictionary as “a system of treatment based on the theory that diseases are chiefly due to deranged mechanism of the bones, nerves, blood vessels and other tissues, and can be remedied by manipulation of the parts.” Here we have a system that is almost identical with chiropraxy. But just think of remedying an aneurism by manipulation, or abolishing the effects of a tumour of the brain by rubbing the head or rotating the neck! Further, however, it remains to be shown how the “deranged mechanism of the bones, nerves, blood vessels, and other tissues” have come about. This leads to the whole wide field of pathology, and demands a thorough medical training.

**Christian Science.**—The International Dictionary defines this system of practice as a “system of healing disease of mind and body which teaches that all cause and effect is mental, and that sin, sickness and death will be destroyed by a full understanding of the Divine Principle of Jesus’ teaching and healing.” The system was founded in 1866 by Mary Baker Glover Eddy,—the latter three names, and one more that might be mentioned—being taken from her various husbands. Judged in the light of the New Testament there is but little that can be called Christian; and in the face of the Great Book of Nature, as revealed by the researches of many noted scientists; there is nothing that is properly scientific. To permit any such travesty on medical learning, as the Jumble of old Dr. Quimby, revised by Mrs. Eddy, to be palmed off on