

box, and largely because he confined himself pretty well to what he knew. He never attempted to overstate his case to any appreciable degree. He was equally careful, however, not to claim too little.

One case, it was an action against the London Street Railway; there had been an accident on the road. This plaintiff after a few days felt he had a very weak back, and after a few weeks his back was weaker still, and he began to feel "Oh!" and began to use such words as "railway spine," and "spinal neurasthenia," and "traumatic neurosis." You know all about these phrases, and finally he brought his action against the railway company. Dr. Harvey took a very serious view of the condition of this plaintiff, although not endorsing all that the plaintiff claimed, by any means. Our friend, the late B. B. Osler was in the case at the time. Harvey had told his story and that story meant permanent injury to the plaintiff. Mr. Osler had Dr. Harvey go over his story again, and he had Dr. Harvey fairly at variance with some very high authorities. He then commenced to quote his authorities. I recollect he went on: "Now, Dr. Harvey, who is Gower? Do you recognize Dr. Gower on nervous diseases?" "Yes," said Dr. Harvey. He then went on: "and Starr and Hammond?" "Yes," said Dr. Harvey, "they are excellent men in their line. I do not know where you would find three better men on nervous diseases." "Well, have you read these men, Dr. Harvey?" "Oh, no, I have not read them; occasionally I have looked up an authority on nervous diseases. I read the literature, but I do not pretend to have time to read all the literature on nervous diseases." Osler thought he had him and he fired the whole of them at Harvey and then said: "And you are clearly at variance with these high authorities." "Yes," said Dr. Harvey, "I am, I admit that." "And do you pretend to set up the opinion of Dr. Harvey against these?" Then Dr. Harvey said: "Dear Mr. Osler, I will tell you just how I feel about it. I think that if these three eminent men had been as busy feeding the natives as I have been, none of these books would have been written." He said more than that. He said: "I have a great respect for these eminent authorities when they are dealing with matters I am not familiar with, but when my 32 years' experience say one thing and your three eminent authorities say another, I will take my 32 years' experience every time and you can have the books." You can understand the effect of that. He was not claiming to be an expert authority in the field himself, but he confined himself to his own 32 years' experience.

I recollect another case, and I could name about a dozen, but I