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THE DENTAL SHOW CASE.

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When the profession was first organized in Ontario, show cases were not uncommon. They were not under the ban of any code of ethics, or any professional *esprit de corps*. But shortly afterwards they disappeared, until to-day we are able to boast that there is not one publicly exhibited at the door of a dentist in the Province. It is otherwise in Quebec. There are to-day fully four times as many as there were in 1868, and the quackery and quack-imitation is far beyond anything in its previous history. Several of the respectable members who formerly used them abandoned them, and now denounce them. Yet there are some who are by no means quacks who continue to use them, and it is well to know the reason. It must be remembered that the Province of Quebec is distinguished above all the other Provinces, and above every State in the American union, and even Mexico, for its illiteracy, and for the proportion of the people who cannot read and write. It was in Quebec that a book on agricultural chemistry was condemned for the French schools, not because it was insufficiently technical or accurate on the subject, but because it contained nothing about the Virgin Mary; and when the Grey Nuns of Montreal, and other