

noon, or evening, great good could be accomplished. While two or three drinks might be called physiological—after that more is not required, becomes harmful, dopes the victim, and brings him into the realms of drunkenness.

We venture to predict that if bars were entirely closed every day until 12 o'clock noon, there would be less inebriety in the land and fewer dipsomaniacs.

Successful Medicine is the title of a new medical journal to be published bi-monthly, just established in Chicago. Its object is to advance the commercial end of medical practice. If it can aid in doing this it will establish an enviable record for itself; for, we are afraid, if all we read about the non-success of the medical profession in the present day, yes, if even one-half of it be true, the outlook for the practitioner is not, nor will be, roseate.

In looking over this new medical journal, we find a symposium—Why is the Remuneration of the Average Physician so Low? It states that the average annual income of \$1,000 or less is disgustingly low.

Amongst others taking part in this symposium, we find the names of Drs. J. H. Carstens, Detroit, and Isadore Dyer, New Orleans, the former perhaps better known to Canadians. Dr. Carstens rather takes an optimistic view of the outlook for the average physician, believing the average income nearer the \$3,000 mark. He refers to that hackneyed jibe about the physician being a poor business man, and in his rough and ready way says, "that is all rot." He considers doctors just as good business men as others, and of the latter he repeats what we have heard or read before, that 95 per cent. of business men fail, and considers that medical men can afford to earn less in order to preserve their great and noble heart and serve humanity. Quite apparently *Successful Medicine* will have no field, so far as Dr. Carstens is concerned. Medicine is successful enough now.

Dr. Dyer, too, recites the old evils of contract practice, dispensary and hospital abuse, low fees for services, etc. These reasons are all bewhiskered and old enough to vote. He sees in the future the practice of medicine controlled by the state. We agree in this horoscope.

The trouble in getting any concerted action towards bettering the commercial part of medicine will lie in the fact that the successful ones will be quite content to leave well enough alone, and will scout the idea of the less fortunate taking it upon themselves to better conditions for all and in general.

The field of medicine is the great hunting ground for quacks.