

### The Lorenz Sensation.

For several weeks the lay press was flooded with news about the doings and sayings of Dr. Adolph Lorenz. We do not doubt that our Austrian Confrère is a skilled orthopaedic surgeon, and his visit to America may stimulate those following this branch of surgery to renewed efforts to perfect their methods, but all this could have been accomplished in a more professional manner. More good would have come of his visit if there had been less of the newspaper pyrotechnical display. A surgeon of such eminence does not stand in need of the lay reporter. The columns of the medical journals, and the medical societies are ample means of securing publicity. It does not sound well for an eminent physician or surgeon to announce to newspaper reporters that any given line of treatment is sure to effect a cure, or that the patient is on the high road to recovery, when, a few days later, another bulletin shows the very reverse to be the case. We hope the next distinguished visitor will adopt quieter methods.

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### The Care of Inebriates.

It is more than likely that the coming session of the Ontario Legislature will move in the direction of providing some adequate means of treating this class. The matter has been before the profession and the public for some time, and the provisions of the proposed act are pretty well understood, having been endorsed by several medical societies, hospitals, and the prisoners aid association. The main features that have been suggested are that (1) those who are not confirmed drunkards may be fined, that they are allowed out on probation under the charge of a probation officer, and that they may pay off the fine in instalments. (2) When the drunkenness has become a disease, they are to be placed under lengthened treatment, the cost of the same to be repaid after the treatment, and while still on probation. (3) Those who cannot be reformed by these means to be sent to prison on cumulative sentences; or, if feeble and old, to be sent to a poorhouse. (4) A capitation grant to be made to hospitals to aid in the treatment of these cases; and an officer to be appointed to visit hospitals and arrange for them, or to equip cottage hospitals, or provide for proper home treatment. And (5) that three physicians be appointed without salary to act in conjunction with the above medical officer.

To this last proposition we strongly protest. Why should physicians be asked to give their services for nothing for the benefit of this class, and the Province at large? They should be paid a proper per