

we know are injurious. But, most of all, I think the people should be in closer touch with the work of physicians and surgeons than they are now. The medical profession is advancing rapidly. The *Medical Standard*, commenting upon these statements, believes that the time has come when the physician has the right to let it be known what the profession is doing to save lives, and what he personally can do for the relief of disease.

COLLECTING ACCOUNTS

Los Angeles, Cal., medical men claim to have solved the difficulty of collecting from delinquent patients. They have stickers printed in red ink, 3 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches in size. A brief and courteous statement calling attention to the overdue account is printed on these stickers. Each month one of these stickers is attached to the bill, until the debtor comes over with the money. This plan was adopted by the L. A. County Society, and their collector soon complained he had no business.

VENTILATION OF SLEEPING CARS

Before the recent Congress of Hygiene and Demography, in Washington, Dr. T. R. Crowther amplified his previous studies in relation to the ventilation of sleeping cars. His studies and experiments warrant the following conclusions:

The ordinary defects of ventilation lie with the physical function of the air and not with the chemical, the good effects of efficient ventilation depending on the coolness, the relative humidity, the motion of the air, and the ceaseless variation of these qualities; normal respired air contains no volatile poison and is not capable of harming the human organism when rebreathed under ordinary conditions of ventilation; the increase of carbon dioxide and the decrease of oxygen have nothing to do with the ventilation problem under normal conditions, or with the subjective or objective effects of close air. Cold air entering in small convection currents, fulfil the desired conditions of ventilation, and cars ventilated according to this method are found to be effectively ventilated from the standpoint of air comfort and the feeling of bodily well-being. Comfort and air purity have little or no relation, but comfort and air temperature and motion are very closely related. When we speak of good or bad air, according to our sensations, we speak in a physical and not in a chemical sense.