

simply the idea evolved from ignorance to enable the individual to escape the toil and work that is necessary to form a diagnosis.

To illustrate my contention that the public must be protected, let me illustrate by reference to some groups of nervous disease.

There is a large group of diseases, where the disease is transmitted from mother to son, and attacks the boys usually, but is transmitted by the girls, who usually escape themselves. These sufferers are usually incapacitated from work in a few years, and medical science has found no cure, nor do we expect to find one when the disease is in the "strain," so to speak.

These cases must be honestly told of their condition, and that no cure on earth is known. But I find in the hands of the ignorant practitioner that they are submitted to long courses of treatment at much expense, not because it is desired to cheat the patient, but because of ignorance as to the disease and its course.

Again, in the class of the degenerative diseases of age, there is no cure to be expected or known here, and again we find the same unfortunates spending their last earnings in order to take treatments that have never succeeded in curing any case.

Among the cases at the Hospital for Incurables, seventeen of the recently admitted cases had taken osteopathy or chiropractics, and a few years ago we had a skilled manipulator permanently in the hospital, and while he did give temporary relief to a few cases, yet not one was ever sufficiently relieved to leave the Home; that is, they were still incurable and incapable of active life in any form.

Perhaps it might be urged that relief is given, and this is true, but in this class of case there are other forms of physical treatment that are not costly and do the work with greater advantage. But the point is they are urged to take the treatment with the prospect of cure, which both physician and patient, with equal ignorance and hope, expect to see.

Again, in the large class of diseases due to infection, which some of the most ignorant of this class of practitioners do not believe in (a sign that points to mental lack of balance)—in this class lie the types of disease called meningitis.

Now in this group it is absolutely necessary to examine the fluid that circulates throughout the brain and spinal cord, and by a simple technique it is possible to obtain this.