

The man who robbed this dying man is an advertising doctor who tries to escape the penalty for his dastardly act by tricks and devices and sleight of hand in dealing with the legal authorities, that his day of reckoning may be deferred indefinitely.

It is a difficult matter to send a man to the penitentiary, even though he be a bad man, about whom the following may be written by the District Attorney :

"DEAR DOCTOR,—I saw your advertisement, took advantage of the hope you held out, followed your directions, and am now well and happy, and rejoice to be able to testify to the virtues of your wonderful compound.

"Very truly yours,

"DISTRICT ATTORNEY OLDBOY."

Under this signature is the testimony of the pastor, who was afflicted with lockjaw, whom he formerly befriended; of these two men—the district attorney and the clergyman—he makes in turn a weapon of defence to beat off his enemies, and a magnet to attract new business. This can be better understood when we recollect that judges, bank presidents and bishops have very often been made the tools of designing persons, as clairvoyants and medical quacks. This is sometimes accomplished by an accident, oftener by well-laid plans. The advertising doctor is a good illustration of the latter; the abortionist a fair one of the former.

The way in which these men delude the public furnishes an interesting study in the science of criminology. It is little wonder the hard-working practitioner, who is worn out in his efforts to do good, and while doing so, scrupulously obeys the law, loses heart and grows despondent. To the right of him, to the left, and in front, are the quacks and abortionists; his position is a critical one. To go ahead is to invite disaster, and to retreat is cowardly; but if he retreats to protect his flank and rally for a final struggle, it is strategy, and that is what he must do. In order to make the attack successful he must recognize the measure of energy that is in him, go to his professional neighbor and tell him of his plans, fire him with his enthusiasm and ask his aid and co-operation, as well as his counsel, in organizing a circle with fire and soul enough to roll on in the direction of direct results and consisting of the whole battalion of available practitioners, which, of course, will include every form of honest specialism.

The effect of this action and organized opposition to the methods of the illegal practitioner would drive him from the offensive and give us a vantage-ground of inestimable value to pursue tactics looking to the unconditional surrender of that felon. This course would have been pursued long ago individually and no doubt collectively by an energetic and aroused professional opinion; but such opinion appears to be stifled and held in abeyance by frothy and colorless declamations from the lips of interested or ignorant laymen and lawyers, trotted into the halls and lifted to