

disease." This means that to square experience with the theory there must be a tuberculosis subluxation, and another for pneumonia, and a third for typhoid fever, and so on. This is just what chiropractors tell us is the case. So that according to the displacement will be the form of disease, and the sort of germ that will go into the body be found. This shows to what extreme lengths people will go to bolster up a theory. One list of acute diseases that are caused by displacements and cured by adjustments is as follows: "Asthma, appendicitis, Bright's disease, bladder disease, bowel troubles, constipation, consumption, diarrhoea, dyspepsia, diseases of women, deafness, fevers, heart disease, infantile paralysis, indigestion, kidney disease, liver troubles, lumbago, nervous debility, neurasthenia, paralysis, rheumatism, sciatica, spinal disease and goitre."

This list is very much like what one finds on the wrappers of some proprietary medicines. It is worthy of note how comprehensive and indefinitely many of the terms are, such as "fevers," "bowel trouble," "diseases of women," etc. Under some of these terms a legion of ailments might be grouped. This is a catch-penny method of those who wish to impose upon the public.

Chiropractors put forth great claims as to the results obtained in the treatment of female diseases. What a shame that a woman with a laceration from bearing children, or a cancer of the cervix, or a papilloma of the ovary, should be imposed upon by the statement that some manipulation or adjustment of her spine will cure her! Such pretensions should be punished more severely than would be the deliberate adulteration of foods.

But if what has been said is not enough, take this: "All fevers respond very quickly to adjustment by the chiropractor." This is downright falsehood. A man has the proboscis of a stegomyia inserted through his skin and is now ill with yellow fever. No chiropractor living can show any connection between such a fever and a previous subluxation, nor would all the adjustments in the world do the patient a particle of good. Come forward, chiropractor, and play honest with the people.

In the literature of the chiropractic school there are many illustrations to show displacements and abnormalities of the spine. In one a vertebra is shown as a little to the side. A "chiropractic thrust" puts it right, and it stays "put." Nonsense! Another picture shows one of the intervertebral discs thinned at one part by abnormal pressure. The "chiropractic thrust" puts everything right again and bids the disc resume its normal shape, and it stays "put." Nonsense! Another picture shows a nerve under pressure and much smaller than it should be, and the "chiropractic thrust" removes the pressure, and, presto, the nerve