

tors, it ill behooves respectable members of the profession to identify themselves with them, personally or professionally. They only lower themselves to their level. The man who is low enough to advertise his own imposture, and who is insensible to shame before his own profession, will be base enough to take any advantage he may secure by being seen, even by accident, in respectable company.

"A Cap that Fits."

In the prosperous days of Napoleon the Third, Victor Hugo made the following sarcastic remark: "When the Paris police overhear anyone using the terms 'ruffian' and 'scoundrel,' they assume you must be speaking of the Emperor."

It is very suggestive that our remarks upon quackery have been appropriated to themselves by no less than four offenders against professional decency. The quick consciousness that they were the parties meant, is a refreshing illustration of the fact, that no matter how low a man may descend in the degradation of himself and his profession, he hugs to himself the delusion that he is actually blacker than he is painted! The object of a code of ethics is not to send every offender to professional perdition, but to protect the public from a class of men who are liars as a matter of investment. As dentistry emerges from its rude and barbaric origin, its members naturally aspire to elevate the social and professional tone; and when shams of no ability force themselves before the public, with pretentious insolence, it is proper that they should be ostracized. Quackery does not pay in the long run. It has never paid in Canada, and it never will. Any charlatan can get public notice and patronage if that is all he wants. It is only a matter of advertising. "'Tis as easy as lying." He can fool the public to the top of his bent, and they will cry, "More!"—for awhile. It is our duty, as the organ of the Canadian profession, to warn young men from following in the path of these impostors. The most of our dentists are educated men; and while we sympathize with the difficulties which meet those who are honest, and who are discouraged by the cupidity, not to say stupidity, of a portion of the public, it would be better to abandon the profession as a means of