

materials employed as medicines, but all the pharmacopœial preparations, in any quantity and to any person on demand, without the guarantee which every conscientious apothecary requires, viz. the prescription of a duly recognized practitioner, or the written order of some responsible person. They as rashly and wickedly dispense the most deadly poisons and powerful medicinal compounds, to say nothing of the multitude of patented and quack nostrums sent forth by every speculating vagrant or wholesale manufacturer; and we do not now allude merely to those who do this *as a business*, but to those who combine this practice with the ordinary transactions of retail trade of every kind. It is no uncommon thing to see, in shops of this description, arsenic and sugar weighed in the same scale; whiskey and laudanum standing in close proximity; Godfrey's Cordial and No. 6 doled out with equal liberality; and "Female Medicines" placed in most conspicuous retirement.

That evils of the gravest character do arise from this uncontrolled and dangerous system of traffic, no one can deny. Our pre-occupied space prevents us from entering as fully into the consideration of the subject at present as its importance demands; we however, purpose to resume its discussion in a subsequent number, when we shall be able to give some instances of this evil practice, which will rather startle those of our readers who may not have paid any attention to the subject. We have received several communications from men of high standing in their vocation, which will afford us "food for thought."

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On the Operation for the Removal of Cataract, as performed with a fine sewing needle through the Cornea, by ARTHUR JACOB, M.D., F.R.C. &c.

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A Comparative View of the Climate of Western Canada, considered in relation to its influence upon Agriculture, by HENRY YOULE HIND, Esq., Mathematical Master, and Lecturer on Chemistry and Natural Philosophy, at the Provincial Normal School, Toronto.

Copy of Letter, and Report of Committee on Petition of John Coppins, relating to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

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