

son of D. D. Palmer, goes on to describe how the latter continued his investigations on bumps on people's backs who were deaf, and we are told this: "Palmer then commenced to examine the spines of other patients who came to him hard of hearing, and in every instance found these bumps. He set about to reduce these, and while the success he obtained with Lillard was not so easily reached in all the other cases, he ultimately accomplished the results. Then he reasoned that if certain bumps on the spine caused deafness, why wouldn't other bumps on the spine cause other diseases. He started in examining other patients who came to him with other ailments, and to his further delight found these abnormalities, and also found that by reducing the bumps the ailments disappeared. That was chiropractic in its crude stage."

As one reads this remarkable story, the thought passes through his mind if the writer of it really expects educated people to believe it, because it is so astoundingly absurd. It is not true that people who are afflicted with deafness have bumps on their backs; on the other hand, it is equally untrue that people who have bumps on their backs are deaf. There is absolutely no connection. The nerve supply to the ear does not go by this route. "Where ignorance is bliss, what folly it is to be wise!" Through his ignorance, D. D. Palmer was probably happy in the idea that he had made a discovery. He may have been a deluded enthusiast, or a designing impostor. No one can tell. The secret lies with him in his grave; but it makes no difference which way; for the whole thing is a complete farce.

On page 14 of this announcement we learn that the reason why one should study chiropractic is "because it is right"; and "it is a science based on the natural law of cause and effect—adjust the cause and you eliminate the effect." We are also told that "chiropractic has no relation to medicine or surgery, or to osteopathy, although osteopaths endeavor to claim that chiropractic is a form of osteopathy. This is distinctly untrue, however, as the chiropractor adjusts the cause of disease and osteopaths treat the effects."

We quite agree with this; for bad as osteopathy has been shown to be, it certainly would not wish to be blamed for resembling in any way chiropractic, which certainly is like the Dutchman's hotel in being "the limit." Theory on which chiropractic is founded is so ridiculous that it is outside the pale of all science, and its followers cannot be admitted to the circle of those who follow any science or line of culture for their own sakes, or by true and sound methods. It is a well-staged fake, as few people understand the spinal column, and to most it is a good deal of a mystery. It is therefore a capital camping-ground for the parasites of science.