

A WARNING TO MANUFACTURERS.

The editor of this Journal feels it a duty he owes to legitimate and well-known manufacturers and dealers in dental goods to put them on their guard against parties seeking large credit upon the pretence of opening depots. There are honorable exceptions to every rule, but it has always been our conviction that manufacturers should not encourage indiscriminately so-called dental depots, kept by practising dentists. There are enough legitimate dealers with whom business can be done. Some of these people who have been repeatedly refused credit to the extent of twenty-five dollars in Canada have the cheek to ask for as many hundreds in the United States and England; and the devices to which they resort to throw dust in the eyes of the manufacturers are as ingenious as they are fraudulent. One serious objection made by the profession, generally, to depots kept by practising dentists is, that patients going to some of them have been told, "We have the largest stock in the country. All the other dentists depend upon us for their teeth, and of course *we keep the best and the pick for our own patients.*" We repeat, there are honorable exceptions, but if it is legitimate for one practising dentist it is for every one.

FACILIS DESCENSUS AVERNI.

When a "moderate" drinker finds he is not ashamed to be seen intoxicated in the streets, he ought in his sober moments to reflect that he is fast becoming an irresponsible drunkard. When the man who has been tempted to steal a dollar finds he is planning to steal a hundred, he ought to remember that he is becoming an incorrigible thief. When a dentist who has imitated the quack in his methods of advertising discovers that he is humbugging and lying in the public press, he ought to know, that the harvest he will reap will be the contempt of his *confreres*, and the inevitable distrust of the public.

DR. J. ED. LINE.

Just as we were correcting the proofs of this number our old-young friend, Dr. J. Ed. Line, of Rochester, N.Y., editor of the *Odontographic Journal*, walked into the office on a short holiday tour, accompanied by his better-half. The doctor is socially such a good fellow that the rest of us may envy his wife who has him for her life companion. Professionally, his worth, like a multi-millionaire's wealth, is too well known to need emphasis.