

which the Dr.'s fee is a mere bagatelle. We are glad to see that many of our well known chemists' names in this city are conspicuous by their absence in this clap-trap advertisement.

There is a foible prevalent in the Dominion which has a ludicrous aspect to comers from the older inhabited lands, that is the assumption of grandiloquent titles to denote various not very important positions. This prevails in professional as well as in civil life. In the older lands we recognize four orders of men entitled to the prefix of Dr., on receiving the respective degrees. The doctors of divinity, doctors of logic and law, doctors of medicine and doctors of music. But dentists in this land call themselves doctors, which they have just as much right to do as the chimney-sweep has to call himself a chimney-doctor. In Great Britain and Ireland a dentist pure and simple calling himself Dr. would render himself liable to prosecution for assuming to be what he is not. But what would be of more importance to him, he would not have the slightest chance of succeeding as a dentist, the public believe in a dentist, or surgeon dentist, but they recognize no such hybrid as a doctor dentist. A dentist should call himself Mr. so and so, dentist, or surgeon dentist, as he may fancy. The calling is an honorable one and requires no borrowed plumage to commend it to the public, so long as the human race have teeth, so long will the dentists' art be eagerly sought after. The same reasoning applies to the veterinary surgeon. He has as little right to the prefix of Dr. as the dentist has, he might legally call himself Dr. of animals, but surely Mr. so and so, Veterinary Surgeon, is a more honest and more desirable description. The most eminent surgeons of the United Kingdom, though they maybe entitled to add LL.D., and M.D. after their names are content so long as they are without the prefix Sir, to be plain Mr.

Paget, Mr. Erickson, Mr. MacCormac etc., they practice surgery, are surgeons, and require to be known as surgeons only. It would be well for the dental and veterinary profession of Canada to follow the custom of the mother-land and on their plates, cards and advertisements leave out the prefix Dr.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.

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##### FORMALIN FOR SWEATING FEET.

Gerdeck recommends formalin in sweating feet. The sole, but not the dorsum, should be painted with pure formalin three times a day, and the region between the toes once a day. Four or five drops of the drug may also be applied to the sole, as it serves to disguise the fetid odor, as well as to preserve the leather. When the pure formalin cannot be tolerated a 30-per-cent. solution may be employed. The good effects last three or four weeks, when the treatment may be repeated. Under the applications the skin becomes dry, and leathery.—University Medical Magazine.

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##### A NEW EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY.

Baron Iveagh, who was formerly the head of a brewing firm in Dublin, has presented \$1,250,000 to the Jenner Institute of Preventive Medicine, a body which includes the leading men of medicine and the allied sciences in Great Britain. The purpose of the gift is to promote the highest research in bacteriology and other forms of biology as bearing on the causes, nature, prevention and treatment of disease.

Baron Lister, the distinguished surgeon, and Sir Henry Roscoe, a well known chemist in announcing the gift on behalf of the institute, declare that it will enable the institution to compare favorably with any similar establishment in the world, and will remove from the British Isles the reproach that their opportunities for research directed toward prevention of disease are not equal to those of other nations.