

cause for which the medical fraternity is largely responsible, viz., the indiscriminate recommendation of various remedies, "specially prepared for physicians' use." Picking up a journal and casually glancing through the advertising columns, the eye will rest on an advertisement for a remedy which may be called "Vaporine" (cures while you aren't looking). The writer remembers a few years ago being visited by an agent representing this preparation, who assured him their dealings were *only* with physicians. To-day it is advertised in the press at large, "Specially recommended by the medical profession."

Another class of the community which seems to delight in recommendations is the ministerial profession. Themselves, no doubt, very excellent authorities on matters appertaining to their own calling, are, notwithstanding their ignorance in matters medical, often quite willing to give unqualified praise regarding the healing properties of certain remedies, of which they know as little as they do of the pathology of the disease for which the remedy is praised.

But of the evil itself: How very disgusting are some of the ads. we read in the papers—open exploitation of abortifacients; manhood lost and regained (if you don't believe it, look at the pictures, before and after); syphilis and other appetizing matters served up publicly; piles cured (while you wait) without the aid of the surgeon's knife; and, too, that good old standby, "Fits Cured" (no matter what the cause). Verily a very interesting array of information for your child to read in the morning paper! Occasionally the makers of these wonderful remedies kindly (?) take the medical man into their confidence, and assure him, "Dr. So-and-so is using our potion, with truly marvellous results." A maker of boots once had the impudence to send the writer a sample of a wonderful salve made by himself, and guaranteed to cure burns, bruises, boils and the "buckwheat scratches," and also handed him a list of the names of a few rather prominent medical men who were using his wonderful remedy.

So much for the etiology and symptoms of this widespread evil: What about treatment?

It would seem that the treatment ought not to be difficult.