

One of the vilest outcomes of this trade rivalry is the attempt to flood the Canadian market with the trashy tinsel of Germany. The Vaterland cannot compete with the best productions of the British and American markets, simply because trash is the main crop of cheapened labor, and there are limitations beyond which such competition cannot go. But in the matter of medical and dental instruments, operative and mechanical, by close imitation of design, fraudulent change in name or trade mark, purchasers are now apt to find themselves very badly swindled. Recently we saw a lot of German surgical instruments which had been unwittingly purchased. They had been discarded as unreliable in quality of steel and temper, and replaced by American and English substitutes. Cheapness was their only qualification, and even this was costly. We have known of cases where forceps snapped like glass, and chisels, etc., supposed to stand the strain of cutting enamel, broke in the mouth, in several instances to the injury of the patient. There is no excuse, save that of greed, for either impostor or practitioner to pass by the productions of American and British manufacturers. There are instruments on our market to-day of unknown manufacture; instruments, too, without the name of the manufacturer, and, in fact, instruments with the full-blown name of German manufacturers, which are, like all cheapened goods of the kind, a delusion and a snare. The reputation which our leading American and British manufacturers of everything in the medical and dental lines still retain, in face of these discreditable cheapened wares, ought surely to appeal to our common sense.

SOME FRANK ADVICE TO US.

One of your correspondents talks to us like a father, and gives us a lot of very good advice about our policy towards quacks and quack imitators, and thinks that we should advocate "more of the 'good will among men' principle, instead of this compelling others *by law* to do our way. Our circumstances are not all alike, and what is best for one is not always best for another."

We take our friend's advice kindly, but if he would apply the principle of "good-will" to quacks who lie and deceive the public, why not to criminals at large? If we need the penalties of the law for rascals in general, why not be rascals in particular? Honesty is best for everybody. There are no circumstances which can justify a dentist in deliberate fraud, and we have quack advertisers who are most outrageous frauds.

Our correspondent continues: "Let our dental students be encouraged to make themselves proficient in dentistry rather than