

Medical Men as so much twaddle which in 999 cases out of 1000 have little or no bearing on the life sought to be assured. The answer to these questions, generally a monosyllable, are placed before the Medical Examiners of the Company, and on their recommendation the candidate is either accepted or rejected. These gentlemen work by the rule of thumb, a man is a certain height, ergo he must be a certain weight, to be a good life. If the Medical Man states, as has occurred to the writer of this, that the candidate's urine contains no excess of sugar, sharing the opinion of others that all healthy urine contains traces of sugar, he is written to by the Medical adviser of the Company sternly enquiring how he could state that there was no excess of sugar in the urine and yet recommend the acceptance of the candidate as a first class life. The accepted method of building up a history of probabilities as regards the soundness of the life to be assured is eminently faulty, misleading and vexatious to the applicant, and we believe that the departure which the Directors of the Sun Life has made, will tend much to popularizing Insurance and what is more, that the first decade of their system of working under the new regulations will abundantly prove its soundness and largely increase their business. If the medical referee of an Insurance office was provided with a blank sheet of paper and requested to give the result of a thorough Medical examination of the Candidate with any salient points in the history of his immediate family he thought necessary, Insurance Offices would not so frequently reject sound, and accept shaky lives, but a multitude of useless questions are placed in his mouth, and a large amount of trouble imposed upon him for which a very miserable fee is tendered. These remarks do not apply to the Medical

referees of the various Insurance companies who reside in the cities where the head office is, and who report, both verbally and in writing to the directors, but in country and out lying districts; we believe the new system of the Sun Insurance Co. will be found to have many advantages.

A WONDERFUL CASE.

OUR attention has been drawn to a so called "Wonderful Case" given in the *Daily Columbian*, published at New Westminster. The circumstance was a very ordinary one, the patient, a young lady, had at some time previous, sat on a needle which remained in the leg and subsequently set up considerable disturbance. The Medical Men, who were called in, and who must be greatly chagrined at their names being so prominently brought forward as having performed a wonderful operation, cut down at the seat of pain and removed the offending portion of steel. There are few parts of the human body that needles have not remained in, for long periods of time without causing any un-easiness, eventually becoming troublesome. Cutting down and extracting a bit of a needle is a proceeding which a second year's student would probably brilliantly perform. So that the Medical Men whom the reporter of this paper has no doubt desired to honor are probably exclaiming, "Save me from my friends." It is a great pity that cases such as the above, find their way into the public papers, but the ubiquitous reporter must dish up tit bits for his journal, no matter where they come from, and the innocent detail of an interesting case, under the facile pen of the press man is soon repeated with extraordinary exaggerations, no doubt in many instances to the intense annoyance of professional men in connection with it.