

But all this talk about "Drugless Treatment" is worse than a delusion. None but a fool would deny the man who is in agony due to the passage of a renal calculus, the boon of a hypodermic dose of morphine. The man would be worse than a criminal who did not administer antidiphtheritic serum to a child ill with the disease. He would be recreant, to both the soldiers and his country, who withheld the protective doses of antityphoid inoculation. For the terrible affliction of ague we have a remedy in quinine. Then turn to the fearful ravages of syphilis, and place against this the curative power of mercury. By osteopathy these diseases would be treated by manipulating the spine. Just think of the fate of the patients. No, Dr. A. T. Still was wrong. His etiology of disease is a joke and his system of treatment a crudity and a cruelty combined. Recall, if one will, the results that must follow the loosening up of the spine and the massaging of the abdomen in a case of peritonitis, or the thorough manipulation of the neck in a case of diphtheria. We speak by the book. Our correspondent stated that "usually when a writer is down on a subject it is because he is not up on it." We are down on osteopathy for the very reason that we have studied it. It has been weighed, and it has been found wanting.

HABIT FORMING DRUGS.

Those who have had an extensive experience in institutional work, or in the carrying on of a large practice over many years are best able to judge of the seriousness of the drug habit, and how numerous the victims are. Those who make the laws, regulating the sale of habit forming drugs, as a rule seldom have first hand information, and must depend upon the medical profession for guidance in this matter.

Some have acquired the habit of using some narcoting drug because of some painful condition from which they sought relief. Others acquired the habit during a period of illness when the drug was prescribed. Others have become habitués through some proprietary preparation sold on the open market containing a habit forming drug. Then there are those who resort to drugs because they first used alcoholics to excess.

The number of drug users is steadily increasing; and this means an effort must be made to throw around the sale and administration of these drugs very careful regulations. It must be made impossible for any one to procure such drugs on the open market, any form of patent medicine, containing a narcotic drug.

Then, again, there should be an effort made to prevent medical