

to enlighten and warn the public in regard to them. For this and many other benefits conferred by the competent and honorable dentists, the profession is entitled to the confidence and respect of the public, who should always discriminate in the favor of the true man of science and integrity, and against the empiric and imposter. The public has no right to tax the time and talents of the profession in examinations, prescriptions, or in any way, without proper remuneration.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A MONSTROSITY.

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A married female of 28 years was taken in labor at full term, nothing unusual marked the course of the confinement, and the delivery took place in a few hours. On removing the infant from the bed, it seemed healthy and vigorous, but its arms were entirely wanting. On the right shoulder there existed a navel shaped depression, and on the left a protuberance about two inches long which contained no bony substance. The infant lived but a few days. I am not aware of the cause of its death. On inquiry into the cause of this phenomenon, the mother informed me that soon after becoming pregnant she met, and was strangely affected by a soldier who had undergone amputation of both arms at the shoulder.

This is one of those not very rare cases which seem exceptions to the general rule. Dr. William Hunter, of London, when connected with the Lying-in Hospital made notes of the fears and expectations of 2,000 pregnant women as to the manner in which their offspring would be marked; and he declares that in none of the 2,000 did he meet with a coincidence. Still we cannot doubt that the form of the embryo is at times influenced by the nervous condition of the mother. *American Homœopathic Observer.*

EXAMINATION OF PORK.—Tiemann, Conservator of the Zoological Museum at Breslau, recommends the thorough examination of a single bit of muscle, taken from the diaphragm or psoas major of the slaughtered swine. He uses a lens that magnifies only ten diameters; saying that the trichina is much more likely to be overlooked when a higher power is used.—*Allg. Wiener Med. Ztg.*, No. 8.