

English medical journals and the leading American organ of our profession. At the same time we are perfectly willing to publish the explanations of their conduct forwarded to us by the Od Chem. Co., the vendors of the preparation in question.

"It is true," they write to us, "(that) we recently published in a pamphlet issued by us, entitled 'Witness Box No. 4,' relating to our product 'Sanmetto,' a testimonial purporting to have been given by Dr. W. B. Ransom, of Nottingham, England. The testimonial in question was received on a postcard, purporting to come from Dr. Ransom, but upon his affidavit as against any confirmatory particulars, including similarity of hand-write (*sic*) in the signature . . . we concluded that we had misguidedly made use of his name in connection with Sanmetto, and apologized to him for it. . . . The above postcard referred to, having all the ear-marks of genuineness, even down to the minutest circumstance, and no motive of forgery apparent, we were naturally not led to question its authenticity at the time of its publication."

The pathologist for the Board of Health of the Province of Quebec desires to call attention to the fact that he has prepared a number of small outfits to practically test the amount of disinfection secured by our present methods, and will furnish the same to any physician applying for the same.

The outfit consists of pure cultures of suitable bacteria spread out on smooth surfaces and enclosed in small porous packets. The cultures are impregnated with bacteria, which while themselves harmless have a resistance to disinfectants equal to that of the common disease bacteria, but unless specially requested these test objects do not contain spores.

These packets are marked in four colours and are accompanied with the following directions :

Place packet A (red mark) a few feet from the spot where the disinfectant is generated, leaving it uncovered on a table, chair, etc.

Place packet B (yellow mark) at a spot in the apartments to be disinfected as far as possible from the source of the disinfectant, leaving it uncovered on a table or chair, etc.

Place packet C (green mark) in a place where there will be only a slight obstruction to the access of the vapours, *i.e.*, in a pocket of a dress or beneath a cloth or carpet.

Place packet D (blue mark) so that it will be in a place where the vapours will only penetrate with difficulty, *i.e.*, rolled up in several folds of blankets or placed inside or beneath a mattress or pillow.