

To be initiated.

"A few examples illustrating the vast profundity of the anatomical, physiological and medical knowledge of some of those talented individuals, (for the authenticity of which the writer can vouch) may not be altogether uninteresting, viz: One of those who boasts of being a horse doctor, and is of course supposed to be so, by a few very credulous persons, was asked the cause of, and cure for heaves in horses, said he:—"Heaves is caused by an accumulation of dust in the dust bag of the lungs, and the cure is accomplished by removing the dust bag,—sucking out the dust and again replacing it." This he said is the only correct, rational and sure remedy, but can only be performed at a certain season of the year, without injuring the animal, and aided with a knowing wink, 'there are mighty few, besides myself know how to do it,' shades of Percival, Chauveau and Straunge-way! great and wonderful were thy researches in the field of equine anatomy, and manifold, brilliant and valuable were thy contributions to veterinary science, yet to neither of these belongs the honor of having discovered the dust bag of the lungs. Another of the mountebank type, on being asked the nature of a spavin, replied with an extravagant air of professional importance—"a spavin, a spavin sir,—is an ossificated calluster sir." Still another—and we think, one of the Yankee school, gave it as his opinion, that a horse was suffering from a "concatenation of the carteroid arter combined with an obfuscated state of the jugular vein." Another very gravely informed us that he always gives *tinker of akoniter* in cases of inflammation. We could, if thought expedient, add many more examples similar to the above, but those we have given will probably suffice to show the extraordinary amount of knowledge and the exquisite wisdom possessed by the average, self-constituted, horse doctor and cow physician. Our farmers and stock owners generally, are certainly very highly privileged when they can command and secure the services of such veterinarian *satans* as we have been endeavoring to describe. Besides the professional quack there is the amateur. Now with regard to the veterinary amateurs numerically speaking, their name is legion. Almost every farmer and live stock owner in the country, suppose themselves to be possessed of a certain amount of veterinary skill. Especially is this true with regard to the more illiterate individuals of the classes mentioned in fact, the more ignorant they are the greater are their pretensions in this line. Their expertness in diagnosing a case of hollow horn is truly wonderful, and their dexterity in applying the remedy is no less astonishing. Reader do you know the remedy for hollow horn? In all probability you do, but, as it is barely possible you do not, we will, for your edification, endeavor to describe it. As soon as the case is made out to be hollow horn, a gimlet, spouts of turpentine and some rags is with all haste procured and also some pepper, salt and tar. The animal's head is now secured and its horns are pierced near their base with the gimlet, and are, as a matter of course, found to be hollow (they always are) and into this gimlet hole is injected some of the turpentine—a very liberal quantity of which is rubbed into the occiput or hollow at the back of the head. The horns being bandaged with rags saturated with turpentine, the attention of the operator is now directed to the most extreme portion of the opposite extremity, viz:—the tail. This appendage being, also through sympathy, metastasis, or some other obscure and unexampled reason, supposed to be affected in a similar manner to the horns. Yes, a portion of the tail is imagined to be hollow or softened in substance; this supposed diseased portion is slit open with a knife and the wound being highly seasoned with pepper and salt, besmeared with tar and a bandage applied over the whole, the remedy is considered complete, and it there was nothing wrong with the poor animal previous to these manipulations, (as is usually the case), if may, possibly, live through the whole. Their thorough acquaintance with "hollow horn" is only equalled by their still more com-