

more so than the "profession" appears to be if the "information" supplied to them gratis by the drummers of manufacturers is to be taken as a criterion. How often one is forced to spend valuable time listening to a discourse on food, or what not, from some boy just out of his teens, who regards you with a look akin to pity when you expose your ignorance by disclaiming any knowledge of his particular "food" or "fad." The estimate of the professional standing in this country must surely be low, when a manufacturer will announce that his "ine" contains "living red blood corpuscles," and points out that for that reason it is of especial use in anemia, and quotes many "well-known" doctors in support of his extravagant statements. If perchance there be any value in the mixture, we submit that the "Bourbon whiskey," "egg albumen," and perhaps the "glycerine" are not being given their due credit.

Professor Haliburton, in speaking of peptonized foods, says: "How often a perfectly reasonable and legitimate idea is reduced to absurdity through ignorance and exaggeration!" "We, for instance, see advertised or hear recommended peptonized beef tea." "The uselessness of such a preparation must be manifest when we bear in mind the constitution of beef tea or meat extract." "As we have already seen, it contains nothing capable of peptonization." It is not necessary to dilate further upon the subject. All our readers can, doubtless, multiply examples for themselves; but is it not time that the profession should bestir itself and shake off these barnacles who feed fat on what is, as often as not, laziness on the part of the medical man, who is prone to order one of these convenient and palatable but useless "foods" rather than prescribe what is not so pleasantly or easily taken, and which requires to have its proper method of manufacture explained or perhaps demonstrated to the patient or friends, but which would contain as much real food capable of assimilation in one drachm as the patented article does in an ounce?

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AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON TUBERCULOSIS.

The next American Congress on Tuberculosis will be held during the Universal Exposition at St. Louis, October 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1904. As announced in a previous issue, Dr. E. J. Barrick, of Toronto, is president of the congress. Clark Bell, LL.D., barrister and President of the Medico-Legal Society of New York, is the Chairman of the Committee on Organization. Dr. Clark Bell paid a visit of a few days to Toronto in the