

has made a vast fortune in three years, having heretofore carried all before him.

Upon the arrival of Dr. Fisher, he pompously demanded if Mr. Stratford would accept his assistance. Mr. Stratford replied that he would be happy for any reasonable assistance that was likely to benefit his patient, under such trying circumstances, and in so great emergency. Dr. Fisher gave it as his opinion that the tincture of arnica applied externally, and exhibited internally, would be sufficient to restrain the hæmorrhage from the wounded artery. Mr. Stratford declared that he would most readily attend to any reasonable suggestion, but as the experience of ages and common sense alike forbade him to expect any reasonable assistance in arresting the hæmorrhage from a blood vessel of the size of the wounded artery, he could not conscientiously trust the life of his patient to such frivolous means. He then took his departure, much to the gratification of the medical gentlemen who were present.

As it was possible that amputation might have been required to save the patient's life, every thing had been prepared, but upon opening up the wound no bleeding recurred at the present time, so it was resolved, on consultation again, to try compression and complete bandaging of the whole arm. This was accordingly done, and the arm laid out upon a pillow. The next day the arm appeared quite easy, and without any return of the bleeding, the second day also it was in a like condition, but at this time the man's wife declared that Dr. Fisher had been three or four times to the house without having been sent for, and had persuaded the patient to allow him to apply the tincture of arnica outside the bandage, which he promised would heal the wound and prevent further bleeding. Upon this declaration Mr. Stratford felt hurt, and left the house. About noon Dr. Fisher sent the man's wife to Mr. Stratford to enquire if he had given the patient up. Mr. Stratford replied, by no means, but that Dr. Fisher took the case out of his hands, and any thing that he did must be on his own responsibility. Dr. Fisher did not desire to turn Mr. Stratford away, but wished him to dress and attend to it still, but he only wished to try his arnica. Mr. Stratford declared that he could not consent to be the tool of any man, especially one practising such arrant deception as Dr. Fisher; what was more, Mr. Stratford could not consent to degrade the holy profession of surgery, which he regarded under Providence (next to religion) as the greatest boon of God to man, by any such unnatural association.

Matters went on pretty well for five days, save that the arm now began to swell and smell very offensive, not having been dressed since the bandage and compress had been applied by Dr. Stratford. From dire necessity Dr. Fisher was compelled to open up the bandage, as fresh dressings to the