

The aversion to act shown by the necessary witnesses and the indispensable magistrate as representatives of the public, proves that *in their estimation* the Act is not for their benefit, or at least not necessary for their protection, but on the contrary, for the benefit of the dentists.

It is human nature to exercise one's own choice in selecting a tooth-tinker, as in choosing anything else, and it is just as truly human nature to try every imaginable quack remedy first, and the best skill last.

If the object is to protect the public, it seems to me that the most sensible course would be to give warning by public notice that the offending persons are not legally qualified to practise dentistry, then, if the public choose to employ their services, I don't see how you can prevent it. It involves the fundamental fact of ethical impossibility to legislate men into correct living.

It seems impracticable to enforce the Act by conviction and fine, and no one, either in the profession or out of it, cares to be a party to it.

It seems to me that legal notice issued by the proper authority and "posted in conspicuous places" would be an effective weapon, if, indeed, the law has a right to exist at all, which is questionable in my mind, as I do not believe in the theory of protection, and I think it ought to be plain to the most short-sighted that in practice it is a failure.

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## Reviews.

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*Minor Surgery and Bandaging.* By HENRY R. WHARTON, M.D., Demonstrator of Surgery in the University of Pennsylvania. In one 12mo. volume of 529 pages, with 416 engravings, many being photographic. Cloth, \$3.00. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co. 1893.

In response to the demand for a second edition, the author has revised his work to make it represent in every way the advances of the two years which have elapsed since its first appearance. The exceptionally rich and beautiful series of illustrations, in connection with a singularly clear text, afford the student and practitioner all needed instruction in the many procedures grouped under the title. The pictures of bandaging are photographically reproduced from actual life. The author has construed his title very generously, and has placed within the covers far more information than is usually accredited to *Minor Surgery*, but readers will scarcely object to such liberality. Antiseptic Surgery is dealt with in accordance with the latest and most approved practice.