

In this country the number of experts are limited to five. We think that some further limitation should be placed upon the method of giving their evidence. As things are now it is well nigh impossible for judge and jury to extract the truth out of the contradictions so common in medical evidence. The result is that it is frequently ignored altogether.

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#### HILLYER VERSUS ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.

A patient by the name of Dr. Hillyer was in St. Bartholomew's Hospital for treatment. He was examined by Mr. Lockwood, and, while under anaesthetic, his hand came in contact with a hot water tin, and also his arm was allowed to hang over the table in such a manner that he claimed a neuritis was caused.

The case went to the court of appeal, where a decision was given in favor of the hospital. It was held in the judgment that the staff of a hospital are not mere servants and their actions do not create direct liability as if they were agents or employees of the institution. The case of Glavin versus Rhode Island Hospital was referred to, where the judgment held that if one person sent a physician to attend another person, the physician did not become thereby the servant of the former.

The judgment goes further, and states that nurses and orderlies in the operating room are under the surgeon and that the hospital is not liable for what may occur. They are assistants for the time being of the surgeon in charge.

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#### THE STUDENTS' NEW YEAR.

The students are once more assembled for the season's work. The colleges are now in full swing. With the "old students" who return to their college halls, come many "new students" who have yet to learn their experience as the followers of Aesculapius.

The practice of medicine—using that word in the broadest sense—has ever held out many attractions. It has been called the noble profession and many there are who wish to walk in it. But it may be noble or very ignoble, just as its members make it. There is nothing noble about two neighboring practitioners being at constant loggerheads with each other. There is no creature so noble as the angel, and none so ignoble as the fallen angel. We would counsel the profession to cultivate a thoroughly brotherly spirit in its ranks.