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## MADE IN GERMANY.

Competition, it has been said, is the life of trade. It would be quite as true as a proverb, if the "f" was left out of the "life." Competition in trade all over the world has destroyed confidence in the genuineness of production, so far as the mechanical arts are concerned. Not only are many of the things themselves made in haste, but inferior materials as well inferior workmanship prevail, and the one insane cry of producer and purchaser is the bane of "cheapness." We know how it is in our own professional experience. Many dentists would discard vulcanite, cheap teeth, etc., were it possible to carry out that much-talked-of-scheme of "educating the public," a scheme which has many parents but no deliverer. Competition does not now mean fair and honorable rivalry. It is associated with everything that is dishonest in human conception and action, and men who prefer to do what is right, are simply driven into all sorts of ingenious devices to get the upper hand in the trades, manufactures and the professions. It has even crept into the practice and politics of law and medicine, and the shyster lawyer and the quack doctor are types of the class which exist more largely in dentistry, because of our closer connection with purely mechanical methods.