

cannot do the impossible has to attempt some explanation of his inability, in doing which it becomes difficult to avoid some slur upon the honor and of the ability of the other fellow to do it. The upbraider of course believes the advertiser and distrusts the one who does not brag. As every one knows, it is at present quite as impossible to abort the disease as it is to stop the rise of the ocean-tide, and a physician only harms himself in the long run who thus seeks to gain a silly and tricky advantage of his fellows by allowing the report to run. It is perhaps useless to argue with such a person that his way of doing is contrary to honor and truth. But it may not be useless to point out to him that the method is not good policy. It doesn't pay to gain the secret contempt of one's fellow-workers. — *Philadelphia Medical Journal*.

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THE Lofoten Islands, and their principal product, is the title of a handsomely-printed and illustrated brochure issued by Messrs. Parke, Davis & Co., of Detroit. It gives the details of the capture of codfish and the manufacture of cod-liver oil, and is full of interesting information on the subject. It will be furnished by the publishers on publication.

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ANXIOUS TO PLEASE.—“Is there no balm in Gilead?” cried the preacher. The druggist in the front pew moved uneasily and rubbed his eyes. “All out of it at present,” he murmured, gently; “but I can give you something just as good.” Afterward he slept more peacefully. — *Puck*.

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PETROLEUM EMULSION.—Although the medical properties of petroleum have been known since a very early date, yet it is only within a few years that the remedy has been prominently brought to the attention of the profession. There can be no question whatever but that petroleum is an oil which is digested and absorbed like any of the fatty foods. The oil is emulsified by the pancreatic juices and absorbed by the lacteals. The Angier Chemical Co. put petroleum on the market in the form of an emulsion because they believe that as the process of emulsifying thoroughly breaks up the oil into minute particles it thus predigests it and puts it in a condition so that it can be absorbed at once. The Angier Chemical Co. emulsion has combined with it the well-known hypophosphites. Each ounce of the emulsion contains  $33\frac{1}{3}$  per cent. of purified petroleum and twelve grains of the combined salts of lime and soda. In consumption, bronchitis, and in all the various diseases of the pulmonary tract, experience shows this preparation to be of great use.