

be favored with a prolific vocabulary, is to indulge in too much fine writing—in other words to give their work a hisfalutin style which shoots wide of the mark in an essay on any professional topic. High-flown, stilted phraseology is being more and more tabooed in the general literature of the world. It is frowned upon by the purely literary individual everywhere, is being less and less indulged in by the newspaper man of the day, and even the novelist himself—that literary Bohemian whose main stock in trade it has oft-times proved itself to be—is now forced to use it, if use it at all, in the face of ridicule and caricature. How far then should it be removed from a place in the literature of a profession like dentistry. Study simplicity of style, plainness of speech, aptness of phrase and brevity of expression. Think out the thing that you want to tell—think it out clearly in your own mind so that the idea is indelibly engraven there before you attempt to put it on paper. When you begin to write keep the idea firmly fixed as your text and write strictly to that text. Go at once to the heart of your subject, say what you have to say about it in the most concise and direct manner, and when you are through—stop.—*Dental Review*.

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### American Dentistry in London.\*

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The object of this short paper is to throw light upon a subject of which comparatively little is known in America, and doubtless much chagrin has been experienced by the profession at large on account of the action of the General Medical Council in London in regard to the two dental schools recently disqualified for registration in Great Britain.

Yet when the facts have been clearly set before the profession, it will not be so surprising that such action was taken, but rather that it was so long delayed. American dentistry in England is advertised most extensively and traded upon by those who practise, or pretend to practise it, simply because of the general admission in England of the superiority of it as compared with that practised by other nationalities. The easy credulity of the English public in this matter leads them to be duped by that which is called American, although those who practise under this title are not of that nationality or schooling. The consequence is, that the grossest maltreatment, to speak plainly, is perpetuated, both in supposed-to-be swell private practices as well as in the advertising "limited" companies, who carry on a trade in dentistry rather than a respectable practice. It is well known by the English dentists that this

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