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In the announcement of the Palmer School of Chiropractic for 1915 we find some account of the origin of this system. It is told as follows: "The discovery of chiropractic was an accident, or rather the action of a great mind in being able to put two and two together and reach a firm conclusion. In 1895, D. D. Palmer was a magnetic healer practising in the city of Davenport, Iowa, U.S.A. The janitor of the building in which he was located was a colored man by the name of Harvey Lillard. Lillard was almost deaf, so much so that he couldn't hear street cars or wagons in the street when he was in the fourth storey of the building. One day D. D. Palmer had Lillard come to him, and, in securing the history of the case, was told by Lillard that several years previous he had sustained a fall from a stepladder, and when he fell he felt something pop in his back, and since that time had been hard of hearing. D. D. Palmer examined Lillard's back and found a large bump on the spine near the neck. Fortunately this bump was one visible to the eye. Palmer then reasoned that if the bump was the cause of the man's not hearing, reducing the bump should restore the hearing. He set about to do this, and, in a crude way, shoved the vertebra. In three days he had it back in its normal position, and to his great delight Lillard's hearing returned."

We are also told in this same college announcement that D. D. Palmer then began looking for bumps on the spines of other patients, "and in every instance found these bumps". The announcement goes on and states that "then he reasoned that if certain bumps on the spine caused deafness, why wouldn't other bumps on the spine cause other diseases. He started in examining other patients who came to him with other ailments, and to his further delight found these abnormalities, and also found that by reducing the bumps the ailments disappeared."

All this and more is found in the announcement of the Palmer School of Chiropractic, which claims to be "The Fountain-head of Chiropractic," and over which B. J. Palmer, son of D. D. Palmer, acts as president.

It is really a greater strain on one's imagination to credit the Lillard story than to accept and believe the legend about Creusa, who vanished into air, or the wonderful stories of fairyland. Note that the discovery was an accident, that D. D. Palmer was a magnetic healer, that the patient was a negro, that he said he was hard of hearing, that Palmer found a bump on Sambo's back, that Palmer manipulated this for some time, and then Sambo said he could hear.

Now let us see what the osteopaths think of the chiropractors. On