

co's qualifications are well known, and as his universal remedies are only warm water and bleeding, (I beg pardon, I mean *aqua tepida* and *phlebotomia*.) we have little to fear; as his learning is not very extensive, (for which reason he hangs out what little he has, in coining barbarous latin phrases to express diseases and accidents, in an untelligible manner, in his quarterly reports,) he contents himself with dabbling superficially in the art, and babbling, at leisure-hours, to Dr. U'-Dodge about salivations, asafœtida, and cantharides. What benefit the public are to derive from this wight, I can not prognosticate: but, as he has lately improved his palate with some penny-weights of silver, perhaps he may improve his rhetoric with a scruple or two of common sense; if not, it will be as difficult for him to conduct the "speaking part," as it would have been for his father to go through the eye of a needle. Dr. Spectacles is very expert in handling a parcel of empty mugs, troughs, and broken bottles, which he palms upon novices as his chemical apparatus; he can repeat the names of every substance of culinary mineralogy, from a saltspoon to a carving knife; and in botany, he can tell a cabbage from a nyacinth; he says that he will perform wonders upon wonders in the lecture-room of the Medical Institution, which he intends to illuminate with a combination of carbonic, oxygen, and hydrogen-acid gas, the idea of which he lately picked up from the detached lucubratory frag-

navy, are unfit to practice *physic* as well as surgery: their practice and experience in *both* branches are always in exercise in those situations; and if they are inferior in science, they are superior in experience, to homebred physicians. With regard to the gentleman who is supposed to be alluded to in the above, I have had sufficient knowledge during his attendance on my family, of his qualifications as a *physician*, to say I consider him a very able one.

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