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COMMENT FROM MONTH TO MONTH

Medicine has been defined as primarily and essentially the healing art. Webster's International Dictionary says it is "the science and art dealing with the prevention, cure or alleviation of disease." In no sense, therefore, can it be applied to the mere administration of drugs, as that would rule out surgery, preventive medicine, obstetrics, etc. It is the practice of all methods which tend to alleviate pain, and to correct obvious mechanical injuries.

It has taken centuries to evolve all the principles of treatment. They are intimately associated in the art of healing. It has been a practice of gradual growth, century after century, and year after year, adding to the sum total of the present available knowl-
edge. No system of the healing art can ever be dissociated from the practice of medicine.

New methods have, therefore, from time to time arisen, are arising and will continue to arise just so long as people desire to be treated and restored to that condition of health which they consider to be normal, and treated and restored quickly, easily and pleasantly.

Should, then, this healing art which necessitates the acquire-
ment of a vast amount of study to gain even a fundamental knowl-
edge to practise it, in all its branches, be left in the hands of