

besides many others not found in a recognized nomenclature. The palming off of spurious articles of almost every description seems, indeed, an almost inevitable sequence of a high civilization. I say nothing of the healing salves, Indian root pills, infallible bitters, and blood purifiers we see perpetually before our eyes in the public press, as no reasonable person would expect any degree of honesty or principle at the hands of those who derive their gains from the traffic in human life.

An article in "*Tilden's Journal of Materia Medica*," suggests this paper; and knowing that the *Lancet* always supports purity in the profession—always advocates the drawing of strict party lines, so to speak, between the man of science and the charlatan,—always upholds, in point of fact, that such coalitions are essentially immoral, I deem it not altogether out of place to call attention to this and similar Journals, and their pernicious influence on a genuine medical literature.

The Messrs. Tilden and Bates are by trade manufacturers of *fluid extracts*, and a pamphlet is published periodically by the firm, setting forth the virtues of their own preparations of the standard medicines, and of the various other new herbs which their ingenuity and that of the quack world in general can torture into the role of healing agents. We have in it a species of literature holding an intermediate position between the ordinary quack and scientific medicist,—seeking to invoke the patronage of the latter, while resorting to the low schemes and shuffling plausibility of the former. I do not, therefore, hesitate to say that this Journal and all of its class are utterly unworthy the sanction of the profession, and should be discouraged in every possible way. There is indeed, so far as my experience goes, no particular inducement to make use of their standard preparations, that we cannot easily forego, either on the scale of cheapness, purity, strength, or reliability. Not an issue, but some *new remedy* is huddled into the field of therapeutics by this enterprising firm, with the gentlest possible suggestion that the fluid extract, especially as prepared by Tilden & Co., is the only eligible mode of administration. The Journal, too, contains at times, copied from standard periodicals, really interesting information, held out as a bait to the regular profession, and as a specious guarantee of respectability. This gives a leaven of