

can say that of any system. That because of the brilliant success of many of its thoroughly competent practitioners it has been made the prey of cupidity and ignorance, but this has nothing to do with the thing itself.

"There could be nothing more absurd and false and foolish than the statements you make about it.

"A list of the 'incurable' and 'hopeless' cases which have been brought back to health in the more than 30,000 treatments the writer has given in eight years would weary you to read. Information at this point is at your disposal.

"You remember the story of the countryman who, seeing a giraffe for the first time, turned away saying, 'There ain't no such critter.' That is exactly your position regarding chiropractic. Why not investigate?

"Fraternally yours,

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Now, for an expression of consummate antithesis to what is known to be really scientific, the foregoing could not be surpassed. In the first place, the number of treatments given does not qualify one to advance his views; for the more treatments on a wrong system, the less capable one becomes of judging properly. Our correspondent may be making a success out of chiropractic; but this does not prove that it is correct or sound, or doing good, any more than that many became followers of Brigham Young would prove the correctness of Mormonism with its vicious polygamy. Any one who adopts the teachings of chiropractic that at least 95 per cent. of all diseases owe their origin to some sort of displacement, or subluxation of the spine, is not capable of passing sound judgment upon medical science, with its branches of study such as anatomy, physiology, chemistry, bacteriology, obstetrics, surgery, medicine, treatment, etc., etc. The chiropractor is wedded to a false theory.

Then our correspondent goes on to state that chiropractic can accomplish more than other systems. We would expect him to say this; because the very fact that he is a chiropractor makes it impossible to think otherwise; for if he could think otherwise, he could not be a chiropractor. One that has true knowledge of the cause of a thunderstorm does not worship some mythical Indian spirit. If a chiropractor only knew enough to know that the system is false he would no longer advocate it. It may be that in some cases it is not knowledge, but honesty that is lacking. What a poor showing chiropractic would make with a case of plague, or diphtheria, or pneumonia, or a volvulus, or a depressed fracture of the skull, or retention of urine, or with perforated stomach, by a thrust on some vertebral bone that is thought to be out of place. The whole thing is a most dangerous form of teaching and practice. But