

SATAN REBUKING SIN.

In an interview Mr. Stead, the editor of the *English Review of Reviews*, had with the notorious Tammany "Boss" Richard Croker, the latter assumed a virtue denied him by his enemies, and incidentally dropped a few trite thoughts which we may aptly apply to the "principles" of the quack and quack advertiser. "The law is that although wrong-doing may endure for a season, right must in the long run come to the top. Human nature is not built so that roguery can last. Honest men must come to their own, no matter about the odds against them. Lying, thieving, calumny, may have their day, but they will pass. Nothing can last but truth. If you put ten honest men into an assembly with ninety thieves, human nature is such that the ten honest men will boss the ninety thieves. 'Honest' John Kelly used to tell me, 'never mind the odds against you if you are in the right. Being in the right is more than odds.'"

"CROWNS AND CROWNS."

A student who had become quite accomplished in the mechanical construction of gold crowns, once came before us to be examined in operative dentistry for his license to practice. He had in the chair a victim whose right central incisor was badly decayed, yet with a live unexposed pulp. We instructed him to treat the case precisely as he would were he in actual practice and regardless of expense. There were a large number of students on the treadmill, and we did not interfere with our genius until the next morning, when he came and asked us to look at his patient. Instead of filling the cavity, or at least *in extremis*, placing on a presentable porcelain crown, he had a glaring all-gold crown, showing its hideous deformity. "What do you think of that, sir? Won't that pass me?"

"As a specimen of dental jewelry and mechanical adaptation it is as near perfection as anything of the kind I ever saw. As an illustration of gross violation of good taste and common-sense it is also quite as perfect. I might pass you on the work as a jeweller, but I pluck you on the work as a dentist. It is good jewelry, but very bad judgment. If you would do an operation like that for a member of my family, I would take an action against you for damages and disfigurement."

Now, on the other hand, there is a great deal of botching going on in crown work. Men who cannot do this work themselves try to get it done by men who never see the patient, and the result in