

upon the subject, and now the law students of the University of Pennsylvania have established a regular law dispensary, with semi-monthly clinics, where poor clients can have their cases taken charge of and carried through the necessary courts. Of course, the client or his friends must pay the court costs.—*Medical World*.

This is a brand new thought, and one that may be taken up by the legal profession as worthy of their consideration. While it is no doubt true that any meritorious case will easily find a defender in the legal profession, there are many among the poor who should have given them legal advice in regard to legitimate rights which they should enjoy, but in regard to which they have very indefinite ideas and notions, and are always in danger of getting into the hands of conscienceless shysters. It is true that in some instances members of the medical profession are wronged out of some paying patronage through the operations of the hospitals and clinics. We are quite sure that at the same time the profession at large is, through this avenue and means, relieved of a very considerable burden of labour it would be forced to bear under other conditions. In the establishment of a law department of the Cincinnati University, a law clinic may with all propriety be made a most interesting and useful adjunct, and be worth to the students even more than a moot court.—*Cincinnati Lancet-Clinic*.

—Henry W. Cottell, in the *Medical and Surgical Reporter*, gives the following practical post-mortem points :—

Get all the anatomical knowledge you can out of every autopsy you make. It is therefore usually advisable, especially in the case of females, to perform a preliminary laparotomy. Many surgical operations can be practised upon the body without disfigurement, such as Alexander's operation, oöphorectomy, removal of the ear ossicles and vermiform appendix, stretching of the sciatic nerve, symphysiotomy, etc.

Be sure you have a legal right to make the post-mortem before you begin. The nearest relative, or the one who is going to pay the expenses of the funeral, should give the consent in writing.