

and requesting an answer addressed to him at his drawer at the Post Office in this city, the number of which was given, his name having been withheld for obvious reasons. The letter was written, and the contents were enclosed, in our presence, and it was posted, postage also paid, by another party who was also at the time present. Although one, if not two, letters to the same address have been since that period sent off, requesting a reply, not the slightest response has been elicited up to the present moment. It is a doubtful point in our mind, if an action would not lie against the proprietor of a newspaper, who admits into its columns, not an advertisement of such doubtful morality as the preceding, but one, whose appearance therein, is a cause of his neighbour being duped. The admission and continuance of such an advertisement, to say the very least of it, however repugnant it may be to the religious and moral feeling of the community, is unquestionably aiding and abetting a fraud, for a fraud it most decidedly is. Who Dr. H. B. Morris of Boston is, we do not know, nor have we ever heard. We certainly think that a well "locked Box" is the best place for him however, from which he should never be permitted to emerge. Possibly our esteemed contemporary, the *Boston Med. and Surg. Jour.* may be enabled to say whether such a wolf in sheep's clothing exists within the range of his knowledge.

But such are a few out of the thousand deceptions practised upon the public; and yet, if it had the most palpable evidence to the contrary, that evidence would not be believed. Such is the frailty of human nature, such the eagerness with which, like drowning ones, dying or even sick men catch at straws. Were more common sense exhibited on the part of the public, fewer of these pests of society would secure fortunes. Yet it is a fact, that while every one of that class finds no difficulty in realizing a fortune, very very few of the honest scientific physicians attain to such a happy degree of prosperity.

THE ILLEGAL PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, &c., BY THE SISTERS OF CHARITY.

In connection with what we had, unfortunately, lately occasion to expose in regard to the sisters of the St. Pelagie Hospital in this city, it would appear that their co-sisters in France have been equally, and we are willing to believe, *equally unwittingly*, transgressing the law and at the same time, as will appear from the following correspondence translated from the "*Journal de Médecine of Bourdeaux.*"

VANNES, 7th January, 1862.

To the President of the Medical Association.

SIR,—The Imperial Attorney has directed me to inform you, that the matters in connection with the complaint of the Medical Association of which you are President, against the religious associations in the Department of Morbihan which discharge the duties of physician and apothecary, has at length been settled. Mr. the Chancellor, after having communicated with the Ministers of the Interior, of Public Instruction and Worship, has decided that the Sisters should be restricted within the limits fixed by law, and the regulations of medicine and pharmacy; that they can only give gratuitously to the sick poor, and distribute among them, the simple and *magisterial* remedies, but without having