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SERUM THERAPEUTICS AS A BUSINESS.

It was quite to be expected that the recent studies by competent scientific men of the properties of the blood serum of various animals, treated or untreated, in laboratories, and the practical application of such knowledge, by qualified practitioners, to the cure of disease, should lead to the vulgarization and "commercialization" of the method, and that non-medical persons (wrongly called the laity) should seek to turn an honest penny by trafficking in "serums" or "lymphs" of various kinds without having the seal of scientific approbation stamped upon their wares. In truth, these serum-jobbers might well plead in excuse that just as worthless, if not harmful, agents have repeatedly been foisted upon the public by large and well-known manufacturing drug firms, under the supervision and sanction of supposedly, qualified investigators, "in our own laboratory," and not infrequently also by unscrupulous physicians, in search of a more rapid accession of wealth than that afforded by legitimate medical practice.

Among the latest of these medicaments is "The New Animal Therapy in the Treatment of Disease" (The Roberts Lymph Compound and The Roberts-Hawley Lymphs). This precious nostrum had its origin in Chicago and, from a pamphlet now before us we see, that its