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WHAT'S IN A NAME.

The recent death of Count Mattei, the eminent Italian homœopathist is universally regretted. He was known and beloved throughout his native land for his broad charity and helping loving-kindness towards the poor and afflicted, while his name and fame were known to the civilized world, especially in connection with his investigations into the causes of cancer and his wonderful success in dealing with that dread scourge of mankind.

The mention of Count Mattei's name brings to mind the assertion of the allopathic school, that homœopathy is the medicine of "fools, old women and children," and the utter lack of truth in such assertion. Dr. Lydston of Chicago, once said in a public lecture that the clientele of homœopathy was composed of "old grannies and idiots," not knowing (?) that nine-sixteenths of the taxes of Chicago, were at that time paid by these "old grannies and idiots." Nor did he hesitate to class Ex-President Harrison, Ex-Governor Flower, Chauncey Depew and a host of prominent Americans as "old grannies and idiots," to say nothing of such eminent personages as King Leopold of Belgium and the late Lord Beaconsfield.

The social standing of homœopathy is slightly better than that of the school of traditional medicine, as an article in a

recent *Homœopathic Recorder* evidences, citing as among the adherents of homœopathy in Europe, fifteen members of reigning dynasties; forty dukes, potentates and princes of houses not now reigning; twenty-one hundred and twenty counts, barons and baronets; six hundred and ninety-five German and foreign military officers, two hundred and five higher and lower civil officers, professors, etc., and twenty-five monasteries in Germany, Austria and in foreign parts. These figures are taken from the list of those having intercourse with Dr. Schwabe's central pharmacy at Leipsec, and go to show, that it is not altogether bad form, to be a believer in the system of "grannies and idiots".

The idiocy of reviling and mis-calling the adherents of a more enlightened system, by the followers of the system in vogue before the Christian era, is so apparent, that the question of the revilers' sanity should be considered. If instead of, so berating the fortunate ones who escape their purgings, salivations, and narcotics, they would set about to learn the reason of homœopathy's success, and were willing to believe the evidences of their own senses, they would be in a position to locate the "idiot" or "granny" but would scarcely care to do so. Sweeping assertions, of all kinds are dangerous playthings, of the boomerang order, and are generally indicative of receipt of injury by the makers thereof, either physically, or financially. This supposed injury added to the proverbial jealousy of success, which permeates the medical profession may in some measure explain the cause of the allopaths turpitude, though not justifying it.