

criminate spitting in any public conveyance will not be allowed under any circumstances, as it is not only obnoxious to those of finer feelings, but the expectorations of those affected with pulmonary tuberculosis can become, after being exposed to the effects of a heated, dry, close atmosphere, the means of rapidly communicating the disease to many others. W. A. Y.

SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

It will soon come to pass that the physician will have to call his patient into consultation, and follow the patient's superior wisdom and knowledge in administering treatment. For the latest London audacity has been an action brought by a nurse to obtain damages from the operating physician for "exceeding her wishes"!!! As she failed to gain her suit, a society for the "protection of hospital patients" has been formed. The *Medical Record*, in commenting upon the matter, makes the following terse and humorous remark: "It has been claimed that the brutal doctors have had their way long enough, and the time has now arrived when the 'clinical material' can talk back." Let us pause and ask, Where are we at, fellow practitioners? giving freely and cheerfully many weary hours to these charity patients, and they quietly "saving up" to enter a suit for damages against us. Let us hope that this fever to organize "The society for the protection of hospital patients" may begin and end with the parent one. Such societies would find our Canadian climate quite too frosty, and our physicians quite too busy to pose as defendants in "damage" suits; in truth, a sight for the gods. W. A. Y.

"CHARITY DOCTORS."

THE following clipping from the *Evening Telegram* of February 23rd may prove of interest to our readers:

"NEW YORK, February 23rd.—A bill is being prepared for presentation at Albany for the regulation of hospitals and dispensaries that have been or may be established in this State.

"A meeting of physicians was held last week at 200 East Broadway, at the invitation of Dr. L. Cherurg. It was said at