

But our correspondent tells us in this card "the basic principle of osteopathy is adjustment. Whether the mal-adjustment be in form: structural, environmental, mental or dietetic. Knife surgery is employed only when necessary. So when a woman has a cancer of the uterus the thing to do is "adjust." Get the organ to its proper place by twisting some joint in the spinal column. If she has a cancer in her breast, only employ knife surgery when imperative, that is late in the disease, when all hope is gone, instead of at the inception when a cure is to be expected. If the patient is suffering from piritonitis the spine is loosened up, and the abdomen is massaged as laid down in Chas. H. Murray's book (see rule 94).

Our correspondent asks us to read the two booklets he sent us by M. A. Lane. We have done so, and brand them as the verriest of rubbish. They laud in a most fulsome manner the work and attainments of Dr. A. T. Still who cursed humanity by introducing his system called osteopathy, as Mrs. Eddy injured religion by her Christian Science. There is absolutely nothing in Dr. Still's system but the rubbing, and this was known long, long before Dr. Still was born. We have no doubt but the old Egyptian Pharaohs had their rheumatic feet rubbed by one or other of their best looking wives. Had we the time we could riddle Mr. Lane's statement fore and aft, but it would be a waste of effort. The views of Dr. Still count for nothing, other than to say, however, that Mr. Lane fails hopelessly in his attempt to prove that Dr. A. T. Still had any true notion of immunity. All that Dr. Still knew was the common knowledge of his day that people did not take certain diseases, as scarlet fever or smallpox, a second time. To try to read into Dr. Still's writings or teachings anything more than this is to search for wheat where there is only chaff. With regard to lesion, that Mr. Lane makes so much of, Dr. Still only had in mind some displacement of bone, organ, or faulty nerve action. His writings show that he was not in any sense a scientist, that they were radically erroneous. In Dr. A. T. Sill's autobiography, page 218, we find their remarkable and ridiculous statement:

"That a disturbed artery marked the beginning to an hour and minute when disease began to sow its seeds of destruction in the human body. . . . The rule of the artery must be absolute, universal and unobstructed or disease will be the result."

Here we have from Dr. Still himself a theory of the origin of disease that would be beyond compare humerous, were it not that it is so serious as one of the props upon which a false system of pathology and therapeutics has been built. The most elementary knowledge of disease shows that foregoing position of Dr. Still is wholly inadequate as an explanation of diseases in their many forms.