

DR. W. C. BARRETT is a man after our own heart in many ways. He hits hard, and can take hard hits, and if he happens to hit below the belt he takes the consequences. And when he goes for an out and out impostor, he generally uses him up in one round. Recently he has been disciplining one T. B. Engleheart, A.M., M.D., Ph.D., *Præcis*, who assumes to be at the head of a college of Arts and Science in Buffalo, able to confer the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, and whose circulars have been freely sent to Canada. Dr. Barrett says: "T. B. Engleheart is a swindler. There is no one in Buffalo entitled to grant the degree of D.D.S. save the Dental Department of the University of Buffalo, and its diploma cannot be obtained except by those who have primarily graduated from an acknowledged High School, and afterwards spent three full years in the study of dentistry in an acknowledged dental college, the last being here; and shall have passed all the necessary examinations and been approved by the Council of the University. T. B. Engleheart is an old offender. He is uneducated and uninformed. His pretended degrees are self-conferred, and he has no more standing in this city than another swindler." We had several inquiries a year ago about this rascal. We are glad to assist our contemporary in exhibiting the knave's true character.

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## Post-Card Dots.

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14. What is Nasmyth's membrane? Please decide a controversy. (R. McG.)

One cannot pretend to "decide" anything. The orthodoxy of to-day was the heterodoxy of yesterday. But Prof. Paul, of Liverpool, recently advanced the idea that Nasmyth's membrane is not, as has been taught, a thin layer of cementum, but that it is merely a remnant of the enamel organ. Mr. Charles Tomes accepts Prof. Paul's views.

15. How can I prevent black rubber from becoming porous? (R. L.)

A correspondent in the *Journal* of the British Dental Association states that porosity is caused by vulcanizing at too high a temperature, and advises vulcanizing at 300° for one and three-quarter hours. If a thermometer is used do not let it exceed this heat; if a pressure gauge, seventy-five pounds pressure for the same time. "The thermometer gives the temperature of the lid, and not the temperature of the inside of the vulcanizer."