

and pollutes the tongue. I waive the fact though I am sorry to do so that it depraves and brutalizes the ideas and sentiments of young men regarding the place and the functions of women in society and unfits them and disinclines them for the duties, restraints, obligations and holy delights of the married state. Oh, lust is not love, as your vile sensualist would teach us, and it would be a moral miracle indeed to find your systematic seducer or your weekly frequenter of the brothel and the stew, the companion of the bawd and the slave of the whore, a devoted husband, a wise and kind father, content and satisfied with the pleasures of home. But I press you to look at this picture on the score of health, on the authority of your most skilful physiologists, I assert, even though it were accompanied with no positive and organic disease, it undermines the constitution. Associated as the practice is with deep drinking and irregular repose, untimely meals and hours; connected as the practice is with everything which has the effect of exciting unduly our animal propensities; the well-springs of life itself are dried up and vitality reduced and weakened; the functions of the several organs of the body refuse to work, and disorder and inability necessarily ensue. Hence the crow toes round about the eyes now sunken in their socket. These same "crow toes" are an infallible sign of fast living in a young man, and the blanched cheek, and the palsied arm, and the tottering unsteady gait, and in a word, the indescribable air of broken-down-ism which many of your young men carry about with them, and which, in defiance of all that fashion and frippery can suggest and apply, it is impossible to hide.

I dare not enter farther on this topic lest I might be accused of violating the rules of good taste, but I will venture to specify and condemn what I regard as one of the chief incentives to licentious indulgence. Quackery in anything is most abhorrent. It is revolting as it is ridiculous, and it is ruinous as it is revolting; but quackery in crime is the most ruinous and revolting of all quackery. The quack however must have a medium through which to proclaim the virtues of his catholicon and thereby fatten on the popular gullibility. Quackery would be a poor business after all if it were not for the newspaper; and Radway and Holloway, and this and that, would find their occupation gone, were it not that this is the age of cheap adver-