

portion of the public, who stand with open mouths ready to be duped. A man may be a gold-medallist, but if he "practises the arts of quackery" he is a Quack. He may have apostolic benedictions poured upon him every hour, but if he says he alone can do operations which every ordinary dentist has been doing for ten years, he is a Liar—and he knows it. *The public should know it too.*

Code of Ethics, Article II., Section 3.

"It is unprofessional to resort to public advertisements, cards, hand-bills, posters, or signs calling attention to peculiar styles of work, lowness of prices, special modes of operating, or to claim superiority over neighboring practitioners; to publish reports of cases or certificates in the public print; to go from house to house to solicit or perform operations; to circulate or recommend nostrums; or to perform any other similar acts."

Bearing upon the maintenance of professional character among practising dentists, this section of the code adopted by the American Dental Association in 1866, ought to meet with the approval of all right-minded men. We confess, however, that we do not quite sympathize with the use that has been made of it, in its application to the few who have risen above the ordinary run of dentists, as inventors and discoverers. The late Dr. McQuillen, then editor of the *Cosmos*, opposed the code at the above convention, as "unnecessary for gentleman, and its enforcement impracticable upon those who were not," and at a subsequent meeting of the Odontographic Society of Pennsylvania, a resolution was unanimously adopted, declining to accept it, upon the ground that it was an interference with the independence of local societies.

Circumstances may occur when it would, perhaps, be wiser to relax its stringency. For instance, a dentist, after years of investigation and the expenditure of thousands of dollars, unaided in any way by confreres or societies, perfects or invents a boon to the profession and the public. While rivals, it may be, in the same town, are reaping the reward of selfish devotion to practice and money-making investments outside of dentistry, he has impoverished himself and his family while in his researches. He does not propose to monopolize his discovery. His practice has been