

"EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS."

The New York "Tribune" takes cognizance of the latest effort in the direction of a professional reform from the inside, remarking:

Dr. Matthew D. Mann, of Buffalo, one of the physicians who attended President McKinley after he was shot at the Pan-American Exposition in 1901, in an address recently attacked "graft" in his profession. He openly charged his medical brethren with receiving "rake-offs" on fees for operations. "The business of cutting up people seems to be more profitable than doctoring them sometimes." "The statement by Dr. Mann," says the Buffalo "News," "should receive general attention. It is everybody's business."

"It is everybody's business." That is what is the matter, it would seem—for, humiliating as it is to admit it, Dr. Mann's ringing arraignment doesn't seem to have aroused any attention except in the columns of approving newspapers.

In this Dr. Mann's proposed reform is much like that suggested a short time ago by certain lawyers who were sensitive about graft in the legal profession. It would seem that the oldtime taunt, "Physician, heal thyself," has lost none of its point. It appears to be as hard for professional men to cure evil practices within the profession as ever it was. But when the physicians and the lawyers get at each other's professional sins—that is a different matter. Dr. Mann should interest some lawyers to stir up the medical grafters. Then maybe he would get something done.

Dr. Matthew D. Mann shows the courage of his convictions in attacking graft on the part of his profession. He charges physicians with receiving a rake-off on fees for operations in their cases, and what he says makes it clear, apparently, why so many medical cases turn out to be surgical. The business of cutting up people appears to be more profitable than doctoring them sometimes. The statement of Dr. Mann in yesterday's "News" should receive general attention. It is everybody's business.