

possessed by a lady. Fortunately this state of things has now passed away. Ladies who can walk well and enjoy their walks, and who are active, strong and healthful, are not uncommon among us, and healthiness is a standard largely recognized as one to be aimed at." One would almost believe, on looking out among the simpering misses and miserable weakly forms of our modern girls, that physical debility were even now at a premium, whereas let us see healthy, bouncing girls, with good digestion, hearty laugh, energetic and sprightly walk, and those who are never ill when they can help it, and then only for good reason. Such women we want to be the future mothers of our race, not miserable, dying, whining good-for-nothings, whose whole body, soul and spirit are as abnormal as possible.

ANOTHER "DELICATE" SURGICAL OPERATION.—"An interesting and delicate surgical operation was recently performed in Jarvis, Ontario," so says the local newspaper. The patient had a large collection of pus in "his left chest, compressing and destroying the left lung, and displacing the heart entirely to the right side. The only chance for life consisted in removing the fluid—an operation of great danger and frequently attended by instant death. On the 13th ult., Dr. Langrill with a newly invented instrument, called an aspirator, removed thirty-nine ounces, and on the 17th, thirty-seven ounces more. On the 24th he introduced a large tube, after which the matter drained away." Wonderful!! Yet the Dr. has "hopes of this man's recovery!"

The erudition of some of our country editors has frequently astonished us. When their city brethren of the press attempt any writing of this sort, they are certain to bungle it, but not so with their confreres in the towns and villages. They appear to know the difference between the *right* and *left* chest; the effects of *compression* causing *displacement* and the like, quite as well as some of the members of our own craft.

INDIAN ROSE PAD.—A correspondent calls our attention to a most flagrant case of quackery by one who claims to be a member of the Royal College of Surgeons and Licentiate of the Apothecaries Hall, London, Eng. The person referred to as the manufacturer of the Indian rose pad—a remedy for "all the ills that flesh is heir to"—is Dr.

J. Young of Kingston, Ont., and believed to be the same person who formerly resided in Kinburn, Ont. It is much to be regretted if any regularly qualified medical practitioner has so far forgotten what is due to himself and the position he occupies as to be guilty of so flagrant and contemptible a piece of charlatany. We have called the attention of the authorities of the Royal College of Surgeons to the case, and we trust they will so deal with it, as to relieve the college from any further disgrace in connection with this matter.

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR.—Detective Smith, who has been instituting proceedings against unregistered practitioners in different parts of the Province, called upon us to day in reference to the letter signed "Fair Play," in last issue. He states that he is not employed by the Council to prosecute unregistered practitioners, but is acting upon his own responsibility; all that the Council has promised to do is to hand over to him the fines, which can only be collected in the name of that body. He also states that he visited the Eastern Counties, and fined several persons for practicing without a license, but as he was unable to collect the fines, he could not pay expenses, and had to give it up. He has done the best he could under the circumstances, and does not consider himself to blame in the matter.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT DECISION.—James Skirving, M.D., &c., of the County of Oxford, Ont., a duly registered British practitioner of medicine, was twice convicted before a Justice of the Peace for practicing medicine contrary to the Ontario Medical Act, and ordered each time to pay a fine of \$25 and costs. He appealed, and the case was argued before the Judge in the General Sessions of the Pleas, in the County of Oxford in June last. Both convictions were quashed with costs, and the Judge said he had come to that conclusion without any regret, as he thought the appellant (who had done his utmost to secure his rights to registration from the Ontario Medical Council) had been harshly dealt with.

WONDERFUL SURGICAL OPERATION.—We commend the following from the (*New Era*), Texas, to some of the medical practitioners in the country who are fond of writing up sensational items concerning "skilful operations" for the local press.