

VISITING LISTS AS EVIDENCE.

The *Journal of Medicine and Science* states that Judge John Stewart, of the Franklin County (Pennsylvania) Court, recently handed down an opinion of more than usual interest to the members of the medical and legal professions. It seems that a physician of Shippensburg attended his aunt, a lady of Green Village, who was also his stepmother. After her death he presented a claim of nearly \$400 against her estate for medical attendance upon her. Payment was refused upon several points, one of which was that the book presented by the physician as evidence was not a book of original entry. The book was one of the Standard Physician's Visiting Lists, in which the calls are marked down under dates by a stroke, and then extended to the margin. Judge Stewart disallowed the claim, and said that the book was not one of original entries, but merely a book of memoranda. As the great majority of physicians use these lists, the decision is one of great moment to all in the profession who make no other debit charges against their patients.

The New York School of Clinical Medicine has succeeded in introducing a modified form of the European manner of personal instruction, suited to the needs of busy American practitioners, who need brushing up in the specialties, but who can afford only a few weeks' time for the purpose. The method consists essentially in limiting the class to a very few students, and having them act as assistants in attendance upon the vast clinical material at the school's disposal. As soon as qualified, the matriculants examine, treat and operate on patients themselves, the teachers acting as assistants.

The school itself as well as the hospital and dispensaries at which its teaching is done are fitted with everything to meet the requirements of modern science.

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