

gestion. One would think that even the myopic chiropractor could see at least this much.

11. The chiropractic view as to the place where the nervous system becomes deranged is wrong, as shown by the teachings of G. H. Patchen, M.D., of New York. Here are his words: "The only place where interference with the flow of mental impulses *can occur*, to a degree sufficient to cause deranged functional activity or disease, is at the intervertebral foramina." This leaves out of account the well-known disease of the cord, such as acute and chronic anterior poliomyelitis, sclerosis of the lateral tracts, the changes in the posterior columns found in locomotor ataxia, and myelitis due to acute infections. It also ignores the forms of neuritis frequently met with that arise from such diseases as diphtheria or influenza, or from exposure to severe cold, and in no way dependent upon any derangement at the intervertebral foramina. These examples could be multiplied, but are sufficient to show that this theory is quite erroneous.

12. Another position laid down by G. H. Patchen is "that the vitality and activity of every organ, tissue and cell of the body is maintained and controlled by a force or energy, which is transformed or individualized by the brain, and then transmitted to their respective parts." It would appear that the author is not very sound in his physiology, as is proven by the fact that epithelial cells everywhere have no connection with nerves; that no nerves enter the cornea or the crystalline lens; that the blood corpuscles are uninfluenced by nerve stimuli; that the fat globules are without nerves, and that connective tissue is uninfluenced by nerves. When the chiropractor states that every organ, tissue and cell of the body is under nerve control, he states what is not so.

Are there no "cures" to the credit of chiropractors? Really, none. There are many fevers that would last only a few days under any circumstances. There are sore throats that recover in a few days untreated. There are aches and pains of an ephemeral type that soon pass away. There are derangements of digestion that are present to-day and gone to-morrow. There are some who think they have some ailment who have no real illness. There are temporary stiffness of muscles from fatigue or a chill that a day's rest or a hot drink will relieve. There are cases of pain somewhere along the spine that a manipulative treatment may help, whether by the masseur, the osteopath, the chiropractor, or by someone at home. But this is miles and miles away from a new science and a new system of treatment. Much of the results obtained through chiropractic treatment is not physical at all, but suggestion.

In this article no attempt has been made to be in any way unfair