

atropia, nux vomica, from which strychnia is obtained, and hydrocyanic acid, which exists in the almond, are examples of what may be secured from the pharmacopeia of safety. All of these preparations are useful in the treatment of disease, but they should be handled by persons, who, being aware of their dangerous properties, will efficiently safeguard their administration.

Upon the subject of criticism of one physician by another, I wish to say a few words. You know that there was a time when it became the duty of the physician so soon as he superceded another in any case, to denounce the first one as a fool, and to direct that all the medicines left in the house should be promptly thrown out of the window. Of course, such things do not occur now, or at least very rarely. Knowing what I do, and were I a layman, if any man should attempt any such action, I should show him the door. Such actions should be an insult to your intelligence. All physicians are bound by their self-interest to do the very best they can for their patients. They all possess more or less common sense, and they certainly possess some technical knowledge, else they would not be licensed. What would you think of a man in any other walk of life who should act as though he only needed a calf binding and plenty of shelf room to be an improvement on the Encyclopaedia Britannica? They puff themselves out, tell you about the wonderful things they do, incidentally mentioning the fact that their competitors are unfortunately inferior, and if you are at all credulous, you thank the Almighty that the earth was made round, for if it were flat, and a couple of these heavy weights chanced to get away from the center, it would tip up and we would all be thrown into space.

It is said that the world takes one at his own estimate. This is not true. Our asylums are full of people who think that they should guide the destiny of nations.

Don't appear to be entertained by one of these "know-alls." Don't allow them to think that yours is not a higher order of intelligence. Fortunately, you will meet with few of these in the present day. The intelligent physician understands that he is only lowering himself by such streetcorner methods, and if he has no manhood in him he refrains from unjust criticism simply because it doesn't pay. He knows that a man rarely attains eminence by pulling others down, and he realizes that the intelligence of the public is not the same in the 20th century as it was in the 16th.

It is desirable that the relations of the physician and the patient be very close; that they should trust each