

contract from the legal consequence of his own wrongful acts. But on the other hand it is a settled doctrine that an agreement is not void unless it is contrary to public policy and injurious to the interests of the state, so that any agreement entered into between the physician and his patient who is alone affected by his wrong doing or want of success, may be held to exempt the latter from any claim for damages, but if the medical man is not merely unskilled and careless, but is guilty of misconduct, which is so stamped with bad faith and fraud, that it borders on criminality, then the law may set aside the validity of the contract which would otherwise exempt him from the consequences of those injuries to a patient which the latter agreed to overlook. We do not think it is at all derogatory to the *dignity* of the professional man to legally protect himself in order to do good to others, and while we would not commend such contracts as intrinsically desirable, we consider them highly useful under certain circumstances on the score of necessity.

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In another column will be seen the announcement of the Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn. A new Hospital building is now being erected in connection with this institution, to be completed by the 1st of February next. In the erection of the new building, the opportunity has been embraced of improving the facilities of the College by the construction of a new amphitheatre and operating room, capable of seating about 250 persons. The Hospital grounds comprise 14 full lots, extending on Henry Street from Pacific to Amity Streets. This new improvement will give to the Long Island College Hospital facilities for clinical and hospital instruction possessed by few institutions in the United States.

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We beg leave to call the attention of medical men and medical students to the advertisement of W. & D. Dineen, Hatters and Furriers, 80 Yongo Street, Toronto. They have on hand a complete assortment of hats, caps, and furs of the latest and most fashionable styles, which they offer at a most liberal reduction to the medical profession. A discount of ten per cent on this line of goods is an inducement which is offered by no other house in the city. We bespeak for them the patronage of our friends and the profession generally.