

people from these peddling tramps. The fact that they are licentiates is no proof whatever of their competence, as the parties to whom they refer never received any professional education excepting what they picked up in the laboratories of tutors of their own kind. It is not very complimentary to the intelligence of farmers, that while many of them would not trust a sick hog or cow to the care of peddling veterinarians, who acquired their veterinary knowledge in the same way, yet they will expose their families to imposture and to infection from dirty instruments, in the hands of the ignorant dental tramp. If some one could invent a moral lactometer, these tramps would be forced to their more suitable occupation as hostlers.

STUDENTS PRACTISING DENTISTRY.

There should be a severe example made in the colleges of the first student caught practising for fee or reward on his own account. Such conduct in medicine or law is simply impossible, but in dentistry it has become a very general custom. Several cases have come under our own notice the last month, where second-year students had made full upper sets for five dollars "on the quiet," and for parties who were quite well able to patronize regular licentiates. In fact, the custom has become such a fad that the rooms of some of these students in boarding-houses are unlicensed offices on a small scale, and a system of tooting for patients has even extended on the sly to the infirmary patients.

It is generally this class of students who degrade the profession by cheap fees when they get into regular practice. It is a fact, too, that we have some very indigent young men in the ranks. Their poverty is no crime, but unfortunately they imagine it ought to justify them in breaches of law. The common thief may as consistently use the same argument.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

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To the many contributors to last volume we return our sincere thanks for their co-operation.

To the secretaries of the societies who helped us, ditto. To those who did not, and who should be in duty bound to do so, we wish them each a friendly reform—or an official successor.