

ovarian function, but although the ovaries are not discharging or absorbing ova, there is an irritation present; they are not in state of the quiet non-functionating glands of pregnancy and lactation. May it not be, then, on account of this, that the fatty change of the cells in the mammæ is interfered with, and a fibrosis occurs here also? Why is scirrhus cancer the predominating form in the mammary gland?—*New York Medical Journal.*

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MEDICAL REFLECTIONS.

1. "Opportunities are fleeting," says Hippocrates, "the father of medicine"—he who wrote, says Gomperz, "the most memorable of human documents, the 'Oath.'"

2. The M.D. who is constantly looking for and writing for "sure cures" is not the one who is studying his materia medica. Such work is not becoming the respectable M.D., and is a sad reflection on the instruction received at college, and of whose alumni he is no brilliant illustration.

3. When the State shall impose qualifications, mental and physical, for entrance to medical colleges, we then can hope for more honor in medicine—and such conditions, strengthened by the B.A., or M.S., or B.S. matriculation, the public will then be better served.

4. The revival of the "Family Doctor" is noted, even if he cannot, considering his surroundings, do special work, he can be relied on as a safe reference to those whose work is specialism.

5. The bestowal of graduation or the doctor's degree, by some universities for special work—and it alone—is an evidence that such universities are ignorant of the wants of the profession, and are after the money, forgetful of the disgrace that is being done our profession, and the grievous wrong being done to the public by letting loose such unfledged beings in our midst.

6. By tolerating such erratics as those who go wild over popular delusions, of which Vitopathy, Christian Science, Osteopathy, etc., are fair types, the State mad-houses and asylums are prevented from being overcrowded.

7. That various concerns—organized to teach one or several of the above-named delusions, should be allowed to exist and grant the doctorate is in evidence that State Medical Boards or the Legislatures are remiss in their vigilance, and that the legislators are not to be classed as educated men or safe curators of the State's interests.