

as given by us, or believing that it did not go far enough for its general sale, a false certificate, advising its indiscriminate employment, was published as that of this journal in the *Toronto Patriot* of March, 1851. A protest on our part at the time caused the discontinuance of the falsehood: but we have to remark that the name of Dr. Mott of New York was used in the same advertisement in the same reprehensible way, without his knowledge or consent. It was doubtless never suspected that either ourselves or Dr. Mott would have seen the use thus made of our names. A rebuke on this subject will be found in the April number of the *British American Journal* for the year 1851, which caused the discontinuance of the falsity.

Within the last few days again, our attention has been directed to a stereotyped advertisement of this same Dr. Ayer, having reference to certain pills of marvellous excellence. This advertisement has appeared in nearly all our city papers, and in a great many which we have seen from Upper Canada. Well, there is nothing peculiar in this as a fact, the object being to give the said pills the widest possible notoriety. But unfortunately for charlatanism, we have detected among the stereotyped certificates the following,—

“CONSTIPATION, COSTIVENESS.—(From Dr. J. P. Vaughn, Montreal, Canada.)—Too much cannot be said of your PILLS for the cure of *costiveness*. If others of our fraternity have found them as efficacious as I have, they should join me in proclaiming it for the benefit of the multitudes who suffer from that complaint, which, although bad enough in itself, is the progenitor of others that are worse. I believe *costiveness* to originate in the liver, but your PILLS affect that organ and cure the disease.”

Now we have no hesitation whatever in stating, that in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, and certainly not within the last ten years, as no one has had a better opportunity of knowing than ourselves, no such person as Dr. J. P. Vaughn ever practised medicine in Montreal. The origin of such a testimonial, therefore, speaks for itself.

There has been figuring in one of the daily newspapers of this city, whose name we forbear to mention, since the month of October last, the following modest advertisement:

“TO MARRIED MEN or *Those Contemplating Marriage!*—The Undersigned will give INFORMATION on a very interesting and important subject, which will be valued more than a thousand times its cost by every married couple, of any age or condition in life. The information will be sent by mail, post paid, to any address, on the receipt of a quarter of a dollar, (no stamps).

Address, Post-paid, H. B. MORRIS, M.D., Lock Box 60, Boston Post-Office, BOSTON, Mass.

N. B.—This is no humbug, but is warranted to be amply satisfactory in every instance (regardless of sentiments, age, or condition in life,) or the money will be returned.

All letters should be directed to H. B. MORRIS, M.D., Lock Box 60, Boston, Mass. With a plain signature and address for return.

The following is now a fact which has come within our own knowledge. A gentleman, desirous of ascertaining what the above “important and interesting information” really was, despatched about ten weeks ago a letter to the above address, fulfilling every requirement of the advertisement, enclosing a copy of it,