

moderate enlargement be found with a history of frequent interference with nasal respiration, not due to conditions within the nostrils, the removal of the growths is indicated.

For the removal of these enlargements, all cutting instruments, curettes, forceps, etc., have given place to the finger with a moderately long nail. It is expected that the surgeon can keep the end of one finger aseptic, even if the nail be not trimmed to regulation length. The nares and throat should be thoroughly cleansed by an alkaline antiseptic wash, chloroform administered and with patient in the prone position, the vault scraped, and bases of growths crushed by the finger. As but a few seconds are required for the operation, I have not found the backward position of the head necessary in order to prevent the blood passing into the trachea, although frequently the bleeding is copious. The after treatment is simple antiseptic sprays with light fluid diet. The febrile reaction is nil. Slight rupture of soft palate occasionally occurs if care is not exercised in the curve of the finger. This operation is so simple, the results so exceedingly gratifying, and the instruments always at hand, that the general practitioner should not overlook his duty to patients suffering from this form of irritative obstruction.

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UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT!

Reports reach us from time to time of the conduct of some members being "irregular" and "infamous" in a professional respect, and not at all in accordance with the established ethics of the profession.

It is decidedly wrong for a young doctor, or an old one, either by himself or his friends, to have frequent *squibs* appearing in the newspapers about his practice. On more than one occasion we adverted to this practice and denounced it as being in direct violation of the ethics of the profession. If a man cannot succeed in this world without showing his instruments and books, and telling of the many cases he has and trying to fish patients from his neighbor better retire and engage in

some occupation where his tastes can be better utilized than in the medical profession. Such conduct is in direct *contravention* of our Medical Act, and as the Medical Council of this province at its last meeting appointed a Discipline Committee, with power to appoint a prosecutor, it will be his special duty to watch and ferret out unprofessional conduct on the part of our registered and qualified practitioners. If the evidence is forthcoming the Medical Council will spare no man, but execute the law without fear, favor or affection — that it may be "a terror to evildoers and a praise to them that do well." Any member cognizant of "unprofessional conduct" among his brethren should report the facts to the proper officer. Let us aim at elevating the standard and keeping our profession unspotted before the world.

QUACKERY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

We read with much interest the exposure of the quack advertisements in Vancouver city, by the talented Associate Editor for B. C. We regret to notice the names of Prince Edward Islanders in the testimonial of the *quack herbalist*. We feel sure the Mayor was imposed upon, as Mr. Anderson is a first-class man, and belongs to a good family who would spurn the methods of quackery. We regret also to admit that Prince Edward Islanders have frequently been duped and gulled by quacks, and perhaps a trail of the same gullibility has followed our friends to the Pacific coast.

We cannot say in this province that we are clear of the pest. It would matter little, but the half-breed French tramp, better known as "Moccasin Frank" from Tracadie, N.B., is still posing as a *woman's doctor* at New Glasgow, in this island. People who would spurn a rum seller, or would not sleep in a house where liquor was sold, and who would be stoutly offended if you hinted that they knew the taste of liquor, will not only give countenance to "Moccasin Frank," but keep him in their houses, lend him their horses and buggies, and provide him with cash to buy whiskey galore! Not only that, but our *Christians* will hug him to their bosoms while a plurality of adjectives in the shape of oaths falls upon their