

most neglected cases from such institutions where the patients were told that the eruption breaking out showed that the disease was coming to the surface. When their money was gone, however, they were given minute directions how to find the city hospital. The ways of the quack, resting as they do on the solid basis of human nature, are strikingly similar all the world over.

I doubt if irregular medicine is any less frequent in Germany than with us. For instance, while in Hamburg I entered a pharmacy where a man, who seemed to be the proprietor, was in earnest conversation with a customer. They were talking quite distinctly, and were so situated that I could not help hearing what they said. The customer was telling anxiously of his wife, who had a serious dysenteric attack. The druggist listened to him, and finally gave him a small bottle of medicine, directing precisely how it should be taken. For the medicine the charge was seventy-five pfennigs, about eighteen cents, and nothing was said about a fee for advice. This was cheaper than having one's hair cut. It may be that the husband had heard the French adage, "If you lose your wife and fifteen cents, it is a great pity for the fifteen cents."

From Dresden to Prague is but a short and pleasant journey, with an interesting city at the end as a reward for one's trouble.

Professor Kreibich has now the Clinic for Diseases of the Skin, formerly held by Professor Pick. The University Medical School is peculiar in that it is bilingual, there being a German and a Bohemian service. The hatred between the two races is so intense that they will not even be sick together.

Professor Kreibich showed me several cases, among them three patients suffering from dermatitis herpetiformis. Dermatitis herpetiformis is an affection in which American dermatologists take a special pride, because of the part played by Louis A. During, of Philadelphia, in elucidating it.

After leaving Prague we went by way of Nuremberg to Munich, where I did myself the pleasure of calling on Professor Posselt. Among his cases were two that were treated with the continuous water bath. One of these was afflicted with pemphigus. The other suffered from dermatitis exfoliativa that was said to have developed out of a forerunning psoriasis and seborrheic eczema. This man had dwelt in his tub for several years. Occasionally he would try the experiment of living in the open, but the itchiness, dryness and burning would soon become so intolerable as to drive him back into the water again.

In visiting the hospitals in Germany one is struck by the vast number of patients suffering from syphilis. Surely syphilis is