

covered that walked on their tails, he said, and he had told many absurd yarns about hospitals, medical men, etc., whose gratuitous aid he now sought. He said the newspapers that paid him for his stuff knew perfectly well what they were buying.—*Am. Med.*

Medical Editors in Newspaper Offices.

The newspaper accounts of the operations performed by famous foreign surgeons that have visited and are visiting this country have, in many instances, been entirely erroneous, and unjust to the visitors and to our American surgeons. The visiting surgeons have been credited with having performed operations that had never before been done in the United States, although they had never made such a claim for themselves. Such statements bring the visitors into disfavor with their American colleagues, and also lessen the respect in which our surgeons are held by the public. It appears to us that a reputable newspaper should have sufficient pride not to print accounts of operations that are the product of the uncontrolled mind of the imaginative reporter without submitting them to a medical man for revision. If it is impossible—and it seems that it is—to prevent the lay publication of medical items, every newspaper should have attached to its editorial staff a competent physician who, as medical editor, should revise all articles pertaining to professional subjects. Newspaper science would then, to some extent, be relieved from the contempt in which it is at present held. Every self-respecting newspaper should feel as much pride in accounts of medical matters as in those of financial, real estate, or other affairs.—*Am. Med.*

Newspapers and Magazines "For the Home," and "For the Young."

Among the samples of morbid serial literature that we have gathered we notice many that need the attention of the Postmaster-General. Depravity can go no lower than some of these illustrate. To appeal to the ignorant and innocent in the disguise of a "periodical for the home," and sneak into their hands the pollution of the abortionist and purveyor of obscene literature shows a depth of degradation meriting the punishment instead of the support of the government by extending to the scoundrels the help of the mail department. The meanness of