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## THE POWERS OF MEDICAL COUNCILS.

Of late many indignant protests have come from the columns, editorial and otherwise, of the press, regarding the action of the discipline committee of a certain medical council which recommended that a physician be deprived of his right to practice because he had advertised a cure for la grippe. Apart from the fact that the newspapers object to any restrictions upon the rights of an individual to advertise, there fall one or two observations to be made upon the case.

When a physician finds a new remedy, if he is wise he remembers that the best man may err, and he expects that the virtues of it will be tried and thoroughly tested; if it be a real remedy, we venture to say that never yet has it failed because of a wider trial than one man can give it. We venture to say further that his priority of discovery will never be denied to him, since the fact of its publication to the profession is in black and white. If the remedy be no remedy, then it fails as it de-