

conscious of the falsity of his assertions, pursues his course without deviating in the slightest to the right or left. But we regard with feelings of unmitigated loathing and contempt the man, who, actuated by sordid motives, is guilty of the despicable scoundrelism of denouncing in unmeasured terms the regular system of medicine, and all who practise it, professing at the same time exclusive attachment to a system of a most opposite character, and yet, when occasion demands, throws his beautiful theories to the winds, and covertly has recourse to the treatment he denounces.

Most of our readers must have had their attention drawn to the *pæan* of victory which arose from the ranks of the homeopathists, when, on the discovery of the magnetoscope, experiments were instituted by some of their leading men to ascertain if infinitesimal quantities of matter really produced any effect on the organism. Wonderful, indeed, was the disturbance which a decillionth of a grain caused, of the animal magnetism. Here was a proof, then, which the regular profession must succumb to. The magnetoscope could not utter a falsehood, and it spoke absolutely in favour of globulism. Many who firmly believed they were practising a lie, now, astonished beyond measure at finding themselves accidentally in a path so strange to them as the way of truth, increased their arrogant boasting, spoke loudly of the proof this wonderful instrument afforded of the truth of their science, (save the mark!) and launched out double the ordinary amount of abuse on the heads of those who were "so far behind the times" as to doubt the results of the experiments. Non-professional papers in London and New York had elaborate "leaders" on the subject, which were copied by Montreal papers, and in which the thing was made so plain, no man of ordinary intelligence could indulge in the slightest scepticism. What a pity it is, that all those high hopes should have lately "melted into air, thin air"! But it is not the first time that precipitancy in forming conclusions has brought experimenters to humiliating recantation and exposure.

"The last argument used in favour of the efficacy of infinitesimal doses is connected with the discovery of the magnetoscope. By this we were triumphantly informed, that infinitesimal doses, a long way beyond the *Ultima Thule* of homeopathic arithmeticians, the decillionth could be detected, and were found to produce exactly the same effect on the magnetic currents as the same medicine in its grosser preparations. Here was indeed a discovery, and one which could not fail to stagger the most incredulous; but, *O miserabile dictu!* Dr. Madden has now recanted! He sinks beneath the mighty arguments of "J. H."* Dr. Madden himself now admits, in a letter published in the same

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