

important aids. Sandow once said that he never knew a man of great strength who was a victim of dyspepsia, or who had bad teeth. There is no more common cause of headache, neuralgia, diarrhoea, and various other disorders than diseased conditions of the teeth, and it is astonishing to reflect that in the mouth, the portal of life and health, many people will tolerate filthy conditions, which they would not endure in any other part of the body. A whole train of obscure nervous and sympathetic affections owe their exciting cause to diseased teeth. There may be no decay or pain frequently, but the ears, the eyes, the stomach, the head, etc., suffer. The teeth are not merely mechanical mills to grind food, requiring only mechanical treatment, by mechanically educated men. They are as important and necessary to the mouth as the fingers to the hand; and even were it not so, the suffering following their neglect, and the decline of general health due to their loss or disease, should impel people to pay them more attention. It has been said that it is a wise dentist who knows his own teeth, and it is a fact that no one can faithfully examine his own, or discover the beginnings of decay. The sufferings endured by hundreds of neglected children, due to the silly superstition that the loss of temporary teeth, which should last seven years, is no functional loss, is something appalling in Canada, especially in country districts. Our farmers' families, especially, are martyrs to the effects of bad teeth, and frequently bad dentistry. They wait "until the tooth aches," and foolishly expect then that the dentist can perform a miracle upon an organ which, by the death of the "nerve" has lost its chief nutrition, or they let the physician extract it. It is questionable if the care of the teeth of cattle would not become popular if it could be proved that it would add to their market value, and yet the care of the human teeth, which contribute so much to the health of the entire body, is overlooked! No doubt some of the prejudice entertained by country residents against dentists is due to the quacking and imposture of uneducated-practitioners, who go about seeking teeth to extract and patients to swindle. But there are plenty honest and skilful dentists; and it would be as unreasonable to condemn a whole profession for the iniquity of one, or even a whole practice because of an occasional failure, as to condemn the entire practice of medicine because there are quacks in it, or because death occurred where recovery was expected.

The quack and the "cheap Jack" do not confine their operations to the cities. A short time ago two notorious quacks named Lee and Wright made a raid through Compton County, but escaped before the detective of the Dental Board could catch them. They represent a class who have no licenses to practice in the Province and are law-breakers for whose arrest there is a reward.