

WE take pleasure in drawing the attention of medical men to the following article, which appeared in the columns of the *Pharmaceutica! Era*, published in New York, July 2nd last. It will show the difficulties which the well-known firm of Fairchild Bros. & Foster have had to surmount regarding the substitution by retail druggists who have no conscience, and who should therefore be studiously avoided by physicians, of their pepsin and other preparations. We hope there are very few druggists who would stoop so low as to deliberately dispense another firm's goods when those of Fairchild Bros. & Foster have been distinctly ordered by the physician, and we sincerely trust that the injured firm will come out of the contest

"more than conquerors." We think we cannot do better than give our readers a copy of the letter written by the firm in question to medical men generally in this connection. It will explain itself:

DEAR SIR,—We beg to call your attention to the following statement of facts, which we believe will be of great interest to you as a practising physician, relying upon the pharmacist for dispensing the medicine which you prescribe: On a recent date, a prescription of a . . . physician, ordering "Essence of Pepsine, Fairchild's," was sent to . . . drug store. The bottle dispensed upon this prescription was immediately sealed in the presence of a witness and expressed to us. A copy of the pre-

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