

his fingers into the muscles of a victim of lumbago should be shown the door in quick order. People will go a long way in the worship of a false idea.

9. The theory at the foundation of chiropractic is wrong, and this, of course, upsets all their speculations regarding disease and treatment. It is not true that subluxations or displacements of the vertebrae are common events. It is not true that the intervertebral fibro-cartilages are frequently distorted in shape by one edge being compressed. It is not true that the spinous and transverse process get out of alignment in the great majority of spinal columns. It is not true that the nerves would be compressed, even if there was some displacement, for the reason the foramina are so much larger than the nerves passing through them. It is not true that, if a nerve root is impinged, it would give rise to the growth of tumors, the development of arteriosclerosis, the formation of gallstones, the production of a predisposition to tuberculosis or any other infection, or the appearance of valvular disease of the heart. The chiropractic theory of nerve function is at variance with anything that is taught by sound physiology and correct anatomy. As a theory it is no more worthy of confidence than was the belief, in by-gone days, in the evil eye as the cause for the failure of the crops or the death of the cattle of an enemy. Chiropractic preventive medicine reduces itself to the examination of spines and the correction of subluxations in order that there be no predispositions acquired to any form of germ. When one looks at this sort of thing it does appear more mis-shapen than Caliban and more grossly foolish than anything Trinculo could have said. It would put old Falstaff to shame.

10. The chiropractic view of therapeutics is altogether too limited in scope, even if correct in its own field, which it is not. Surgery is therapeutic when it opens an abscess, removes a tumor, or reduces a dislocation. Electricity is therapeutics when the galvano-cautery is used to destroy unhealthy tissue, or the X-rays are employed to cure a lupus, or the faradic current sent through a paralyzed muscle. The bath is therapeutic when it is ordered for a patient suffering from hyperperexia. Change of climate is therapeutic for one suffering from chronic bronchitis. Manipulation and rubbing of a joint, stiffened by injury or rheumatism, is also therapeutic when properly applied. Drugs are also therapeutic, as witness, opium for the relief of pain, quinine for the cure of malaria, mercury for syphilis, and jaborandi to induce sweating. Obstetrics is therapeutic when it arrests a post-partum hæmorrhage. Gynæcology is therapeutic when it removes a uterine polypus. But chiropractic, poor chiropractic, is never therapeutic, except in a few cases where it acts through the mind of the patient by way of sug-