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PROFESSOR LORENZ IN AMERICA.

DR. Adolph Lorenz, the orthopedic surgeon of Vienna, scarcely needs an introduction to the readers of the JOURNAL. His fame has travelled far and wide so that few countries have failed to hear of him. Perhaps a retrospective glance at his recent visit to America will prove of interest.

Dr. Lorenz is a man of splendid physique and herculean strength, with a high forehead and penetrating eyes; a man of perfect learning and a genius as regards the structure and construction of bones. He has a keen sense of humor, is a ready speaker, and has the happy faculty of adapting himself to circumstances, as is evidenced by the faculty with which he entered into the American spirit during his stay in the United States. He came to America at the solicitation of Mr. Armour, a wealthy citizen of Chicago, whose little daughter had been suffering with that terrible deformity, congenital hip-joint dislocation. On arriving in that city he was pounced upon by the State Board of Examiners who demanded that he should pass an examination before commencing his charitable work. Could anything be more incongruous or ridiculous than to see a man of international reputation, a surgeon of world-famed ability, cornered by a few petty physicians, intellectual pygmies by comparison, and harassed like a school-boy with examination questions? To this humiliation Dr. Lorenz smilingly and uncomplainingly submitted, and we have every reason to believe that the examiners profited more by the event

than did the examined. Be it recorded to the shame of the United States—a land of boasted liberty—that it was the first foreign country that Dr. Lorenz had visited that permitted such an injustice or such a breach of etiquette within its boundaries. The examination being successfully passed and the prescribed fee paid (think of it), the worthy doctor was permitted to proceed with his work of humanity, and the operation was performed with success, amid the acclamations of thousands of anxious hearers throughout the country. The American press has published, with disgusting detail, the exact amount of the 'fee' paid for the operation, as though money could ever compare or be balanced with the restoration of a limb.

They have made the reward to appear as the greatest consideration, and while the reader is gaping in astonishment at this, he is prone to forget the invaluable service rendered. It is indeed surprising that these thoughtless chatterboxes should dare to even hint at a mercenary motive in one whose big heart throbs with love for his fellow creatures, and whose kindness, even at the time of writing, was bringing sunshine into hundreds of homes previously shadowed by disease.

Let it be said in defence of the great Viennese surgeon that gold would never have brought him thousands of miles to this country, but the cry of a sick child and the pleadings of loving parents—these were the potent forces, and it is these that will always bring the true and noble physician. Had Dr. Lorenz come to the United States with the purpose of making money, he would have returned to his home a multi-