

*Riddell: A Seventeenth Century Fee.*

That is the question ye are to try—and if ye find that his mode of cure is acknowledged in his profession, ye will give him your verdict; and if otherwise, not.

And it is naught that the Knight hath been cured. It may be that the powerful medicaments applied by his first attendant but succeeded in making their power felt after the plaintiff was consulted.

Ye may indeed think that if the plaintiff is right in his contention that it was but the unassisted *vis medicatrix naturae* which effected the cure, all the credit for the cure should be given to Dame Nature herself and the plaintiff deserveth none—having no credit, neither should he be given cash.

*(Verdict for the defendant.)*