

Bordeaux mixture, say three pounds of copper sulphate to three pounds of lime, to forty gallons of water. If the plants are in bloom, ammoniacal copper carbonate can be substituted, and by using this the flowers will not be stained. In house culture the fallen and diseased leaves should be carefully collected and destroyed. For the treatment of scale diseases a wash of strong soap suds is probably the best preventive. Kerosene emulsion, if applied frequently and carefully, will be found the most satisfactory on the whole.

## \* Open Letters. \*

### Quid Pro Quo.

SIR,—On page 315 may be read: "*As a rule* we need not expect the regular practising M.D.'s to recommend preventives to disease, when it puts money in their pockets to keep people comfortably sick." The rule by which the writer gauges his fellow-men is not a large one, neither does it indicate the possession of a large and generous disposition on his own part. The assertion is not only ill-natured, but untrue. It is not safe, evidently, for a member of the medical profession to call in question the authoritative declaration of this Solomon come to judgment. At least he may only do so at the risk of having his character basely aspersed. It is surely not calculated to strengthen a recommendation relating to medicine to allow it to be inferred that those who have made a special study of the subject are opposed to it. Possibly the use of fruit in the diet may be one of the very few practices that require no discretion in their application. Fruit, perhaps, does good always; but does harm never. An apple-diet may be the best for a dyspeptic. Because I am a practising M.D. I cannot be expected to know—or, at any rate, not to tell. The writer agrees with us, doctors, in one respect. When we find it necessary to give a particularly nasty dose, we endeavour to disguise the nauseousness of it by the addition of something nice. Acting on this principle, Mr. L. Foote would fain conceal the ill-nature that constitutes the active principle of his composition by mingling with it a little sanctimony. He has, however, overdone it, and the result is a compound so vile that it may be trusted to serve as its own antidote. Nevertheless these petty slurs upon a noble profession, to which mankind at large is so greatly indebted, are so often repeated and allowed to pass unrebuked, that every ill-natured fellow thinks he can do this thing with impunity. If the doctors are not all saints, it may yet be asserted that no body of workers on the footstool can compare favorably with them in the amount of gratuitous services ungrudgingly rendered to their fellows, irrespective of race, creed or social condition; in confirmation of which I appeal to the personal experience of each one of your readers. Yours truly,

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### Trotter's Hybrid Plum.

SIR,—In reply to your inquiry I may say that I have only one tree of my hybrid plum. Last year was the first bearing. This year I pulled a twelve-quart basket of plums from it, and I believe it will be very productive. The fruit is of uniform size and appearance, and colors well, taking on a beautiful bloom before it is fully ripe. It hangs well on the tree when it is ripe, and keeps well after being gathered. Twelve plums which I had at the exhibitions weighed 1 lb. 8 oz., and were much admired. Some of our best judges pronounce the quality excellent when fully ripe. The tree is a rapid and strong grower and appears to be healthy. It is from hardy parents. The foliage is thick and retains its leaves late in the season.

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