

flagrant abuse? Are the members of the medical profession satisfied with a condition of things in which such an abuse of privilege is possible? As a profession we deserve all the rebukes which are leveled at us from the bench, all the gibes of the press, as long as we permit this state of things to continue. More. We have to clean house ourselves. The medical profession may as well make up its mind to expect no assistance from the bar or the legislature. Not that the lawyers do not recognize the evil; not that they have not, of late, at least, been willing to co-operate, but because it seems impossible under our system of jurisprudence to draft a law changing the present practice which will not be declared unconstitutional by the courts. The sooner the medical profession recognizes that the cure of this crying evil rests with it and it alone, and that it is useless to expect reform from bar or legislature, the sooner shall we be rid of the disgrace. If we continue our present attitude of helplessness and supine content we shall, as a profession, deserve the contempt of the public and get it.—*New York State Journal of Medicine*, October, 1911.

CANADA'S CONSUMPTION OF WHISKEY AND CIGARS.

Canada's consumption of liquors and tobacco shows a marked increase for the past fiscal year. The per capita consumption of spirits was decimal 859 gallons, against decimal 815 gallons in 1910. That of beer was 5,434 gallons, as against 5,276 gallons; that of wine decimal 104 gallons, against decimal 097 gallons, while the tobacco used grew from 2,940 pounds per capita to 3,011 pounds. The total quantity of tobacco smoked was 18,903,322 pounds, against 17,961,279 pounds in 1910, and 17,210,710 pounds in 1909.

The cigarettes smoked reached the enormous total of 585,935,370, against 451,095,138 in 1910, and 356,756,130 in 1909.

The cigars smoked numbered 227,585,692, as compared with 205,820,851 in 1910, and 192,105,371 in 1909.

MEDICAL PREPARATIONS, ETC.

A DISTINCTIVE PIECE OF LITERATURE.

"Here is something different." This is apt to be the first thought of the physician upon breaking the wrapper of Parke, Davis & Co.'s new brochure on bacterial vaccines and tuberculins. And the external