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Two extraordinary cases were recently brought in the County Court of the county of York in the Province of Ontario against the Toronto Railway Company. The plaintiffs in both cases went to a respectable solicitor and represented that they had sustained injuries owing to the negligence of the servants of the company, and requested him to bring actions on their behalf against the company to recover damages for injuries said to have been received. It appeared that the plaintiffs in each case also went to a medical practitioner in good standing and also represented to him that they were suffering from these alleged injuries. This practitioner examined them and treated them accordingly. On one of the cases coming on for trial, at the suggestion of the defendant's counsel, the medical practitioner was first called as a witness, and detailed the injuries from which he thought the plaintiff was suffering and their probable duration. This evidence was given very circumstantially, and would lead one to think that the examination disclosed injuries which would be observable, apart from the statements of the plaintiff, who was, as we now know, simply hoaxing the doctor when pretending to be in pain when touched in certain places. It might of course be very difficult for any medical man to discover on such an examination that he was being hoaxed, especially when the patient was presumably telling the truth, and there was no apparent reason to expect any fraud.

After the doctor had given his evidence the plaintiff went into the box and deposed that he was not suffering, and never had suffered from any injury whatever, that he had hoaxed both his own solicitor and the medical practitioner when he had represented to them that he had suffered the injury in respect of