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Our legislative carpenters, when constructing the medical manger, grossly and grievously miscalculated its size; hence the limited number of dogs which it contains are continually barking at those without; these hapless animals. "cribbed, cabined, and confined" as they are by parliamentary enactment, find themselves largely incompetent to grapple with the ills which flesh inherits, and occupy their ample leisure by imitating a certain web-footed bird, and crying "quack" all round, except at their incompetent fellows. An illustration of this, most detrimental, as regards the welfare of the community, is subjoined; A gentleman who has *proved* his exceptional power to cure, in hundreds of cases in Toronto, has recently come within the grip of these medical dogs; he cures by means of homœopathy, and has obtained his degree from a homœopathic college in the States; he presented himself for examination two successive years, in this city and obtained about three times the number of marks required in order to pass; but the occupants of the manger barked, of course, and have succeeded in hounding him out of the country. *for the present*; whenever the legislative carpenters may repair the manger, we will hope that they will have sufficient consideration, at least for the city in which they assemble, to empower Mr. Inspector Awde to attach a collar and badge to the necks of these gentlemen, that the unsophisticated public may learn to shun them as they would hydrophobia. When they see the collar and badge on their necks, they will say to themselves, "fifteen grains of mercury!" and will govern themselves accordingly.

MEDICAL SALVATION ARMY.

The subjoined letter has not, so far as the Editor is aware, hitherto been published; it is published now without the knowledge of the gentleman to whom it was addressed. The circumstance of it having been indited by the Editor, while cross-examining the signatory thereof, accounts for it being in his possession.

To Mr. T. J. MASON:

OSPRINGE, 23rd February, 1881.

DEAR SIR,—If any case of restoration from a condition of powerlessness deserve to be recorded, I think it is my own. When I was twelve years of age, I seriously injured my back by falling from a swing. About six months afterwards, I lost the use of my lower limbs; they were so rigid, that no one could bend them, and so insensible to pain, that I have often stuck a pin into them without feeling it. I kept my bed in the above-named condition for eighteen conse-

cutive months. I need hardly observe that I sought the assistance of the medical profession, as represented by some score of gentlemen who are supposed to be experts in the art of healing, and this, without any other effect than the depletion of my pocket. For upwards of twelve years, I had to suffer from the consequences of my fall. About a twelve-month ago, a friend of mine at Ospringe provided me with some of Mr. Mason's British Magnetic Appliances, and I had not worn them more than half an hour, before I felt a gentle tingling in my legs, like a mild shock from a battery. After the lapse of three weeks, I was sufficiently restored to be able to walk, and before the end of April, I was following the plough. Since that time I have often been ploughing from 5:30 a. m. to 7 o'clock, p. m., and I trace my recovery solely to the instrumentality of skilfully applied magnetism.

WILLIAM MCCUTCHEON.

It is a fact which ought to be instructive, that not one of the twenty gentlemen who relieved Mr. McCutcheon of his dollars, as he lay a helpless paralytic, found it convenient to enquire by what means the change was accomplished, which resulted in his being steadily at plough from 5:30 a. m. to 7 o'clock, p. m.

The Honorary Registrar-General begs leave to submit to the Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly, the fact that there is at least one M. D. in Toronto, who is conversant with cases of cure of hydrophobia. A vapor-bath, as hot as the sufferer can bear it, every few hours, is one of the principal means employed.

The same physician, in a practice extending over twenty-five years, has not lost a patient from croup.

PILLS FOR "THE PROFESSION."

The accepting that bribe of \$600, on the part of the Medical Council, in consideration of granting a license to practise, at the cost of their neighbors' lives, is the more reprehensible when viewed in the light of the fact that the power to grant licenses and degrees was extended to the Council, in consequence of needy Colleges having proved unable to resist the temptation of a bribe. Whether the Legislative Assembly will plead "inebriety" for having indiscreetly extended such a power to the Council, as the Council did, for granting the license, is among the problems of the future.

"Practice" which may be termed sharp.—A medical practitioner of this city had been attending a patient, and the lady, on the score of economy, called on the doctor, on almost every occasion of seeking his aid; the doctor's bill, on a liberal calculation, could not have exceeded \$26; before it was sent in, he ordered goods from the lady's husband, which amounted to upwards of \$50, and remarkably enough, when his own bill came in, it corresponded with that of the merchant, within a few cents.

When the Legislative Assembly awakes to a becoming sense of its responsibility, in regard to the public health and life, we are of opinion that a heavy penalty should be inflicted on any doctor or nurse, who may approach a patient, when in any degree the worse for liquor.

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