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## MR. PESTIE'S OBSERVATIONS.

Mr. Pestle, the druggist, is one of the few who are teachable. and live to learn; one of the lessons Mr. P. has already learned is, that Doctors like thirty per cent. on their prescriptions, when they can obtain it. Mr. P. has also learned that his medical patrons like showy houses, etc. Lady Gullible casually informed Mr. Pestle that she had just defrayed a bill of $\$ 180.00$; under the comprehensive description of " medical attendance;" as Lady G. habitually purchases her dentifrice, her paint, and her powder at Mr. Pestle's store, Mr. P. bethinks him that his own future bills shall also be comprehensive; they will therefore be duly delivered under the general head of "Chymical attendance for six months, $\$ 80.00$."

The Honorary Registrar-General begs leave to submit to the Honorable Members of the Legislative Assembly, the fact that there is one physician in Toronto, who in twenty-two years' practice, has not lost a case of typhoid fever, has lost but one case of scarlet fever, no cases of diphtheria, and but three of twenty-seven cases of cancer, the majority of which had not broken.

## GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

There is one medical man in Toronto, whose belief in a mineral has manifested itself in the following fashion-Mr. A., the druggist, consented to give him twenty per cent. on all prescriptions, the Dr. might send to him; but unfortunately for Mr. A., Mr. B., of the same vocation, offered twenty-five per cent., and of course secured the prescriptions; the astute Mr. B., alas ! in due time had to bewail the evanescense of the said prescriptions, for Mr. C. had turned up with an offer of thirty per cent. If there be a druggist who considers his customers sufficiently verdant to submit to the imposition of the screw to the extent of thirty-five per cent., and is prepared to negociate with our medical friend, we shall be happy to introduce him to the Doctor, for a conideration.

Why do people for the most part die? Because they have not learned to live.

## BIRTH OF HOMCEOPATHY.

The subjoired narrative may be said to be that of the birth of homoopathy :-" "For the sake of experiment," says Hahnemann, "I took for several days four guenchen of good cinchona twice a day; my feet, the tips of my fingers, etc., first became cold, and I felt tired and sleepy, then my heart began to beat, my pulse became hard and quick ; I had an insufferable feeling of uneasiness, a trenıbling (but without chill), a weariness in all my limbs; then a beating in my head, redness of the cheeks, thirst, in short, all the old symptoms with which I was familiar in ague appeared one after another, yet without any actual chill or rigor. In brief, also those particularly characteristic symptoms such as I was wont to observe in agues, obtuseness of the senses, the kind of stiffness in all the limbs, but especially that dull disagreeable feeling which seems to have its seat in the periosteum of all the bones of the body-they all put in an appearance. This paroxysm lasted each time two or three hours, and came again afresh whenever I repeated the dose, but not otherwise., I left off, and became well."-Ecce Medicus, pp. 107, 108.

## NOT SO VERDANT.

A physician in Toronto, whose license to practise is based on a bogus degree, produced a real degree with much self-complacency, while conversing with the editor of "Medical Criticism" recently. The real degree has been sent him lately from Chicago, "honoris causa;" as he made the second " 0 " short in pronouncing it, we may presume that classical proficiency was not included in the "honoris causa."

## VACCINATION.

Dr. Edward Jenner discovered that Vaccination once performed with one mark, prevented Small-pox for life.

The People found that it did not.
Doctors then discovered that Vaccination, with four good marks prevented Small-pox for life.

The People find that it does not.
The Doctors next discovered that Vaccination, if properly done, mititigated Small-pox.

The People find that it does not.
The Doctors afterward discovered that re-vaccination would prevent Small-pox, if efficiently or successfully performed.

The People find that it does not.
The Doctors then discovered that efficient Vaccination in infancy and successful re-vaccination at the age of fourteen, prevented deaths from Small-pox.

The People find it otherwise.

