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A Medical Stew.

During the past few says there has been considerable talk upon the streets regarding one Dr. Cannon who is stopping here with friends, and who has bought property in Charlevoix intending to settle there for the practice of his profession. He is now treating Mrs. H.C. Wilde for cancer, and we understand is being denounced by certain physicians as a "quack". People generally understand that the biggest ass in the country, if only he dubs himself "doctor" by the grace of an Allopathic school, held it as a privilege and a duty to regard physicians of other schools as "quacks". The people however who pay doctor bills place a somewhat different signification upon the word. A "quack", is an incompetent who takes his patients money without giving value therefore in skill and knowledge; and in such case it is of no earthly consequence to the sick man what particular "pathy" turned him loose on the world. We like fair play we have looked up the matter regarding Dr. Cannon. It happens that the doctor has a number of old friends in Petoskey who have known all about his practice for fifteen years past, and who are indignant at the treatment he has received here. Among those old acquaintances and patients are Hiram Parker, Esq., Mr. Edwin Bennet and Mrs. Hattie Powell. Dr. Cannon is a graduate of the Pennsylvania Medical College. Has had an extensive and lucrative general practice in Iosco, Livingstone county for fifteen years, and although very successful in the treatment of cancers, has taken only those cases which came to him in the course of his general practice. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." Mrs. Wilde has given the Petoskey doctors a chance to cure her and they haven't done it. We don't see that it is any of their business now if she puts herself into Dr. Cannon's hands. If he cures her he will prove himself to be less of a quack than those who have failed. If he does not cure her the case is certainly no worse in his hands. Meanwhile until Dr. Cannon violates the code of medical ethics, by securing practice through false pretenses or snide advertising dodges, professional denunciation will not enhance the reputation of those indulging in it.