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not medical, is admitted an M.D. at once. I shall feel obliged by your inserting the above letter. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

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GERMAN DIPLOMAS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—In your Number of July 10, in a letter signed "*Suum Cuique*," several persons are spoken of in an unwarrantable manner, as it appears to me, by an anonymous writer; I therefore feel that such letters should in common fairness be signed by the name of the writer.

I pass over in silence the conduct of the individual who can write to a practitioner privately relative to the purchase of half his practice, and then publish it in a journal,—for such conduct to all honest men will speak for itself; but for my young friend, who advertised under the name of John George, I will make a few remarks, I being the cause of his advertising degrees.

I wrote some two years since to the College of Physicians, stating that I was a medical practitioner in London, that I had passed my examinations, and that I had my degree of M.D. from Germany; I therefore wished to know if I could offer myself for examination at the London College. The answer I received was, that I must have attended three years' physician's practice, in addition to the above qualifications. I could only produce one, though I had many years of surgical practice; the result of which was, that I could not be admitted to the London College: so that a medical man who has gone through a regular professional education, passed his other examinations, and been in practice for years, is not eligible to offer himself at the London College. I then pointed out to my friend the facilities he had of procuring degrees for medical men, which are sufficient for London practice, and of which up to this moment he avails himself; but the University will only grant them to professional men of some standing, who can produce medical qualifications and certificates of moral conduct. I certainly consider it a disgrace to the profession that foreign degrees are permitted here; but so long as they are, in my opinion it does not reflect on the respectability of the parties holding them (and so have thought many of our leading practitioners, and so thought "*Suum Cuique*," till he found the money too much), but on the College of Physicians, who refuse legalised practitioners, of years' standing, an examination at their board; though a man who has never seen a patient, or dissected a muscle, if he have been to Oxford or Cambridge, to become classical,

AN ADVENTURE IN "PRACTICE."

A STRIKING exemplification of the proceedings of the more adventurous druggists has recently been presented to our notice in the parish of St. Pancras. A single woman, aged thirty-three, while standing in the shop of a tradesman, was suddenly taken ill with a severe pain in the abdomen, which she considered to be "cramp in the stomach." She was immediately conveyed to bed in the greatest agony, and a person was sent to "*fetch a doctor*," under which title the assistant of a druggist in the next street, on behalf of his master, at once attended, subsequently giving the following account of his proceedings:—

"I was called to her about three o'clock in the afternoon; I found her labouring under a severe pain in the lower part of the abdomen. She said it came on suddenly, and she took a glass of gin and bitters for it, and said she felt worse after she had taken it. I thought from the symptoms it was a case of *indigestion, with griping pains*; but I could not *make it out* very clearly, as I could not get her to answer my questions very well, I treated it as such, and saw her again about five o'clock. She seemed a little easier, but the pain *still remained*. I applied fomentations, and saw her again about nine o'clock: she was easier, but the pain *still remained*. I then applied some leeches, and gave some opening medicine, and heard no more about it till the next morning."

By midnight,—after this regular series of "medical attendances" and medical treatment in a case which the druggist could not "*make out very clearly*,"—the friends of the patient finding her in a dying state, sent for other aid, and procured the immediate visit of a surgeon who resided close at hand, but before whose arrival she was dead, when the examination of the body disclosed an extra-uterine pregnancy and a perforation of the Fallopian tube, which had produced the sudden pain and fatal result by a gradual but enormous hæmorrhage into the abdomen, every organ of the body and the whole surface being blanched as a consequence. In structure the whole frame was perfectly healthy. The life of the patient must have been beyond hope from the moment of the accident, but in any case it would have been "*all the same*" to the druggist.