PROGRESSIVE MATERIA MEDICA.

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The notorious Dr. H. R. Arndt, professor of materia medica at Ann Arbor, and the author of the most progressive eclectic works on practice, sailing under homœopathic colors and indorsed by the progressive management of the Hahnemann Publishing Company, and by the subsidized press; indorsed also, apparently, by the American Institute of Homœopathy, this said H. R. Arndt is out with a circular addressed "to the profession."

Firstly, I thank said Dr. Arndt for not sending me, and other homœopathists, that circular, as I have been for almost half a century a true Hahnemannian, and do not hesitate to express my protests against the said Dr. Arndt's attempt to pervert Homœopathy into vile eclecticism. Said Dr. Arndt seems to think it necessary to abuse Dr. H. C. Allen for having done his simple duty in exposing Dr. Arndt's heresy and incompetency. The accusation is that Dr. Arndt asked as the first question for the final examination of the senior class, "*Give the composition of twenty-five grains of Dover's powder, dose for an adult. Give dose for an adult of Pulv. Opii; amount of Opium represented by one and a-half grains of Morphia.*"

Professor Arndt is finding fault with Dr. H. C. Allen in not mentioning the subsequent questions! There is nothing in them to show that Arndt is competent to teach or examine on homœopathic materia medica, and even if they were questions well put it would not show why the first question was past criticism. And it is an ordinary event for these progressivists-into-vile-eclecticism to give themselves away. Arndt desires to state that *he* has seen serious results arise, *even in the practice of avowed Hahnemannians*, from the utter ignorance of the nature and dose of certain drugs used non-homœopathically.

So have others seen the same thing. Why is it so? The graduates of the so-called homœopathic colleges do as their teachers do. They profess to be homœopathists in order to DECEIVE the people and practice what such men as Dr. Arndt have taught them—"*Eclecticism.*" And Professor Arndt commits himself when he makes that objectionable assertion. And now I shall ask this teacher a few questions. What have Dover's powders to do with Homœopathy or its materia medica? Does Homœopathy use sudorifics, and where does Professor A. find any authority for such an absurdity in any of Hahnemann's

writings? Do homœopathists legitimately use Pulv. Opii? Does Hahnemann not condemn severely the use of Opium as a palliative? What has Homœopathy to do with Morphia? The progressive materia medica of Dr. Arndt, by his own showing, includes a compound: Dover's powders; Opium in substance pulverized; Morphia in half grain doses. The profession at large—I mean both the old school and the homœopathic school—are beholden to Dr. H. C. Allen for his exposition of Dr. Arndt's incompetency, and to Dr. Arndt for his plea of "guilty." Dr. Arndt says he will teach Homœopathy as *he* understands it, not as Hahnemann taught it. Mark that! As HE. Professor Arndt, understands it! His Opus on practice, and the first question he asked the senior class, are a plea of "guilty," and Dr. H. C. Allen's charges are fully proven by Professor Arndt's self-stultification.

PEACE-OFFERINGS: AN OLIVE LEAF.

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The progressive, anti-dogma wing of the homœopathic school, yearning for recognition, have distinguished themselves once more, and have given rise to a new phase of the history of medicine. As it cannot be long before this recognition craze will evaporate, it may be as well to put on record the events of a few years, if for no other purpose than to complete history, and exhibit the folly of the recognition seekers, showing them how they are not only not successful in their attempts to patch up a peace, but how, in fact, they receive a severe rebuke from the other side of the house. A year ago we were reminded by Dr. Bowditch that Dr. Conrad Wesselhœft kindly consented to give his views upon Homœopathy to the members of the Boylston Medical Society of the Harvard Medical School. Now, to return the compliment, the Hahnemann Society of the Boston University have requested Vincent Y. Bowditch, A. B., M. D. (Harvard), to state his views upon the much-vexed question of the difference between the homœopathic form of practice *as now known* and that of the "Old," or "Regular School." Dr. Conrad Wesselhœft did give "*his views*" upon Homœopathy, and any one who desires to know what his individual views are is reminded of the fact that Otis Clapp & Son, Boston, have that precious lecture for sale. This lecture of Dr. Conrad Wesselhœft before the Boylston Medical Society of the Harvard