

tection of the health of the people and assist in the prolongation of human life and the increase of human happiness.

DISCUSSION.

Dr. H. M. Whelpley inquired as to what proportion of the patents granted were for patent medicines?

Mr. M. I. Wilbert replied that, owing to the destruction by fire of the Patent Office in 1836, it would be difficult if not impossible to ascertain how many of the earlier patents were for medicinal preparations.

Story's Cure for Hydrophobia was patented in 1796, and was one of the earlier patents that appeared in general literature. Comparatively few are so mentioned. One of these is the patent on Lee's Biliious Pills recorded in the proceedings of the Medical Society of Connecticut.

Dr. Lee was a regular practicing physician in good standing, and under the code of ethics, his contemporaries objected to his holding a patent and ejected him from the society. In order to regain his standing, Dr. Lee signed an agreement that the members of the society and others of the medical profession in good standing could use his formula for Biliious Pills without interference.

Mr. Otto Raubenheimer stated that he had in his store,—which dated back to 1870—a jar which was labeled "Lee's Biliious Pills." These had evidently been used up to as late as 1870, since the jar was carefully labeled.

THERAPEUTIC "FREEDOM."

Senator Works, of California, who is a Christian scientist, and whose wife is a Christian science "practitioner," is traveling around the country making speeches against "allopathic despotism." He is very much concerned because the medical service of the army, navy and marine hospital service is in the hands of regulars, and because President Taft has recently made it unlawful for any physician to practice medicine in the Panama Canal zone without passing an examination and securing a medical license.

I suppose that the good senator would very much prefer that a Christian science practitioner should be billeted to every regiment, and one assigned to every ship. By energetic treatment before battle all discomforting wounds could undoubtedly be prevented, all casualties would thus be averted, and the dove-eyed eagle of peace would inevitably roost upon our banners. Also, all diseases could be given comfortable absent treatment over the after-dinner tea, including the great scourage of the camps of Mars—*lues venerea*.

And what a shame it is that the government should spend all this good money in draining swamps, installing expensive sewage systems, killing off flies, mosquitoes and other troublesome insects (whose tender hearts might be touched by the silent message of Truth), screening dwelling houses, and rigidly enforcing observance of sanitary laws.

Just think how many Christian science temples this money would build!—
Clinical Medicine.