

### An Up-to-date Doctor.

I was riding with a country doctor one day, when an old farmer hailed him on the road: "Say, doctor, I have got a lame back; what shall I do for it?" "Oh," said the doctor, "you have strained it. Just get a plaster and put it on." The man thought he had been getting something for nothing, but the doctor called him back and said: "A man of your age must look out for kidney trouble; you had better come into the office and let me examine you." As we drove on the doctor chuckled and said, "I will get five dollars for that examination." "Do you think he has kidney trouble?" I innocently asked. "No," replied the doctor; "you could not kill that man with a club, but he is the richest man in the county, and he was trying to work me!"

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### Diagnosis by Exclusion.

"There is nothing the matter with you," persisted the Eddyite, "absolutely nothing. Can I not convince you?"

"Let me ask you a question?" replied the sick man.

"A thousand if you like."

"Well, suppose a man has nothing the matter with him, and he dies of it, what didn't he have the matter with him?"—*Philadelphia Press.*