

Medical Aphorisms.

A correspondent signing himself "Artz" sends to the *Canada Lancet* the following professional aphorisms of Amedee Latour:

1. Life is short, patients fastidious, and the brethren deceptive.

2. Practice is a field of which tact is the manure.

3. Patients are comparable to flannel—neither can be quitted without danger.

4. The physician who absents himself runs the same risk as the lover who leaves his mistress; he is pretty sure to find himself supplanted.

5. Would you rid yourself of a tiresome patient, present your bill.

6. The patient who pays his attendant is but exacting; he who does not is a despot.

7. The physician who depends upon the gratitude of his patient for his fee is like the traveler who waited upon the bank of a river until it would finish flowing that he might cross to the other side.

8. Modesty, simplicity, truthfulness!—cleansing virtues, everywhere but at the bedside; there simplicity is construed as hesitation; modesty as want of confidence, truth as impoliteness.

9. Remember always to appear to do something—above all when you are doing nothing.—*Northwestern Lancet.*