

any good; and now I will conclude by telling you that I do not think the stuff half so strong as soap-suds; and as for Miss Cashin and others, its all my eye; they were not killed; they died. I say I do not think it so strong as soap-suds, and just to satisfy you, Gentlemen, I will take down my breeches, and show you the comparative results of both liquids. Here is a small ruddy patch on the outside of the knee, that is the effect of the rubber-in and his liquid; and this, a more extensive patch of the same description, inside the knee, is the effect of soap-suds. You see the difference, Gentlemen; and as the day is rather chilly, I shall not waste time in buttoning-up. My third proceeding with poor Cook must be postponed. I wish you a good morning.

INQUEST AT WINDSOR.

NOTE FROM THE CORONER.

SIR:—In THE LANCET of the 13th instant you inserted a letter from Mr. Fowler, of this place, under the signature of "CHIRURGUS," containing an ex-parte statement of an Inquest held by me on Ann Brundell.

From such statement you have thought proper to call the Inquest an imperfect one, and to censure me. Under such circumstances I consider that, as an act of justice, you will insert my statement in refutation of your opinion as to the imperfection of the Inquest.

The woman cut her throat in such a determined manner, that she severed her head from her body. Every fact relative to the act, and to her state of mind, was furnished in an ample manner by the nurses and other inmates of the Alms-house in which she resided. I put it to the Jury whether they wished for the medical attendance of the gentleman who saw her, when they unanimously declared that they saw no necessity for giving him that trouble. As regards myself, I have no prejudice against any member of the medical profession, and am always desirous of availing myself of their evidence whenever there appears to be occasion for it; and had I summoned Mr. Fowler I could not have ordered him any payment for his trouble. The reasons for calling in the attendance of medical men are so clearly and forcibly stated in the comments you have made on the Medical Witnesses Bill in THE LANCET of last week, that I need only refer them to your re-perusal, and likewise to that of your readers. I am quite sure, that had I called Mr. Fowler in, in this case, particularly as it occurred before the passing of the Medical Witnesses Bill, I should have been accused of unnecessarily taking up his time without remuneration.

I likewise think that Mr. Fowler ought to have been the last person to accuse any one of a dereliction of duty, for during a period of nearly three months which he attended

the deceased, and when she had frequently complained of the most dejected feelings, he never once recommended that she should be watched or taken care of. Had he informed the trustees of the Alms-house of her deranged state of mind, measures would instantly have been taken to have had her removed to a Lunatic Asylum, when such a catastrophe as was the occasion of the Inquest, would never have occurred. I am, Sir, your very obedient servant,

THOS. W. MARLIN.
Windsor, 24th Aug., 1836.

MR. PUFF'S REPUDIATION OF MR. SIMPLE.

SIR:—I was much surprized at perceiving a letter in your journal from my friend Mr. PETER SIMPLE, wherein he has very much abused my confidence by sending to you the details of a private conversation which passed between him and me, when he visited Manchester to be present at the medical festival. There are some persons who say that that meeting did no manner of good to the professional men here. I deny it. I say that there are many persons who derive benefit from these meetings, and I now regret my stupidity in keeping away from it, for, Mr. Editor, the names of those, of the doctors especially, who attended, were all well advertised in the papers, and in this age there is nothing to be done without puffing, positively none. The letter of Peter Simple, I am told, has given much pain to some of the parties. To this I would not for all the world have been a party, and I hereby offer to give up the name of the offender, if the parties concerned will only reward me with a surgeonship to one of their "charities," and make me a lecturer. This is not an unreasonable demand, for in an advertisement in the newspapers last Saturday, they have announced the names of three of their friends and lecturers, as *surgeons to a charity that positively does not exist!* If then, they will only aid my efforts to rise in the world in the same way, even if they only allow me to partake of the advantages of this non-existent charity system, because there is no labour attached to the office, I shall be content. My friends may be indignant at this offer, but I am quite resolved to be a surgeon to some charity. My bosom glows with the elating prospect, and I am quite sure that I shall prove myself as well able to "further the interests of science and humanity" in the office, as the lad whom they have just "appointed." Perhaps I have not so much confidence (or brass), and, unluckily, I have no uncle connected with the parties, but I will see if I cannot get hold of one of their nieces, or sisters, or an aged grandmother even. I am, Sir, &c.,

PAUL PUFF,
Manchester, August 22, 1836.