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HOW LONG?

Dr. Ignaz Semmelweiss was fired from his position in an Austrian Hospital because he insisted, even demanded, that his fellow physicians wash their hands before examining patients after the physician left the anatomical or dissecting laboratories.

Dr. Lister was derided for his thoughts on asepsis, and all he ever did was to use his carbolic solutions. His end results were so obvious that no one could argue with them, yet, it remained for the Germans, not the English to become aware of the fine end results of Lister's efforts.

Dr. Melvin Page has pointed out in his book, "DEGENERATION & REGENERATION", that anyone who advances anything new is met with derisive remarks and shunned by his colleagues of the profession. Dr. Fredrich Molt made the observation that this is particularly true in the professorial ranks.

In face of these recognized historical findings, the question becomes,

"Are you using your Caecanometer?"

"Are you using or making colorimetric chartings?"

OR

"Are you just fitting "specs?"

Last week a patient reported to the office of an oral surgeon. She reported "my glasses constantly need changes...They are never right except for a few weeks." This condition has been going on for over a year. Her Optometrist was one of the original owners of a caecanometer.

The patient gave all the clinical classical symptoms of oral sepsis, even mal-occluding full upper and lower dentures. In addition, she was also complaining of multiple denture fittings.

After questioning the patient, it was learned "only eye charts were looked at and a prescription for new glasses was given." These she related "were no better than the old."

This Optometrist, with his lack of personal interest in his patient is demanding by his actions, expansion and growth of the "commercial houses". He apparently is only interested in the "fast buck" and should be classed in the same category as the dentist who only "drills, fills and bills."

Use your knowledge ..your efforts will pay off mentally and financially and the racketeers cannot compete with you.