

A FORTUNATE PHYSICIAN.

LITTLE PRACTICE BUT A WIFE WELL
TO DO.

Dr. Hubbard W. Mitchell, who lives in a handsome house at 747 Madison-avenue, was examined before Franklin Bien yesterday, in supplementary proceedings instituted by Louis Schlessinger to collect a judgment of \$507 37, which he recovered of the doctor in the City Court in November, 1877. Although Dr. Mitchell is a practicing physician and lives in good style, he claims that he is not pecuniarily able to pay his debts, and a sharp cross-examination could not make him acknowledge the ownership of any worldly goods except a few medical books, worth about \$20, and a set of shirt studs, worth a nominal sum.

"Don't you own a watch?"

"No."

"How do you count your patient's pulse without a watch?"

"Oh, I carry a watch, of course; but it belongs to my wife. I haven't owned a watch since 1873, when one was stolen from me."

"Have you no surgical instruments?"

"No. I haven't a great many patients. I have only made four professional visits since July 13, and I have only collected \$10 or \$12 from my practice since that time."

The lawyer seemed wearied of Dr. Mitchell's poverty, but he gathered strength after a few minutes' rest and went at him again. The doctor admitted that his residence was full of elegant and expensive furniture; that it contained valuable paintings, some of them the work of Mrs. Mitchell, and others purchased at Venice, Baden-Baden, and other places in Europe, four statues, and many specimens of artistic work; but he swore that they all belonged to his wife, Sarah M. Mitchell. He said that he rented his office, which is in his residence, of his wife. He had been a physician 25 years he admitted, but had only been in active practice four years, and he kept no books. He and his wife had one son, Clarence, who was in Colorado, and Mrs. Mitchell supported him as well as her husband. Dr. Mitchell swore stoutly that the property now in his wife's hands had never been transferred by him to her, directly or indirectly.

After the examination Judge Browne appointed Henry Joseph Receiver of the shirt studs and the medical books.