ANOTHER PROVERB EXPLODED.

If Death Loves a Shining Mark He Gets Cruelly Taken Very Poor Aim.

They had been discussing the death of a prominent member of the bar, and the lawyer remarked with a sigh:

"Well, 'Death loves a shining mark.'"

"Nonsense," retorted the doctor. "There is about as much truth in that saying as in 'Death is no respecter of persons.'

"Study your history and you'll find that if Death loves a shining mark he is one of the worst marksmen in the world. Look up statistics and you'll find that he gives the rich every favor.

"There's Bismarck, Moltke, Bismarck and Blaine. What a trio to shine at if he had any confidence in his marksmanship! All three have been shining marks for years, and he has never even winged them. And what's the matter with Von Moltke, Pope Leo and Queen Victoria? They're all old, but death has hardly touched them. And Hannibal Hamlin! As hale and hearty as a man of his years can be. If you stop and think a moment you can add a score of names to those I have given.

"Then go into history. How about William II of Germany? And George Washington? And Dr. Johnson? And Ben Franklin? And Darwin? True, death got them in the end, as he gets all, but if he loves a shining mark he must have wanted an awful lot of ammunition. He must have missed Bismarck a number of times.

"The saying is an absurd one every way you look at it. The shining marks have generally lived long, because the average mortal has to live long to become a shining mark. Fifty nine-tenths of the shining marks have lived to a good old age, and death never hit the majority of them until they were ready to drop from toothlessness.

"Of course he occasionally hits a shining mark, but you will generally find that he had his man wounded before he became such a shining mark. The late Emperor Frederick of Germany was hit before he became emperor.

"And the other, 'Death is no respecter of persons.' Just look it up. Measles are ten times as fatal among the poor as among the rich, typhoid fever twice as fatal, scarlet fever three times, pneumonia twice, and so on to the end of the list. Consumption is nearly thirteen times as fatal to the babies of the poor.

"By the way, how old was your friend?"

"About seventy-six, I think."—Chicago Tribune.

Value of Honor in a Child.

When you come to consider all good qualities you find them summed up in and contained in honor. I constantly hold it before my babes as the all in all. Do yes wish them to be truthful? If they have the instinct of honor they will be truthful. Do you wish them to be pure? If honor is clear and bright then they are pure. I will tell you what birthday present I have just from about the neck of my oldest boy—a gold locket with the word honor engraved inside. I wish him to wear it forever. Honor is the sun of the soul. I do not care for my boy's creed or for his politics.

If he have unsullied honor he is sure to have unsullied religion and citizenship. This I advise them. That more than be rich, be honest