

HORSELESS CARRIAGES IN AMERICA.

To a physician in Youngstown, Ohio, is due the distinction of being the first medical man in the United States to make use of a motor carriage for the purpose of working his practice. Dr. Carlos Booth terms his vehicle a motor cab, has used it for several months, finds it an excellent substitute for one drawn by a horse, and prefers it in most respects to that animal as a motive power. In this carriage Dr. Booth has attained a speed on the level of ten miles per hour, and climbed an incline of from 10 to 15 per cent. grade at the rate of five miles per hour. It seems that motor carriages should prove especially useful to the general practitioner, and particularly to the country one, on whose shoulders the burden of maintaining the two or three horses, with their attendant expenses, necessary for a large and scattered practice falls very heavily. At present the initial cost is large, but, on the other hand, the cost of working horseless carriages is small and the country roads of England, unlike those of America, are peculiarly well adapted to their use. Cripples, paralytics, and those who retain the use of their arms but have no control over their lower limbs should find these vehicles of the greatest service; they would not only be able to travel by means of them without assistance, but also be able to amuse themselves with corresponding benefit to their health.