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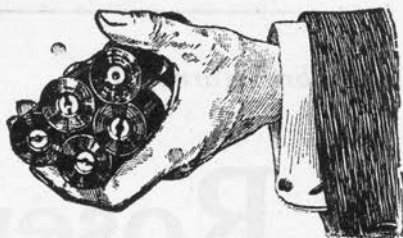
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CHANGES IN THE PULSE STAFF

J. Cullen Root has resigned his position on the staff. On account of other work, he could not find time to devote to the managerial duties of the magazine. Maud Miller succeeds him in the position of business manager. Dwight Hughes has been appointed to the position of assistant business manager for the remainder of the year.

"OVERALLS"

The latest wave of feeling against the high cost of living has taken an outlet in the overall movement. All over the country, business men, lawyers, judges, college men and school children have been wearing this style of clothing to work. In some places clubs have been formed to enforce stringent rules and in some cases the forfeit for breaking one of these rules are really high. At Sharon, Pennsylvania, members who appear in anything but the prescribed overalls are subject to a ducking in the Erie Canal.

On the other hand, there are those people who refuse to ally themselves to such a movement. This makes it much more difficult for those

who are in favor of the movement to carry out their plans. The main reason those who oppose it have, is that as soon as there is a large demand for overalls, they will go up so that they will be just as expensive to wear as business clothes. They base their arguments on the cotton hosiery drive. When that drive was on, the articles doubled their price in a day.

The movement is also taking action in the college world. This in our opinion is the place where by all means it should be carried out. At Columbia University, boys and girls are to wear overalls and khaki to the Junior Prom, the biggest social event of the season at that place.

This movement has just begun in Lincoln circles. There has been quite a little talk, but nothing definite was noticed until it was noticed in an advertisement, asking for seamsters to work on overalls. Because of the great demand for them, local manufacturers are swamped.

We think that the pre medics, medics, engineers, geologists, and other students who have many laboratory courses are the ones to get behind this movement. What would be better than to wear overalls to the laboratories that are so disastrous to good clothes? Student opinions on the subject will be gladly published in the next issue.

HERE AND THERE

Walter W. Becker, ex-freshman, left this week for Denver, Colo., where he is going to practice dentistry.

Dr. H. E. Eggers, head of the Pathology Department, is spending his spring vacation in Winipeg, Canada.

Frank A. Nelson spent his vacation visiting his grandparents in Knoxville, Iowa. How come, Frank, that you are not polishing your Phi Chi pin?

Most of the freshmen class spent their vacations at their homes, the favorite past-time was grumbling at the weather.

Slocumb said that he had a fine vacation. He remembers one day of it. Where does Slocumb live?

Dr. Lyman in the last Anatomy exam, flunked only twelve men. They feel very much honored having been named, "The Twelve Apostles."

Now that Neurology has started the freshmen have extra worries. Some of the class were insulted on being informed that they would have to dissect a pig. The common complaint being, "I want a human."

Max Gentry, freshman, President of the Students Volunteer Association of Nebraska, is attending the convention in New York City, which is being held there from April 9th to 12th. Each district sends one delegate. There will be eighty delegates from the United States and Canada.

THE EXTENDED PREMEDIC COURSE

By Roy Whitham

Although it is against the University policy to advise any student to take any more than the prescribed two years of pre medic work, there are undoubtedly a great many advantages of extending the pre medic period to include more than two years. Of course it would not be advisable to increase the requirement for pre medics to include three or four years, but in every class there are a few students who could well afford to spend an extra year or two in pre medic training.

A great many men are starting their pre medic training at seventeen or eighteen years of age. If these men go straight through with the six year course, they will receive their M.D.'s when they are twenty two or twenty three years old. Surely, a man of that age cannot have gotten as much practical knowledge of medicine during his years at the medical school as he would have if he had entered a year or two later in life, when he was more mature and more sincere in his attitude toward the work. Then, also, what is a man of that age to do when he gets a degree? After a year or two of internship, he would still be very young to start out in the professional world, as he is bound to do. Might he not have spent a year or two longer in college and come out a more mature man with a greater knowledge of medicine to say nothing of a greater amount of confidence of the people among whom he starts his practice?

One of the fondest memories of an old college man, is to look back upon his college days, not from the point of view of what he learned from books, but what he learned from the other side of college life, from his daily association with other men of all types which are found in any college. If he has ever given any of his time to the building up or carrying on the activities of that college, its memories are all the fonder for as has often been said, a man gets good out of any organization in proportion to what he gives in time and energy and interest, to its betterment. A pre medic gets much college spirit in two years and as soon as he gets into medical school, his college spirit is over, for all his time is absorbed in the interests of his profession. A man who has spent four years in one college and has been imbued with its spirit can never look back upon those years with regret, for the love of his Alma Mater will be a part of him all his life.

Although all these things are true, the greatest benefit to be derived from a prolonged pre medic course is the broadening effect it has on the student. The prescribed two year course of the pre medic is crowded full of science in which the student gets hold of a multitude of facts and theories, but which he retains only as such, without their being correlated into anything like a consistent whole. An extra year or two gives the student an opportunity to take advanced courses in science and philosophy

which serve as a means of getting the science correlated and unified in his conception. In such shape he will retain them much longer and will be able to make more practical applications of them in his professional life. This extra time in college will enable the student to get a smattering of art and literature, history and government, education and philosophy, all of which serve to make him a broader and more cultured man, a better citizen and a more valuable asset to the medical profession. The medical man together with the other cultured and professional men must be the intellectual and social leader in his community. If he is a broad minded and cultured man, it will be for the benefit of the community, but if he is educated only in his own profession, he will be less competent as a leader and generally less successful. To be sure a man who spends only two years in pre medic work is not necessarily narrow minded. He may broaden from his own reading and conversation, but the opportunities are better for him if he spends the time taking supervised courses such as are offered in the University.

There are and probably always will continue to be good doctors who have had no cultural training, but at the same time there are good doctors who had such training and are strong advocates of the extended pre medic course. As science progresses, the tendency is toward longer and longer college courses for professional men. Eventually all the first class medical schools will probably require a bachelor's degree for entrance, and when that time comes, the doctor will surely be a better educated man than he is today. Until then, we must be satisfied with the present system, but let us not try to discourage anyone who is willing to spend an extra year or two in college. The medical profession can get along without him for that length of time, and surely the broadly educated man is a credit to the profession.

PREMEDIC DAY AT OMAHA

The annual Premedic Day at the University College of Medicine was a success in every respect. Over one hundred premedic students made the trip Friday, April 23rd despite the unfavorable weather of the early morning. The party, whose enthusiasm was not dampened by the rain, was chaperoned by Dean Lyman and Dr. Barker. The lively group of "embryo physicians" eagerly arrived at the Burlington Station in Omaha where they were met by cars and rushed out to the University Hospital. A program made up of many interesting features had been prepared and every minute of the visitors' time had been planned. The morning was spent in the clinic operating rooms at the University Hospital where two operations had been arranged, and also a medical clinic. Dr. J. E. Summers performed an operation for double hernia, and Dr. Davis removed the prostrate glands. Dr. Anderson, who held the Medical Clinic, handled a heart case. The program of the morning was completed with a demonstration of the X-ray machine and some X-ray pictures of unusual cases. The entire clinical work of the skilled surgeons and physician was attended with much interest on the part

of the prospective M.D.'s, for most of whom this was a new experience. A number of the spectators found the warm, ether laden air and the gruesome incisions a little too much for them and sought the fire escape to the roof for fresh air. However, of the thirteen girls present not one changed color or showed the white feather.

At noon a luncheon was served in the hospital dining room. The afternoon was occupied with an inspection of the hospital and the University Laboratories. The Lincoln students had an opportunity of seeing what their future work in the course will cover. The glimpse of the advanced work and the well equipped laboratories revived the interest of every premedic in the medical course, which has a tendency, to become irksome, on account of its routine and length, in spite of the efforts of the professors to enliven it. It is only right that the premedic group express its appreciation for the hospitality and courtesy extended by the Omaha University Faculty, Students, and Hospital Staff in making the entire day pleasant and profitable.

The Smoker at the University Club in the evening rounded out a full day. Among the speakers were Dr. Gifford, Dr. Davis, and Dr. Brown who addressed the men on various topics relative to the profession. The refreshments and the entertainment of the Nu Sigma Nu's and the Phi Rho Sigma's added enjoyment to the program. The body of pre-medics returned on the late train to Lincoln expressing itself highly pleased with the College of Medicine and with the Omaha men.



Dr. F. D. Barker

DEAN CUTTER TALKS TO PREMEDICS

Dean I. S. Cutter of the Medical College was a guest of honor at a luncheon on April 16, given by the Phi Phi Chi, the premedical fraternity. Following the luncheon Dean Cutter spoke of the rise of the medical profession in correlation with other sciences and of the large increase of medical literature. He outlined the advantages of the College of Medicine, and told the advantages of the bedside clinic over the clinic in the amphitheatre. Medical students were allowed to develop their own individuality in diagnosing cases, he said. He concluded his talk by a quotation of Dr. Linaeus, the famous Swedish botanist. "No man who claims to have an education can substantiate his claim unless he has studied medicine."

Other guests at the luncheon were Dr. F. D. Barker and Prof. H. B. Latimer both of the premedic department.

HOW IS ONE TO CHOOSE A MEDICAL SCHOOL?

A most important question to the Premedic student and one which worries him, perhaps, more than any other is "Where shall I go to study medicine?" When the student enters the University this question has already been settled for him by the family physician of his home town. It is perfectly natural that it should be so for this man has been a friend and advisor for the family perhaps during the life time of the boy and he is a successful practitioner of medicine. It is but natural that the alma mater of such a man should make a strong appeal to the boy.

When the student enters the University, however, he comes in contact with a hundred other men who have been influenced by a hundred other personalities, but not the same personalities as he has been influenced by. So at once he questions the wisdom of his choice and as time slips along and he approaches the end of his premedic course, the school of his choice becomes a still more perplexing problem. His confusion is increased because of the fact that during his course in the University he has learned to respect to some degree the opinion of the instructors under whom he has had his training. These instructors invariably advise him to take his undergraduate medical training in our own College of Medicine at Omaha. Then the student is at sea because he is not sure but the advice of an instructor is influenced by the fact that he is employed by the state and feels that he must do so out of loyalty. And so the student is still further confused as to his choice of school. But now the end of the school year is reached and the question must be decided.

In so deciding the student must bear in mind that schools are like individuals, they have personality. The personality of a school is the factor often that makes a decision possible. There are schools that have as their main object the installation of the research spirit. This is their only interest. And it is fortunate that it is so. In some instances the research spirit is stressed in the fundamental laboratory medical sciences.

In some, in the Clinical Sciences; in some, in both. Other schools have as their main object the producing of men who become practitioners of medicine and healers of the sick, whether by medical or surgical procedures. Then there are schools of medicine where the object of the institution is to produce the very highest type of medical practitioners and at the same time instill into the student the desire for new things and greater knowledge and give him the necessary technique so that he is able to investigate problems for himself.

I think the College of Medicine of the University of Nebraska belongs to the last mentioned class. I say this not because of theory but because I know what the graduates of this institution for the last decade are doing. I question whether there is another institution in the country that is turning out better men who are of the investigative turn of mind and are at the same time excellent practitioners of medicine. I say this because it is the report that comes to us from the East and the West concerning the type of internes that we are placing in the hospitals the country over.

The part of the country in which one wishes to practice is often a factor worthy of consideration in deciding upon a school. It is of the greatest advantage in the practice of medicine to have a wide acquaintance with the medical men in the region in which one expects to practice his profession. If a man has the ability to do an unusual work in medicine, he must be known beyond his own community. The greatest asset of such a man is the personal acquaintance of the medical men of the territory in which he practices. Certainly if I intended to practice medicine in this mid-western country I would choose a school in this territory for my undergraduate work. And I will be just as frank in saying that if I intended to practice medicine in California I would go to the University of California for my undergraduate work.

It is perfectly natural that a student whose experience is limited should feel that some other institution is better than the one he is in. We have all passed through that experience. That attribute is a phenomenon of the human mind, common to all, and for which one is not to be blamed. After years of experience in travel I have learned to respect my own alma mater because I have found that she is respected every where. I had to go away from home to find out how my own institution was respected.

The College of Medicine has for years made an annual pilgrimage to Omaha possibly in order that students might see first hand that magnificent plant, a part of our own institution, and as you travel the country over you will find larger plants, but none more complete or better equipped for the work that it has to do.

I do not wish to unduly influence students, yet I do feel that in Nebraska we need to manifest a greater spirit of loyalty to our state and her institutions. It is this spirit of loyalty on the part of her own people that has given California and her institutions the position in the Nation's eye that they occupy. There are many notable instances of such loyalty in history. Upon one occasion Andrew Johnson was forced to listen to a Senator defame his own state of Tennessee. In an eloquent reply he described the part which Tennessee had taken in the history of our country and closed by saying "Tennessee is my foster-mother, and with all the devotion of a loyal son, I say to her, 'Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people will be my people, and thy God my God.' " This plea of Ruth's to her mother-in-law is the greatest example of loyalty in literature. I am sure we Nebraskans should manifest a greater spirit of loyalty to our own University.

By R. A. Lyman

DISPENSARY NOTES

April 1st our surgical staff changed to Dr. John R. Nilsson on Monday and Wednesday, Dr. K. L. Thompson on Thursday and Saturday.

Our report for March 1920 shows 178 new cases and a total of 815 visits to the different departments. We feel that this is a very good report for the first month in our new quarters.

We are glad to notice that several of the Juniors are taking an active interest in the tuberculosis work. How do you like it boys?



A Corner in the Library

LIBRARY NOTES

The two volumes "Contributions to Medical and Biological Research" dedicated to Sir William Osler in honour of his seventieth birthday, July 12, 1919 by his pupils and co-workers, have been received by the library. These volumes, classics in Medical literature, were published by Paul Hoeber in New York. They will be of great interest to every student. Ask to see them.

The Oxford Loose Leaf Medicine and the Oxford Loose Leaf Surgery, each a set of 5 volumes when completed, are among the recent additions to our shelves. In them is much material compiled during the recent war. The Journal of the A. M. A. says this work is Oxford's great success in America, the sale having far outrun the production.

The set, Medical and Surgical Therapy, composed of six volumes and a desk index is a very valuable new set. All of these contain a wealth of information and are invaluable as reference works for the student of medicine.

JUNIOR CLASS NOTES

We are glad to see the following members of the class who have been "under the weather" back with us again—Woods who had small-pox, Burns who had scarlet fever and Lewis and Krampert who both had a herniotomy. Possibly these fellows did not care to follow in the usual path to acquire knowledge on these respective conditions but wished to be original and learn symptoms etc., first hand.

Killins returned from Platte Center, Nebr., where he took care of a doctor's practice for ten days.

Dr. Stokes—"The only thing that keeps me from throwing bricks is the law."

Sorensen coming in Hull's clinic 30 minutes late—

Dr. Hull—"Good evening."

Dr. Goetz tells the story of an Omaha man who was in bad health and made numerous trips to California. Each time upon his return his friends would ask him how he felt. His reply was "15 years younger." Finally he died of Cholera Infantum.

Another story told by Dr. Goetz reminds some of us of exam time. In the famous Carlsbad health resort in Europe which is noted for it's mineral water which has such a wonderful laxative action they have thoughtfully provided for those who having partaken freely of the water and wish to go walking, what the doctor characterized as—"Life Saving Stations—one at each block."

Dr. Moore—"What is the treatment for new-born infants with physiological icterus?"

Woods—"Give them Spring Blood Tonic."

Dr. Waters—"What diseases of women might cause pain in the midline of lower pelvis?"

Luna—"Prostatitis." ?—?

One of the peculiarities of the medical student is that at the Gayety he always insists on a front row seat while in the class room his preference is the backrow.

It was reported by some member of the class who served on the election board recently that in the Presidential primary it was discovered on counting the ballots that our old friend, Darcy had received two votes—Hats off—fellows we have a great man in our midst!

Dr. Hull—"You get bronchial breathing in cases of empyema although I believe the internists do not agree with me."

"Doc" Fouch—"You're right doctor—I agree with you—that has been my experience with my patients."

Darcy in speaking of his boyhood days in old England—"Hit's not the 'oping 'edges that 'urts the 'orses 'oofs but hit's the 'ammer 'ammer of the 'oofs hupon the 'ard turf."

Troup says that he can now appreciate how a surgeon feels when the patient becomes demented and escapes by jumping off the roof.

Dr. Wigton to patient at County Hospital—"Let me see your tongue."

Woman patient—"Ain't you got no tongue?—Well, why don't you look at your own tongue."

Dr. Davis—(Pointing to picture of prostrate gland-verumontanum) "What is this?"

Stonecypher—(Hearing voice from rear)—"Ampulla of Vater."

One of chief complaints of the medic in regard to these cold spring days is that it don't give him a very good alibi for having the Spring Fever.

Why is it that on Pre-Medic day in surigcal clinics it's the boys that flop over in a faint and not the girls?

Figures sometimes lie—and things are not always what they seem as was shown recently when a paper was passed around the class—For further information see Erytema Eskildsen.

Dog Surgery Operating Room—After Woods has read a nice case history describing all the symptoms of disease of the thyroid gland, (Goitre)—including exophthalmus, palpitation of the heart, etc.

Dr. Lyman—"What's the operation?"

Pace—"Gastroenterostomy."

(Editor's Note—The operation was supposed to be for the removal of the patient's tube and ovary.)

The report is that after Dr. Lyman laid down a verbal barrage Woods and Pace made a hasty exit—Good thing Dr. Stokes was not on the job—those shoes of his are pretty broad-toed.

Editor Hoover has quite a pronounced attack of the measles, so if this is a blotchy measly issue, we still can lay it on to the editor.

Who would have thought that Dr. Bliss could give such a graphic description of Angina Pectoris?

Why doesn't somebody answer for Sorenson?

Dr. Moore: How much weight does the baby lose the first few days?

Sweeney: Oh about a half a—

Dr. Moore: Half a what?

Sweeney: (being misled) Half an ounce.

SOPHOMORE NOTES

After a meeting of the board of directors of the Sophomore Class the following awards have been made for diligent work thru the school year.

Miss Connell—The necklace of priceless tomato cans.

Bunton—The coat with freshly honed lapels.

Gault—The two way shoes.

Schwartz—The red hot mittens, to have and to hold.

Eckerle—The pneumatic lamb chops.

Swanson—The chilled steel wrist warmers.

Laugharn—The dynamite gum drops.

Mr. H. A. Campbell is going to New York State this summer to take an advanced course at Mateawan University.

Dr. Guenther in Physiology class. "We will take it easy from now on. The assignment for tomorrow will be the next twenty pages?"

Dr. Williams to class in Neurology—"Now try to make a surface projection of the brain." And then he added with a smile, "This will be very hard for some of you."

Some folks go dippy over fads,
Now there is Mrs. Lotta Gads—
She has to wear the latest style,
Though oft her rigs make others smile.

She buys the garbs she thinks are swell
Instead of those that suit her well;
And, though they look like thirty cents,
Believe these garbs to be immense.

She falls for all the fads that come,
And wouldn't balk, it's thought by some,
At anything from concrete sleeves
To bonnets trimmed with cabbage leaves.

(H. C. of L.)

A FRIEND IN NEED

"Hear about Bill Bottlenose? He's got a case of lumbago at his house."

"I guess I'll run over and help him drink it up."

A CONTORTIONIST

"I have cramps in my back so that I can hardly walk at times across my kidneys."

"Shall I bring you some dinner?" Asked the steward of the ship.

"Yes, you may bring me one on approval." Replied the passenger.

"I may not want to keep it."—Cornell Widow.

A SCHOOL CHILD'S ESSAY ON ANATOMY

"Anatomy is the human body. It is divided into three parts, the haid, the cheist, and the stummick. The haid holdes the skull and the brain, if there is any, the chest holds the liver and part of the lites and the stummick holdes the entrails and the bowels which are a, e, i, o, u and sometimes w and y."

THERAPEUTICS

"Let me kiss those tears away," he begged tenderly.

She fell into his arms and he was busy for a few minutes.

"Can nothing stop them?" he asked breathlessly.

"No! It's hay-fever you see." She answered.

When a man's "head swims" is there ever any chance of his drowning?

Is a man who 'throws up his job' nauseated?

Should a man be placed on his back when he is 'heels over head' in studies?

HEARD IN CLINICS

First black party—"No, I ain't got no phosphate gland."

Second B. P.—"What has you all got then?"

First B. P.—"De Doctah says dat I got candleabra de rectum."

"Mrs. Jed Yaps is at the Gap City Hospital for a few days. The doctor pulled her tonsils out and from some cause she had hemarroids." —Gap City Guggle.

The transference of monkey glands to human beings for rejuvenation should prove a baboon to society.

A certain professor in Minnesota said, after receiving the following answers in Organic Chemistry, "On the tree of knowledge you will always find a few nuts."

1. A reducing sugar is one that reduces feline solutions.
2. Fats are compounds which are greasy feeling.
3. Fructose has a different rotatory movement—(A sort of a shimmy, sugar one would say.)
4. Urea is a compound illuminated by the kidneys.

SOME LIFE

The remains of Pete Jackson were taken from Oakwell and buried in Pine Cemetery where he has lived the last 50 years.

"A white woman was taken from Postoffice street, to the John Sealy hospital Wednesday night about 10 o'clock in the F. P. Malloy & Son ambulance, suffering from the effects of swallowing acrobatic acid.—Galveston News.

What has become of all those guys who used to wear the "No Beer, No Work" buttons?

Since the Medic Day, Smoker the freshmen have had their doubts about Dr. Poynter.

Dr. Cutter also appreciated the "Two Diseases" at the University club Medic Day.

MEDICAL COLLEGE ALUMNI NOTES

L. W. Chain, M.D., 1919 and J. W. Neville, M.D., 1919 are serving internships in San Francisco General Hospital. In a recent letter Doctor Chain writes as follows:

"In justice to our Alma Mater, we feel that we should give our impressions of the training obtained at Nebraska. There are men here from

McGill, Hopkins, Kansas, University of California, and Leland Stanford. We feel that we are making good with the best of them. The clinical clerkship services in the University Hospital are invaluable. We feel that the personnel of the Staff at Nebraska is equal to the best of the Staff here."

Harold H. Walker, M.D., 1918 is now located at Riverside, California and will specialize in Ophthalmology. After graduating at Nebraska, he spent one year at the Manhattan Eye and Ear Infirmary, New York City. He writes that he has just passed the California State Examinations with an average grade of a little over 85.

Ernest H. Morris, M.D., 1918 has completed his internship at Allegheny Hospital at Pittsburgh and is located at Austin, Minnesota as a junior partner with Doctor C. C. Leck. Doctor Morris is to assist Dr. Leck in Surgery and has general oversight of Surgical Pathology and follow up work.

R. R. Losey, M.D., 1918 is located at Yonkers, New York.

Doctor Robert H. Kerr, 1915 has established a hospital for the convenience of his patients at Alma, Nebraska. He has associated with him Doctor G. A. Brewster as surgeon.

Sweeney: (being misled) Half an ounce.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL NOTES

A number of the Staff attended the American Medical Association in New Orleans during the week ending May 1st. This number includes Doctor A. F. Jonas, Doctor B. B. Davis, Doctor R. D. Schrock, Doctor A. C. Stokes, Doctor J. B. Potts, Doctor H. B. Lemere, Doctor W. P. Wherry, Doctor R. W. Bliss, Doctor LeRoy Crummer, Doctor H. M. McClanahan, and Doctor C. O. Rich.

Doctor G. A. Young, Chairman of the Department of Neurology, is spending ten days at eastern clinics.

Doctor A. F. Jonas and Doctor John E. Summers will attend the American Surgical Association which meets in St. Louis, Monday, May 3d.

The Children's Ward of the University Hospital has been filled to overflowing for many months. At this time there is a particularly wide variety of cases. The ward is in charge of Miss Nettie Fitch as chief nurse. Miss Fitch is exceptionally qualified for work of this character.

The Dispensary has not shown a falling off as was feared by some of the Staff on account of removal from down town to the Medical Campus. In fact, more new cases have been received during March and April than would normally be received in twice that length of time. Another prominent feature is the increase in the number of acute cases. We miss some of the old chronics but the number is more than compensated for by acute cases who come to the Medical Campus because of added facilities for diagnosis and treatment.

THE COUNTRY DOCTOR

Yer editor is snow-bound in pseudo-sunny Kansas.

Our erstwhile lily fingers are blistered from wielding the shovel in behalf of the widowed and the orphaned and our furrowed brow is wet with sweat and streaked with mud.

We know not when we shall be permitted to rejoin our staff in Omaha and since we saw the abortive efforts of the C. B. & Q. snow-plow to open a path to civilization we are exceeding dubious, but withal we are considerable busy.

Right here and now we wish to warn our urban confreres against the pernicious habit of ridiculing the country practitioner.

He is a man of parts and versatile beyond belief.

We have been assisting one of this genius and our attitude has changed from mild amusement to deep amazement.

Yesterday we were present when he removed a tumor from a woman's scalp.

We infiltrated the base of the mass with anaesthetic and stepped aside not without our doubts but the doughty old warrior honed up his knife and waded in. The blood flowed freely and we were hard put to it to keep the field clear but we met with no rebuff.

The patient sat in a chair before the kitchen window and in the window swung a cage in which was a canary.

As the portly Doctor stood erect in the midst of the operation his head came in contact with the cage and it clattered to the floor; its door flew open and its animated occupant escaped.

To our dismay the good Doctor left us holding a hemostat while he pursued the canary.

Under the table went the avian fugitive and under the table went the portly Doctor.

"Nice birdie," he coaxed and pursued it up the stairs whence we heard its taunting "tweet, tweet" floating back.

Shortly we heard a terrific uproar from above but we were having difficulties of our own.

Our restless patient demanded attention and the year-old baby who had up to now been an innocent bystander raised his voice into high Heaven in protest.

We hung to our hemostat in desperation and observed his nibs on the floor solacing himself with a can of shoe-polish. Meanwhile upstairs the sounds of conflict continued. Crash succeeded crash; we heard the creak of bed-springs, the slamming of a door and the roll of mellow oaths.

Finally the Doctor appeared with the exhausted bird in his handkerchief. He put it back in its goal, rehung the cage, rescued the young hopeful from his attempt at self-effacement, finished his work and departed in the utmost good humor.

At the office we found an anxious mother with a swaddled infant beneath whose aural appendage was a goodly swelling of an angry hue and a history of five weeks duration.

Wishing no doubt to let us display our erudition the old Doctor asked us to palpate the tumor which we did with utmost deliberation and our grimy fingers. With our nether lip firmly caught between our teeth in a manner which we believe signifies extreme concentration we kneaded and annealed it.

Cryptically we announced our verdict "No fluctuation," we said "Mebbe not", replied our friend, "just pus," and to our horrified amazement he picked up a knife and approached with the evident intention of lancing—we wot not what.

Deeper and deeper he plunged his lancet while we stripped our mental gears trying to remember the approximate location of vessels in that region. With a final grunt and twist he withdrew his blade from tortured flesh and our abashed eyes beheld the escape of an abundant greenish-yellow discharge. Look before you laugh.

Then again he bade us take his medicine case and go attend an adult male in dire distress.

We did and with much self-approbation did we recognize an appendix. Yea, not only recognize it but we contrived to rupture it in an entirely satisfactory manner.

We doubt that there be a man of our experience who can, off-hand, select from a strange stock the proper combination of drugs to burst an inflamed viscue but we did it.

As soon as the older Doctor saw our patient he admitted that we had done it and we wondered, even in our chagrin, how he knew the darn thing had ruptured.

Yet again he trusted us while we dragged a friend of many years standing around the office on the end of a pair of bull-dog forceps in vain effort to shake him loose from a recalcitrant molar and he had no word of reproach when we failed to gain a decision but pried his bulky frame out of his office chair, approached our quivering victim and with a deft jerk removed the offending tooth.

When the more-or-less grateful client had departed the old country practitioner regarded us long and silently.

We stood it as long as we could and then, "We never pulled a tooth before," we vociferated in extenuation.

"That was quite evident," he replied mildly, "but it doesn't hurt to learn a lot of these little things. Now when I was in medical school—" and we listed silently to his recital of the curriculum of thirty—odd years ago.

So, we repeat our adjuration. Follow the country practitioner to his habitat and "watch him work," before you pass judgment—and lay off of molar teeth, combinations of *Ol. ricini et morph. sulph.* in appendicitis and approach encysted pus with extreme prognostic caution.

THE STAR CHAMBER

This pruritis scribendi,—the phrase borrowed from an old-master is a terrible affliction, isn't it?

Still, the author of Ironsides and of the masterly expose of puerperal fever said, "There is no form of lead-poisoning which more rapidly and thoroughly pervades the blood and bones and marrow than that which reaches the young author through mental contact with type-metal."

What were the codes of Hammurabic?

Why does a dog always turn about three or four times before lying down?

Did you know that the mother of Laennec, the inventor of the stethoscope died of pulmonary tuberculosis?

Why is it that attainment of extreme surgical skill seems to be concomitant with the acquirement of a terrible temper?

Was it John Hunter who died in a fit or rage?

Now comes Tampa, Florida with the organization of an overall club to combat the w. k. H. C. L.

We would wear them too but who furnishes the overalls?

And also, do they have April blizzards in Florida?

Furthermore, how does the female of the species,—well—anyway, like Hashimura Togo, we ask to know.

We note that one T. Dennison offers amnesty through the press to the parties who robbed his home recently.

Indeed, yes, but can you visualize a like procedure on the part of Dr. A. C. Stokes whose home was similarly victimized?

From what pharmacopoeia comes this one:

Wood-lice, shells, one mace.

Elephants' teeth, three mace.

Orange peel, one mace.

A red fungoid growth from the root
of a tree, three mace.

Bamboo leaf, three mace.

Fragrant roots, two mace.

What has become of the 'combien' and 'parlez-vous' which so garbled the dough-boy patois a year ago?

We admit our case is pathetic but would someone refer us to a good competent alienist?

VERSE AND WERSE**The Night Shift**

Said old Doc Pill of Sandy Hill, "I just get started in to snore, when some one calls, It makes me sore, Why don't they call me out before? 'Hello, Doc! Jim's got the bellyake, he ate too much burnt-sugar cake, come right out quick for heaven's sake!' And since there is a life at stake, I start out there without the brakes, A cussing children's belly-akes. Then I no more roll in again, until some other darned old hen, who is aterm calls me and then—I say some words they use to pray. But I get in my gearless flivver, with all the stuff used to deliver, and all prepared to stay; And later drive back into town, just as the moon is going down, In time to start another day ten till ten again, My work is never done, I go the rounds just like the sun. If I like the sun, I send sunlight, Why then I say it is allright, I'm glad to work all day and night."



A Ward in the University Hospital

DEAR OLD DAD

Dear Old Dad, he is the goat, He has to sign the checks and notes,
that go to pay for seal-skin coats, and gasoline for two new boats, and
this is what his daughter wrote,
Dear Old Dad:

I realize you're short on cash, And this will be the final crash, but
I must have a bran new sash, I'm in the swim and I must splash, I send
my Love, send your, with Cash.

And dear old Dad works hard each day, His hair is quickly turning
gray, There is so darn much stuff to pay. And Sonny who is off to school
A learning to play pocket pool, He drops a note to the old man, And
this is how his letter ran:

Dear Old Dad:

Please send a hundred dollars, for two silk shirts and seven good soft
collars, Enclosed send check, and show a little speed, Thanks in advance,
I am your son in need.

FAMILIAR SIGHTS

Doty traveling sixty per to class.

Haslam on the Delta Gamma porch.

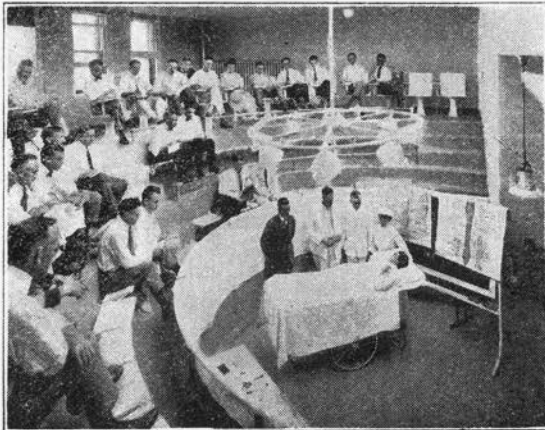
Neuquist applying "Pompenian Night Cream." Be careful Melvin
overdoses are sometimes dangerous.

McMillan lingering near the Baker (y)

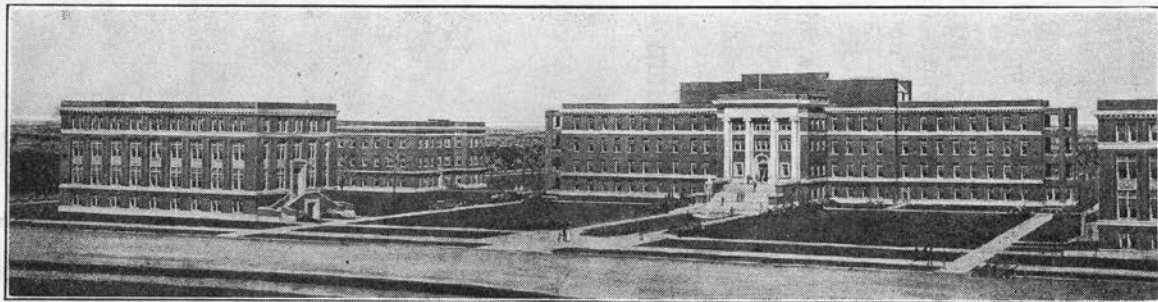
Hawkins asking for Mo(o)re.

Brasda with another boil in an inconvenient spot.

Dean Lyman strolling in an hour or two late.



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