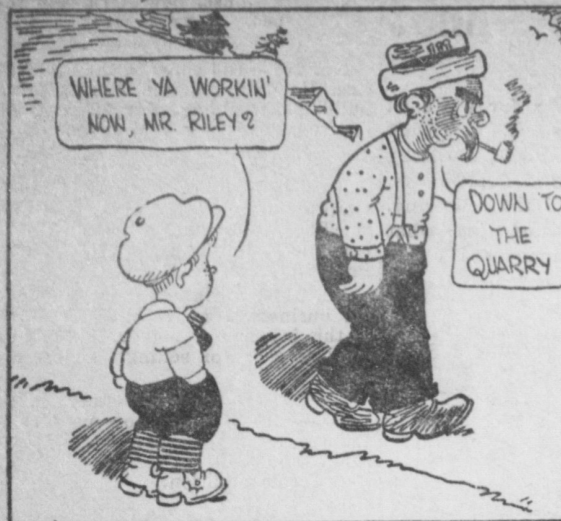


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WEEKLY LETTER WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE BULLETIN BY DR. DAVID H. REEDER

MEDICAL PRACTICE: On general principles the average layman does not give two whoops or a German mark whether one faction or another of the quarrelling medical schools win or lose. They are not interested, at least not now.

When a person gets sick they usually call the nearest doctor or the one for whom they have the greatest personal liking. What school he follows or how many diplomas he may have, whether he belongs to a medical society or not cuts no figure. The one question is, can he cure me?

At present, I say, that is the situation, but if the plans of some of the so-called political doctors are carried out it will not be so in the future. The only object in saying anything about the future is to give the average man just a faint idea of what the future would have in store if the politicians could have their way.

My attention was attracted to-day by an article written by a very able physician, one who loves the people and really tries to help the sick, regardless of the effect upon his pocket-book.

I quote:—"To anyone at all familiar with present day medicine one thing stands out with disappointing clearness, like a sore thumb—its lack of remedial agencies and the next thing, the confusing claims of various methods in use.

The general observer is impressed with the destructive work that has been going on but it requires a very broad observer to see any constructive work. Hence there is chaos, each sect or school claiming certain laurels and possessing certain merits which it tries to extend to fields where it can show no harvest.

Medicine needs a complete evolution, a restarting at first principles. Allied sciences have made much progress, medicine has been left behind. Everyone recognizes the creative force of light and air as other fundamentals. Electricity is a force that should be studied from a physical standpoint chiefly and should include light. It is a form of electricity. Air also belongs to the chemical department. Food belongs to what is now called materia medica, which study needs the greatest readjustment and modernizing.

We must learn to recognize that the unities of each organ are so many little organs; the unities of the tongue are so many little tongues; those of the stomach so many little stomachs; those of the heart little hearts; in short, visible forms exist from invisible forms."

Now my many years of contact with the great body of physicians has demonstrated that taken as a whole they are the most kindly and altruistic lot of men in any profession. Many are narrow but they all want to help their patients. This is as true of the Osteopaths, Christian Scientists, Chiropractors, Dietitians, Naturopaths and Mental Healers as it is of the Eclectics, Homeopaths and Allopaths, but politicians have discovered a weak spot, a place where they can get fees from all of these various systems by baiting, just as they used to bait the railroads.

Very recently a bill was introduced at Washington which would prohibit any one, unless licensed by a certain board, to minister in any way, shape or form to a sick person. This rabid bill goes so far that if you were to recommend to your neighbor a dose of slippery elm tea you could be both jailed and fined for practicing medicine without a license. It goes even farther and although the wording of the bill does not specifically say so, at the same time any minister who offered prayer for the sick and mentioned any certain individual, would be practicing medicine.

In one of the more advanced medical journals which I received yesterday it is admitted that to properly prescribe a diet for a sick person is ultra scientific medical practice and that a correct diet with sunshine, fresh out door air and exercise give freedom from disease more quickly and surely than drugs.

Under the bill referred to, no one, not even your own mother could prescribe your diet and the sun baths without the sanction of a doctor licensed under the particular system.

TH' OLE GROUCH

BY GUM, EF THESE HERE CHICKENS THAT'RE ALLUS PESTERIN' 'ROUND MY YARD AINT GOT NO HOME, I'LL DIG 'EM ONE, DODGAST IT!



I believe there is good in everything. No system of treating the sick can long survive unless it benefits the patient and to my mind it would be just as logical to compel preachers to pass an examination and secure a license to save souls. The soul is of much greater importance and there are more sure paths to glory proclaimed than there are sure roads to good health.

The preachers are just as positive that the other fellow is wrong and that his doctrine is the only true system of saving souls as the doctors are that their special pills and potions or system is the only salvation for the body.

The various laws in different states and special boards with all the cost of their maintenance are just as absurd as the ancient laws on religion. In time they will all be abolished and those who continue to treat the sick will survive because they render real service.

Speaking Reasonably

A young electrical engineer from Byss offered an injury and was sent to a hospital for treatment, where his accident proved a problem to the attendants.

"Could I have a babe?" he asked one morning. "There is one in each room," the nurse replied. Later he made the same request to another attendant, and received the same answer. "Can I have a babe?" he appealed to the head nurse. "There should be a Bible in each room," she said. "Say," he called, desperately, "you don't understand me; I want to get shaved."—Indianapolis News.

Boys Rule Schoolmasters

Many of the communists recently arrested and placed in internment camps by the German authorities were schoolmasters, and their "discipline" has been provided for in a way which suggests that their captors are not entirely deficient in humor, London Answers reports.

The schoolmasters were collected and placed in a special group, which was then placed under the orders of a number of boys belonging to aristocratic families and chosen from among the inmates' own pupils. One consequence is that a few of the younger generation in this country are now beginning to believe that Germany is not so bad a place, after all.

He Did It

"Hey, pap," said Hank Hayfoot, somewhat truculently, "lookit yere." "All right, I'm a lookin'." "What did you do with that cord of hickory I saved and split before I went to the county seat?" "Fed the stove with it endurin' of that last blizzard." "Dad burn it!" "That's what I done," said dad cheerfully.

They Antedated Him

Young Writer (to critic)—Maitre, I am LaColomb, the poet; possibly you are acquainted with my verses. Critic—Indeed I am, young man. I was acquainted with them before you were born.—Le Rite (Paris).

Reason for Trouble

"You look troubled today?" "Yes. I was on the spree last night and when I got home very late I found I had moved to another address!"—Kasper, Stockholm.

The average acreage per farm in Pennsylvania increased from 84.8 to 87.3 during the decade 1910 to 1920.



CUT-OFF ROADS AROUND LARGE CENTERS MODERN PRACTICE

Routing Traffic Around Cities Pays Dividends

In the days of the horse, main arteries of travel naturally entered cities at the most convenient place, and travel along the highway passed down Main Street without slowing up. The horse-drawn vehicle could get through a city as fast as it could travel the country road. With the advent of the swift-moving car and auto trucks, conditions changed. Through traffic on roads is greatly slowed up in the city, due to crossings, congestion, narrow streets, one-way streets, stopping for pedestrians and street cars, etc. In addition, through traffic brought through a city adds largely to the city's traffic problem.

The modern idea is to divert through traffic around large centers. The few additional miles thus traveled are more than made up for in the decrease of time. Thus, a by-pass or a cut-off which lengthens the through route ten miles, may add thirty minutes to the running time, but where is the large city through which, from one side to another, a car or truck can pass in half an hour? Not infrequently the cut-off actually saves mileage instead of increasing it.

To have all the through traffic go through Main Street is all right as long as gas Main Street is short and not crowded. To divert through traffic from Main Street to a boundary road is good economics, good engineering, and good common sense when Main Street is long and congested. Municipalities on through roads find it pays dividends to build the cut-off and attracts more business to the town than to force through traffic to another route to avoid city congestion.

LONGEST WOODEN BRIDGE MAY SOON BE REPLACED

The long wooden bridge at Clark's Ferry, for sixty-four years the only means of crossing the Susquehanna river by wagon or automobile between Harrisburg and Sunbury, a 65 mile stretch, will soon be a matter of history. The old landmark is still in use, but it is quite probable that before very long it will give way to a modern concrete structure. It spans the river 14 miles north of Harrisburg and is said to be the longest wooden bridge in the world. It is 2,088 feet long, divided into 10 spans, nine of which are 212 feet long and one of them 180 feet long. Experts have estimated that more than a billion board feet of choice white pine lumber are in this unique wooden bridge. Most of the logs from which the lumber was cut were rafted down from the great white pine country along the Western Branch of the Susquehanna. Forestry officials say that 50 acres of original white pine had to be cut over to produce the wood required for this bridge.

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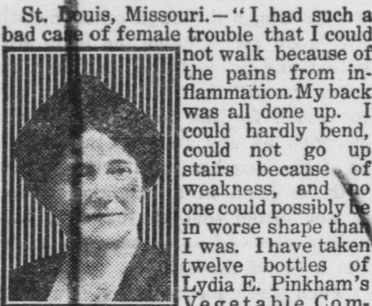
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