

enough, and in my daily experience I see many such ; but, often those who suppose they are laboring under such an infliction should be styled cases of "brain rust". An organ that is not asked to perform its proper function soon shows the effect of disuse. The laziest man I know takes a yearly holiday to cure his brain fag. Laziness and brain exhaustion might fairly be classified as synonyms at times. I observe that the best athletes are those who exercise their muscles intelligently the best mental athletes are those who use their brains as well as their bodies in a reasonable way. It is a difficult matter to make most people understand that the brain is an organ rather than an ethereal something that exists only as a sort of incomprehensible phantom.

In this commercial age, when dollars and cents count for so much, the inevitable question comes up : how much money is there in it? Unfortunately - or shall I say fortunately—too much money will never trouble the average physician, but if he will but make the best of his opportunities he will have something better—a contented and well stored mind—and perhaps in the end a fair proportion of the dollars as well.

But after all, the cultured physician, of pleasing address and sympathetic manner, is more likely to attract practice than the brusque, uncouth, down-at-the-heels fellow, for you must remember that the average patient would rather swallow his pill, if he must swallow it at all, gilded and sugar-coated.

Now for another aspect of the subject. You will discover that the psychological element in the treatment of many cases is a tremendous factor. I am not so certain that the faith cure is not about the most important thing with many people, and if your mental armamentarium is as good as your surgical equipment is likely to be, your success is assured. Of course I had forgotten that you are all to be surgeons—not physicians—but take my advice, become physicians of the highest type first and surgeons afterward. You will be all the better for the mental training and the supply of appendices will probably last until you are ready to remove them. I am not poking fun at the magnificent work of the modern surgeon, but merely hinting that the broadest culture will produce the most useful member of the profession.