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ABSENT TREATMENT UP TO DATE

"Dear Sir," wrote a man to a specialist in Germany, "I have had a bullet in my thorax eleven years. Being too busy to go to Berlin, I hope you will come to me with your rays, as my case might be worth your while. If you cannot come, please send a packet of rays with instructions how to use same, etc. Perhaps I can use them on myself." To this the specialist is said to have replied: "Sorry, my engagements prevent my going to you, and I am out of rays at the present time. If you cannot come to me, yourself, send your thorax by express, and I will do the best I can with it."

WAITING FOR FUN

The story is going the rounds of some exchanges of a farmer who took a week's recreation in the city, and became greatly enamored of a melodrama. He went to the same play four consecutive evenings. On the fourth, the manager gave expression to his approval of his efforts, but advised him to go somewhere else and see something different. "Not on your life," responded the visitor. "You know the end of the second act where Don Juan Montague jumps out of the window just before the unexpected return of the husband. Well, some night that cuss is going to be caught, and I want to be there to see the fun."

TESTING THE FUNCTION OF THE PANCREAS

In *The American Journal of Gastro-Enterology* for October, 1912, an abstract of Ehrmann's paper published in July 15th, 1912, number of *Berliner Klinische Wochenschrift*, sets forth the technique of this test as follows: On a fasting stomach the patient is given 30 grains of rice flour dissolved in a cup of warm water, to which is added 75 grains of liquid palmitin. This test meal is extracted within two and one-half hours. It is then thoroughly mixed and well shaken with petroleum ether containing 10 per