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My dear General.

You may wonder why I have not written you long ere now to say how I fared with the doctors, but their opinion left matters pretty much as they were, so I deferred until I could give you all the news both about the Ballatin and myself. As promised, I let the doctors have their say, without any suggestion on my part that Ballatin responsibility be taken into consideration, and the outcome was that whilst Ridewood advised an immediate operation, was thought, in view of the decided improvement during the summer, that such should be delayed, and as Wace had the final say the matter stands there. One's mind gets sadly mixed by these various opinions - a certain doctor described the operation ^{to} which they proposed to submit me as "a hit or a miss"; but apart from Ridewood they all agree that if there is any chance of nature affecting the cure, it should be left to her, even if this means leaving the wound in its present state for months. However, I am very glad to say that I am unquestionably better in general health, even if there is no difference in the discharge and if this can happen during the winter months it may be that next summer we'll see me over the hill. For my own sake I earnestly hope so. The ordeal is getting very wearisome.