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A PLEA FOR THE COUNTRY DOCTOR.

I can quite understand your anxiety to furnish your readers each month with a high-class periodical, and that you have, for the most part, reached the mark there is no doubt. It is only natural that the desire to attain to a high standard should possess you, or, if you prefer it, that your journal should compare favorably with your exchanges or contemporaries. In the meantime, be kind enough to let me ask how are slow and unpretentious men like your humble servant ever to be benefited by the ideal you set up unless you descend more often to their level—down, I say, where matters of every-day, all-round professional life in the country parts are disposed of? We are not anxious for assistance or instruction in opening the abdominal or cranial cavities. No one expects or asks us to master these details, but they *do* expect us to understand our midwifery and the management of diseases proper, with always surgery of a certain kind thrown in. What we seem to require most of the ordinary journalist is that light shall be let in upon our work in such a way that we can use it; we must be always prepared to act in emergencies upon our own resources independently, and stand or fall by the consequences. For the future, then, try and remember us; let us have our share of your pages.

And now, please, do not mind, publish or take seriously to heart this scolding, for I wish to get down to business as