



School Girls

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THE QUESTION OF DOCTORS' FEES

The question of doctors' fees is one of great and vital interest to the public at large. Yet it is one which is little understood and less appreciated.

The writer was brought up in the gloomy atmosphere of Harley Street and the inner circle of the professions and can speak with knowledge of the fees of the specialist, who must be divided into two distinct classes—the surgeon proper and the pure physician. The former unquestionably gets big fees in relation to his reputation. Sir Frederick Treves has only named his fee to the millionaire with appendicitis. With the fear of death before his eyes he will write his check gladly. If he does not boast. A younger and less-known man will perform the same operation for a tithe of the cost; but the public, with death staring them in the face, will have the man with the big name, regardless of expense. They feel, often wrongly, that it will only serve to swell the death duties if they do not. But the pure physician is an entirely different matter. His fees are standardised, not by act of parliament, but by that autocratic body the Royal College of Physicians. His fees for consultation at his own house are fixed at two guineas the first visit and a guinea for each subsequent one. For consultations away from home he receives a fee at the calculated rate of two-thirds of a guinea a mile.

Elstree, twelve miles out of town, is ipso facto 8 guineas; Tonbridge, 30 miles, is 20 guineas; Liverpool, 201 miles, is 134 guineas; and so on pro rata. But it must be remembered

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ed that nowadays all the big provincial centres have their own specialists and the town man is very seldom sent for, unless he be one of the very biggest names and the case desperate and rich. If the physician should accept more, he transgresses that professional fetish, "medical etiquette," and is branded a quack by his less lucky brethren.

Moreover, when he arrives at a sufficient standing in the ranks of his profession, the Royal College of Physicians will not elect him to their all-important fellowship, the crowning qualification and highwater mark of his calling. Often he takes confound of losing the badly-needed fee. For instance, a prepaid telegram will often save a considerable sum in the case of a consultation out of town. His only advantage is that he gets cash "on the nail." Compare these fees with the retainer and refreshment of our leading counsel, and the inequality becomes obvious. The cheapness of it becomes absurd. "But what do we get for our two guineas?" asks the public. Only an opinion—a quarter of an hour in the consulting-room. True, often enough but what is that opinion built up of? Firstly, a brilliant career at the university and the hospitals; secondly, half the day spent voluntarily at the hospitals, seeing cases, often a hundred in an afternoon, free of charge, to qualify himself to arrive at and express the opinion. All his work, which weeds out the weaklings before name, fame or fortune is reached. To arrive at success, is above everything, the sign of an extraordinary tough constitution.

Further, no man in Harley Street can make two ends meet for many long years; and the waiting breaks many hearts and very backs. It is a weary struggle to keep up appearances, to pay a big rent and a bigger rate, to run a carriage, and to stimulate prosperity. Therefore, it means of necessity either a considerable privation to start with or marriage with a rich woman. The public who talk about big fees would be astonished if they could examine the books in Harley street.

Then, after years of struggling without enough money to enjoy the compulsory leisure of waiting, if success comes, the poor harassed consultant has no time to spend or enjoy the money he does make. All his return for it is a baronetcy and a comfortable fortune for his son to squander. His dinner is as often as not eaten in his carriage or in the train, and all his wife sees of him is his sleeping head, on the pillow beside her. The writer once heard the wife of one of the leading men in the profession say that she was far happier in the struggling days! Yet his fees, however, big his reputation, must always adhere to the one standard. It is nonsense to talk of any "physician with a reputation demanding from ten to twenty guineas for scribbling out a prescription of gentian and soda-water as a remedy for indigestion."

Thus it is with the Sir William Broadbents, the Sir Thomas Barlows, the Sir Richard Douglas-Powells of the profession, who earn large incomes, and have no leisure to enjoy them. Does it not prove that this standardised system is wrong? If the College of Physicians would consider a suggestion from a layman, it seems to the writer that a graduated system is not only more logical, but would show better results all round.

WHAT DID HE MEAN.

He—I believe congratulations are in order. Pray, accept mine. She—What for? He—I heard you were engaged. She—You're late—I've been married for two months to Mr. Roller. He—O, I beg pardon. How stupid! I'm so sorry.

ABSOLUTELY A LOST SECRET

The beauty of earth, except for some spots that our sordid industries have ravaged has altered but little since the days of Augustus and Pericles. The sea is infinite still, still inviolate. The forest, the plain, the harvest, the villages, rivers and the streams, the mountains, the dawn and the evening, stars and the sky—vary as these all may according to climate and latitude, offer us still the same spectacles of grandeur and tenderness, the same soft, profound harmonies, the same fairy-like scenes of changing complexity, that they show to the Athenian citizen, and the people of Rome. Nature remains more or less as it was; and besides, we have grown more sensitive, and to-day we admire more freely. But when we turn to the beauty special to man, beauty that is his own immediate aim, we find that his own immediate too great wealth of excessive application, to the scattering of our efforts, lack of concentration, or to the want of a certain goal and an incontestable starting point, we appear to have lost almost all that the ancients have been able to establish and make their own. In all that regards purely human aesthetics, in what concerns our body, our gestures, our clothes, the objects we live with, our houses and gardens, our monuments, even our landscapes, we are groping so timidly, we display such confusion and inexperience, that one might truly believe our occupation of this planet to date but from yesterday, and that we are still at the very beginning of the period of adaptation. For the work of our hands there exists no longer a common measure, an accepted rule or conviction. Our painters, our architects, our sculptors, our men of letters—and we in our homes, our cities—seek in a thousand different contradictory directions for the sure, the undeniable beauty that the ancients possessed so fully. Should one of us by any chance create, join together, or discover a few lines, a harmony of form or color, that should incontestably prove that the mysterious, decisive point had been attained, it would be regarded as the merest hazard, an isolated and precious phenomenon, and neither the author nor anyone else would be able to repeat it.—Maurice Maeterlinck, in the Fortnightly Review.

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