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Dear Bill:

As you see I am getting the habit of writing you letters. This is about another old patient of yours, Judge Casgrain. He has given me a terrific headache during the last two months. I had seen him at intervals ever since you left. He came to me about two months or six weeks ago saying that he was much worse and thought he would have to give up his work on the bench. He had been carrying on very well indeed. We talked, and I could see no evidence of aphasia whatever. I thought that he was simply worried about things. However, I have seen him periodically since; during that time he has lost speech progressively and rapidly, so rapidly that I thought he must either have a cyst or an extracerebral tumour pressing on the brain. I advised operation, but, as you may imagine, he said no, he would never be operated upon under any circumstances. I asked him whether the good result he had gotten after the last operation was not worth while, and he said if he had known what it would be like he would never have been operated upon. His wife said that he always used to say as a boy that he would never have an operation under any circumstances.

However, we gave him x-ray therapy again and he grew progressively worse so that he was completely speechless. Then I had him come into the hospital and I put a needle into his temporal fossa and found a cyst at the surface filled with thick yellow fluid. A little air put in showed the cyst to be not so very large. I removed about 10 to 15 cc. of fluid. Today, he is back three days later and is speaking rairly well. Consequently, I have again advised operation, and this time he looked a little doubtful. However, he is going ahead to finish his x-ray series. It may be that the x-ray has caused the tumour to degenerate. He will probably be still waiting around when you come back.

As far as sulphadiazine is concerned, I have been doing what I could to get some sent over to you. I have written to the Company and they have put your name on the waiting list. I have