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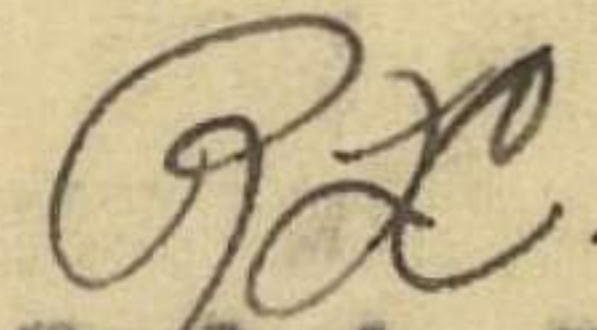
Dr. Don Carlos Peete
Argyle Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Dr. Peete,

I thought you might be interested in the later events of Ralph Miller's illness.

He came into the dispensary on March 23 complaining of the same type of pain along the lower three ribs on the right side. Dr. Vetter thought that this was an intercostal neuritis and started him on diathermy and Vitamin B₁. The pain was relieved but recurred severely on March 27 and he was admitted to the hospital with temperature of 98.6, pulse 84 and respiration 25 with tentative diagnosis of pneumonia. An x-ray film confirmed the fact that he had an interlobar pleurisy with a small amount of effusion and an early bronchopneumonia involving the entire lower lobe and the lower portion of the middle lobe on the right side. On March 28 his high temperature was 101.4 and it increased to a maximum of 102.6 on March 31. Since then there has been a slight daily drop in his temperature, pulse and respiration. The sedimentation rate on March 27 was 14 and 26 on April 3. The white blood count started at 19,850 and yesterday was 9,750. The sputum examination showed many short chain streptococcus. He was started on sulfadiazine on March 28 and it was discontinued on April 2 because of no apparent improvement and the fact that he was extremely restless and alert. The blood level of sulfadiazine reached 8.33 mgm. There is very definite complete consolidation of both lower lobes of the right lung with evidence of resolution setting in today. Barring the possibilities that he may develop an increase in pleural effusion he seems to be on the road to recovery.

Sincerely,



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Director

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cc to Dr. F. C. Allen