

April 23, 1947

Mrs. L. A. McNalley
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Rochester, Minnesota

Dear Janet:

I found your letter at the office when I came down and thought I would write immediately.

From my own experience with the skin department at Rochester, I think you might make a little headway and certainly would do no harm if you rather insisted that Dr. Kierland talk shop with you. You know, my experience was that they kept me there a week doing nothing and then I cussed them all out like a crazy man and they got busy and put me through seven tests and examinations in one day. Handling thousands of cases, yours is just one case, but when you tell your doctor that the success of your case might mean considerable patronage from your community, and that inattention and failure certainly would not be to their advantage, they might snap into it a little harder. It might be better to use just my first suggestion about the success in your case meaning a good deal in further business from your community, rather than anything that looked the least bit like a threat. I know that with certain things, when they find what causes the trouble, then they can make up some kind of a dope that they can give you that will counteract it. Dr. McConnell one time fixed up something in the way of poison ivy to try to cure somebody, and gave them a terrible case of ivy poison, but whether that was the final attack, I do not know.

I am glad that you got a better room, and I felt sure they would try to care for you as quickly as possible.

Mary Beth was here, and having no phone connections, I went to the house to see if she were there. She told me that if I would come for her about three o'clock