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Dear Doctor McNalley:

Janet, Mac, and Mike spent Sunday with us and, while here they said you believed that Diopterin was a more efficient remedy for Mrs. Simons' trouble than Teropterin. Of course, we as laymen, have to depend entirely upon the physician's skill and knowledge, but while our Doctor Johnson acted under the belief that Teropterin was an improvement over Diopterin, he may be in error and I shall be very happy to have you tell us more about Diopterin. Naturally, you will hesitate to interfere in any way with the treatment given by another, but I can assure you that we will handle the matter in a way not to offend or to put you in a bad position. The main thing with us, naturally, is for Mrs. Simons to get well.

She was operated on sixteen weeks ago last Saturday. Later she took twenty X-Ray treatments under Doctor Scarpelino at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. Doctor Johnson has shown a lot of interest in her case and started out using everything in the way of improved treatment that could be secured. She had a few doses of Tertestone (I have probably misspelled this word, but you will know what I mean) and then we began with the Teropterin. She feels a little tenderness occasionally in the left side, which is probably caused by the after attack of the operation or possibly by a continuance of the old trouble. This soreness is of a mild nature. Fortunately, she has not had to take any kind of a sedative for sixty days or more. Her appetite has greatly improved, although it is still light and her weight has remained steady, whereas prior to her operation, she was losing some week by week. We are endeavoring to give her the best of care, keeping her from physical exertion, and taking her out riding almost daily. I think, perhaps, the longest trip was to Tulsa and return. Her spirits are good and she is a very cooperative person. For the past two or three weeks she has been giving herself the hypodermic. Her color is better and