

Dr. L. L. Gardner,
A. T. & S. F. Hospital Assn.,
Chicago, Illinois.

November 4, 1927.

Dear Dr. Gardner:

I am in receipt of your bill for \$800.00 for the treatment of my sister, Etoile B. Simons, from September 4, 1927, till September 28, 1927, a period of a little less than eight weeks. To me this seems excessive and inasmuch as my sister will insist upon repaying for this bill as soon as she is able, I do not feel justified in that amount, without taking the matter up further with you.

Understanding the conditions as they are, I do not believe you will wish to have my sister pay the amount of the bill. She has a will of her own and she has said that she will cover any amounts paid out by her brothers for her care simply as loans.

While we are deeply appreciative of your service, it is nevertheless true that the burns occasioned by your treatment necessitated the greater part of your attention for the past five weeks, have seriously delayed the recovery of my sister and caused additional cost for nurses and other care. We believe these facts should have your consideration in rendering us a bill.

I am a member of the board of directors for the Maryland Casualty Co., in its accident policies for \$7,500.00 for accidental death and covering indemnities for other than accidents, together with surgical and physicians fees, schedules \$6,000.00 as the total amount due on the policy in a complete fracture of both tables of the skull, and allows a fee of but \$200.00 for skull trephining. The Fidelity & Casualty Co., in its policies for \$5,000 for accidental death, and with payments for accidental injuries, pays only \$320.00 for a complete fracture of both tables of the skull, and allows \$100.00 for skull trephining. In the case of my sister, no surgical operation was required.

It is rather of coincidence that the enclosed article appeared in the papers served by the Associated Press on November 3, the same day that I received your bill. This item was considered of sufficient interest to warrant being cabled from London. I send you with no sinister meaning, but believing that you will be interested in reading it.

Awaiting your further pleasure, I remain

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons