

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

Dear Dr. Gardner:-

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

While we are deeply appreciative of your services, it is nevertheless true that the burns occasioned by your treatment have necessitated the greater part of your attention for the past four or five weeks, have seriously delayed the recovery of my sister and have ~~occasioned~~ 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 ~~two hospitals~~ the board of directors for two hospitals and am somewhat familiar with the matter of fees. Furthermore the Maryland Casualty Co., in its accident policies for \$7,500.00 payable for accidental death and covering indemnities for other than fatal accidents, together with surgical and physicians fees, schedules \$650.00 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 ^{accidental} for accidental death, and with payments for ^{injuries} pays only \$320.00 for a complete fracture of both tables of the skull, and allows ^{the case of my sister} \$100.00 for skull trephining. In ~~this~~ case no surgical operation was required.