

BEFORE. HIS HUNT FOR HEALTH. AFTER.



DR. ALLOPATHY: HE DOPES OUT ONCE.

Sept. 9th
My dear Son
I am in a pretty bad way. Can't eat! Sleep, drink or smoke. Dr. Allopath says I have rheumatic gout complicated with neurasthenic gastritis, and he advises me to take a sea voyage and try the Karlsbad waters and baths. He gave me about a half pound of Calomel, but I can see that he hardly expects me to recover from this attack, for he looked very gloomy indeed.



DR. HOMEPATHY: HE PRESCRIBES A BIRDSHOT.

Sept. 18th
Don't want to fight you, but have just come from Doctor Homeopath. He says I am a very sick man! He gave me a full the size of a bird shot, and thinks it will fix me O.K. He says I ought to try the Swedish Massage. Four great Sarah suggested the Osteopathic treatment, and I tried it last night. It removed some of my aches, but several entirely new ones broke out in spots that were overlooked by the osteologist. How could I get a pair of crutches.



OSTEOPATHY.

Sept. 30th
Doctor Obedildock prescribed horseback riding, and she just been brought into the house on a stretcher. Will bring an action against the livery stable keeper, and maybe the doctor, also. Have sampled a sulphur and mud bath this day, but bruises caused by falling of horse too sensitive to make hot bath pleasing. Am strictly vegetarian now, eating nothing but carrots and pop-corn. Am thinking of trying the red pepper treatment if I can find a good practitioner. Have just been bled! Your despairing Pop.



Oct. 6th
I have just returned from a test of the Kneipp cure, which means walking in the dewy grass at early dawn. I cut my foot on a broken bottle first thing! My rheumatism is worse but gastritis and symptoms of appendicitis are gone. Take a cold plunge in ice-water every morning now by advice of Doctor Reynolds, the man that cured Col. Potter. Yesterday my temperature was 99.2. Yours in pain, Pop.



WOW! OO!

THE KNEIPP CURE.

Oct. 12th
By the advice of Miss Goring I am drinking mineral waters: Samedan, Buxton Springs, Pro-Lithia, Nord-Lithia and Bismuthia, Spackling, Abasco Springs, Goshute Springs, Hedges Sunspot, Crystal, Oldron, Hot Indian Springs, Uvulata, Electric and Bald Eagle Springs. Have made several heads the names of which do not now occur to me signs of droopy now. Sadly, Pop.



Oct. 21st
By your ma's advice I've taken a hack at the Christian Science treatment. Miss Keshah Catterwaul read to me for five hours, but I won out. She says my endurance is wonderful. The gout pains in my feet left me, but I got a bad headache. Am diggy yet. Now eating raw beef, but tomorrow will go on a diet of uncooked cracked corn washed down with barley water, and mild exercise with half-pound dumbbells.



Oct. 24th
Cousin Ike induced me to try his new Home Comfort Steam Bath. He shut me in the pecky thing, and then went to play billiards with his lawyer. When I got out I looked more like a lobster than ever.

Oct. 25th
Tried the Bee sting cure for rheumatism. The bees were on the job all night. Am now being treated for the bee stings, and can't feel much rheumatism just at present. Doc Bradford thinks I ought to have some new blood infused into me to get alkali into my system, but I don't know.

HELP! LEMME OUT I'M PARBOILED ALREADY!

HOME COMFORT STEAM BATH.

Oct. 30th
This is a portrait of old reliable doctor Rawnhoss, of Lancaster, Pa. who has just given me an old-fashioned "borax" or witch doctor's treatment. I didn't expect to be benefited, but tried it for luck. He recommends the never-rach treatment also, with the richest charms written on ellokum in figs blood, and the carrying of a chestnut in the trousers' pocket.

Nov. 16th
With appetite, health and money all gone, far from home, friends and family, I applied today to Doctor Sparks, the inventor of the Magneto-Electro-Thermopathy. He refused to try his remedy on me unless I dug up thirty dollars. I had the price of a box of Veata Biscuits. Have just learned of a sure cure for Rheumatism, and here I am, stone broke and penniless, in the woods of Pennsylvania.



Nov. 18th
Hard-headed people who believe only in the open-air work treatment make me chopwood for meals and lodging. I ate today twenty-nine buckwheat cakes, three pork chops, a pig, and then bet hungry. Also drank four quarts of cider. Will set again at six. My rheumatism all gone. Can also sleep. Send me \$2.00 at once.



Harp Smith, Photographer.