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CROSSWORD PUZZLE Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

The Medical Roundup

by Walter Alvarez Emeritus Consultant in Medicine, Mayo Clinic

Group Medicine In Consumer Reports, for March, there is another of the series of fine articles on Group Medicine, by Albert Deutsch. He describes the Kaiser Health Plan, which in California and Washington has 10 hospitals and 25 out-patient clinics, staffed by 500 doctors. The service costs \$4.30 a month for a single member; \$7.60 for a subscriber and one dependent, and \$9.50 for a subscriber and two or more family dependents. For his money a subscriber receives the services of general physicians and specialists in his home, in a doctor's office or in a hospital, including laboratory work and x-ray studies. An extra charge of a dollar is made for each office visit and \$2 are charged for the first home call in connection with each illness or injury. There is no charge for subsequent home visits.

Full hospital care, including a complete nursing service, up to 111 days is provided for each illness or injury in the course of a year. There is no fee for an operation other than that for the removal of tonsils and adenoids. For which there is a charge of \$15. No charge is made for ambulance service within 30-mile radius of a Kaiser hospital. All medicines are provided during hospitalization. Full maternity care for the subscriber costs \$6 after membership has been in force for 10 months.

Mental disease is excluded from coverage, but in Oakland and San Francisco the Kaiser Group maintains psychiatric clinics in which a charge of \$5 a visit is made. Additional Days Half Rate Family dependents of subscribers get 60 days of full hospital care a year for each illness or injury, with 51 additional days at half the private rate.

As in any good clinic, the Kaiser doctors work under one roof, sharing facilities, income and patients, and pooling their talents. So far as possible, subscribers to the Kaiser Plan select a particular doctor, but, according to Deutsch, they cannot always see him when they go to the clinic.

Deutsch said that most of the Kaiser doctors who were interviewed seemed pleased with their work. They are given a vacation each year and time off for attending medical meetings and graduate courses. They enjoy working without having to deal with all the economic problems of running an office and collecting fees. After the only complaint of the doctors was that their work-load of patients was too heavy, and that the appointment schedule was often so tight that they could not stop to give a patient all the time they would like to have given.

The main unhappiness of these doctors has come from their having been ostracized by their colleagues in the state. However, with time, there has been a slackening of the attacks by organized doctors, and now the medical societies are sponsoring prepaid health plans of their own, devised to meet the Kaiser competition. Unfortunately, we doctors have always been very slow to accept changes in the mode of practice of medicine, and most of us have fought advances without suggesting any practical solution for the economic pressures that have come with modern civilization. We are still frowning on group practice although we know it is best for patients.

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Comic strip 'L' Abner' by L' Abner. Panel 1: Abner and a woman talking.

Comic strip 'Buz Sawyer' by Buz Sawyer. Panel 1: Sawyer and a woman talking.

Comic strip 'Barney Google and Snuffy Smith' by Barney Google. Panel 1: Barney and Snuffy talking.

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Comic strip 'Mutt and Jeff' by Mutt and Jeff. Panel 1: Mutt and Jeff talking.

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