The Medical Roundup

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How Difficult Some Medical Diagnoses Can Be

In New York the other day as I sat at luncheon with Dr. George Baehr, he was telling me of a woman who came up from Brazil because on occasions, her hair had all fallen out. Remembering that a rare drug called thallium can cause this, he had parings from the woman's finger-nails analyzed and, sure enough, the chemist found they contained thallium. The question next was, Where had the woman come in contact with it? Studies made in the woman's home showed that to get rid of ants, her servants had been brushing the floors with a solution of thallium. Now that she has no thallium in the house, her hair is coming back.

Dr Alvarez

I should have told Dr. Baehr of a diagnosis that once gave me great satisfaction. A lovely woman of 60 came in with a tremendous eczema of her left hand. Occasionally, it slightly affected her nose. The lady told me she had been skin tested and patch tested and dieted and treated with salves and lotions until she was fed-up. I said that since the trouble was on only one hand it must be due to putting that hand—and only that hand—into some irritant. After much questioning had failed to throw light on the problem, I asked the lady to go home and watch carefully to see what irritant she put her left hand into that she did not put her right hand into.

In a few weeks, she returned to show me that the eczema was gone. She had her window-boxes full of primroses, and every morning, with the watering-can in her right hand she had picked off dead leaves. Occasionally, when a plant had had a flower and she had smelled it, her nose had become inflamed!

Inability To Talk After a Stroke

Thousands of persons who get a stroke are unable for a while to talk. Some can hardly say a word, and usually they are greatly distressed because they know what they want to say. One can see them struggling hard, trying to find the words they want, or trying to express them. Usually they have similar difficulties in writing and reading. There are several types of this disease which we doctors call aphasia, or an inability to speak.

Can anything be done? Fortunately, in most cases, some ability to speak returns, and I've seen many cases in which after a month or two the person was conversing either well or fairly comfortably. Probably immediately after a stroke there is a certain amount of shock to the tissues surrounding the damaged place, and when this shock clears away, much function returns.

Also, there is likely to be some watery swelling or "edema" of the tissues of the brain, and when this swelling goes, function returns. Also, it is probable that later the brain learns to reroute messages around the injured place. Some persons who, after a stroke, have to learn to speak all over again can be helped by a teacher of speech. There are books written on the training of persons who have lost their power to talk.

I know an able physician who, may years ago, when he was a young man sitting in his office, suddenly found himself unable to talk. After several weeks of despair, his wife started in, teaching him a new word each day. He'd practice and practice with her until he knew the word. In this way he slowly and painfully learned to talk again, much as a child does. Today, one would hardly notice anything wrong with his speech, and he's a successful medical director of a large business.

A Woman Who Reacts Wrongly to Doctors

When a tense, nervous, oversensitive, bright and socially attractive woman tells me that drugs work wrongly for her, I prick up my ears because this tells me most of what I need to know about her. Usually, she says that instead of quieting her or helping her to sleep, a barbiturate drug makes her more wide-awake than she was before, and a "shot" of morphine will make her want to climb the walls like a crazed cat.

One big reason why it is unwise for a nervous woman (or man) to keep overworking or dissipating until she "goes over the edge" into a nervous breakdown is that when the breakdown comes, no sedative drug is likely to do any good. It is likely to make the person even more depressed. I learned this lesson in the great influenza epidemic of 1918, when my brief attack of "flu" threw me into a sort of nervous breakdown. Because of a severe insomnia, I tried to take sleeping pills but, for a while, they worked in reverse, and caused by brain to feel tremendously active and "lit-up." Gradually, with rest, this stage passed, and then at last sleeping-pills, give me blessed oblivion for a few hours.

Dr. Alvarez hopes his readers will understand that it would be impossible for him to answer requests for information or to attempt to diagnose by mail.

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Service Stations Robbed at Portland

Portland — (AP) — Two service stations were robbed here Wednesday night and police said they believed the work of the same gunman involved in 12 other robberies here since May.

The two holdups netted the robber about $123.

RADIO PROGRAMS – FRIDAY

Programs listed below are received from the radio stations and the Mail Tribune assumes no responsibility except to make such changes as are supplied

KYJC 1230 kc	KMED 1440 kc	KWIN 1400 kc
4:00—Traffic Jam	NBC News*Car Tunes	Fulton Lewis Jr.*
4:15—Music-Sports*	Car Tunes	Hemingway News*
4:30—Traffic Jam	Car Tunes	Telo-Test*
4:45—Traffic Jam	Man on the Go*	Sam Hayes*
5:00—Edward P. Morgan*	NBC News*Lel News	One for the Road
5:15—Lowell Thomas**	Car Tunes	One for the Road
5:30—Sports—Amos Andy**	Weather, Car Tunes	One for the Road
5:45—Amos & Andy**	Orville Anderson*	One for the Road—Spts.
6:00—News-Frank Goss**	Cavalcade of Sports*	Personal Profile
6:15—Tom Harmon**	Cavalcade of Sports*	News*
6:30—Robert Q. Lewis**	Cavalcade of Sports*	Hi Travelers
6:45—Robert Q. Lewis**	So. Ore. Bowling Time*	KWIN Karavan—Spts.
7:00—Regal Tune Table**	NBC News*	KWIN Karavan
7:15—Regal Tune Table**	One Man's Family*	KWIN Karavan
7:30—The World Tonight**	Monitor*	KWIN Karavan
7:45—World Tonight-Sevaried	Monitor*	KWIN Karavan
8:00—Portland-Sacramento	NBC News-Monitor*	Phoenix Disc Date
8:15—Portland-Sacramento	Monitor*	Phoenix Disc Date
8:30—Portland-Sacramento	Monitor*	Phoenix Disc Date
8:45—Portland-Sacramento	Monitor*	Phoenix Disc Date
9:00—Portland-Sacramento	Nightbeat	News*
9:15—Portland-Sacramento	Nightbeat	KWIN Karavan
9:30—Portland-Sacramento	Nightbeat	KWIN Karavan
9:45—Portland-Sacramento	Nightbeat	KWIN Karavan
10:00—Portland-Sacramento	Richfield Reporter*	News—Counterspy
10:15—Portland-Sacramento	Nightbeat	Counterspy*
10:30—World News Beat	Nightbeat	The Queen's Men*
10:45—Terrace—News	Nightbeat	The Queen's Men*
11:00—Sign Off	Sign Off	News—KWIN Karavan

RADIO PROGRAMS – SATURDAY

5:45—	Bob Roberts Corral	
6:00—News**	Bob Robert's Corral	KWIN's Morning Show
6:15—World News Roundup**	Bob Robert's Corral	KWIN's Morning Show
6:30—Frank Goss**	Bob Robert's Corral	KWIN's Morning Show
6:45—CBS Farm News**	First News	KWIN's Morning Show
7:00—Yawn Patrol	Wake Up to Music	MBS News*
7:15—Cecil Brown	Weather, News*	Breakfast Gang*
7:30—Robert Q. Lewis**	Rogue Valley Beeper	KWIN's Morning Show
7:45—Robert Q. Lewis**	Weather & 7:50 News	KWIN's Morning Show
8:00—News**	Coffee Clatch	World News—Sports
8:15—Breakfast Tunes	Medford Report	Musical Spotlite
8:30—Gunsmoke**	Monitor*	KWIN's Morning Show
8:45—Gunsmoke**	Monitor*	KWIN's Morning Show
9:00—News**	Monitor*	News* Music
9:15—Music Box	Monitor*	Voice of Deliverance
9:30—No School Today*	Game Commission	Voice of Deliverance*
9:45—No School Today*	Sat. News Desk	KWIN's Morning Show
10:00—CBS News-Amos-Andy*	Monitor*	Chicago-Boston*
10:15—Amos & Andy**	Monitor*	Chicago-Boston*
10:30—City Hospital**	Saturday Club	Chicago-Boston*
10:45—City Hospital**	Saturday Club	Chicago-Boston*
11:00—Trading Post	Monitor*	Chicago-Boston*
11:15—Record Rack	Monitor*	Chicago-Boston*
11:30—Garden Gate**	Nat'l Farm & Home*	Chicago-Boston*
11:45—Musical Mixmaster	Nat'l Farm & Home*	Chicago-Boston*
12:00—CBS News	Monitor*	Chicago-Boston*
12:15—Music Matinee, We'ther	Monitor*	Chicago-Boston*
12:30—Musical Matinee	Monitor*	Chicago-Boston*
12:45—Musical Matinee	Monitor*	Chicago-Boston*
1:00—Vignette**	Monitor*	Bill Lively Show
1:15—Club 1230	Monitor*	Bill Lively Show
1:30—Club 1230	Monitor*	Bill Lively Show
1:45—Club 1230	Monitor*	Bill Lively Show
2:00—CBS News**	Monitor*	Bill Lively Show
2:15—Club 1230	Monitor*	Bill Lively Show
2:30—Club 1230	Monitor*	Bill Lively Show
2:45—Club 1230	Monitor*	Bill Lively Show
3:00—CBS News—Country	You Bet Your Life*	News*—Saturday Show
3:15—Country Style	You Bet Your Life*	KWIN's Saturday Show
3:30—Club 1230	Monitor*	KWIN's Saturday Show
3:45—Club 1230	Monitor*	KWIN's Saturday Show
4:00—News**	MONITOR*	KWIN's Saturday Show
4:15—Veterans Administration	MONITOR*	News*
4:30—Club 1230	MONITOR*	KWIN's Saturday Show
4:45—Club 1230	MONITOR*	KWIN's Saturday Show
5:00—CBS News**	MONITOR*	Bandstand U.S.A.*
5:15—Saturday at the Chase*	MONITOR*	Bandstand U.S.A.*
5:30—Sports—Indictment**	MONITOR*	Local News
5:45—Indictment**	MONITOR*	Bandstand U.S.A.*
6:00—CBS News** Goss**	MONITOR*	Hawaii Calls
6:15—Tom Harmon**	MONITOR*	Hawaii Calls
6:30—CBS News & FBI**	Grand Ole Opry*	KWIN Karavan
6:45—F.B.I.**	Grand Ole Opry*	KWIN Karavan
7:00—Regal Tune Table**	Monitor	KWIN Karavan
7:15—Regal Tune Table**	MONITOR*	KWIN Karavan
7:30—The World Tonight**	-Monitor*	KWIN Karavan
7:45—The World Tonight**	-Monitor*	KWIN Karavan
8:00—Portland-Sacramento	KMED Music Time	News—KWIN Karavan
8:15—Portland-Sacramento	KMED Music Time	KWIN Karavan
8:30—Portland-Sacramento	KMED Music Time	KWIN Karavan
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9:45—Portland-Sacramento	KMED Music Time	KWIN Karavan
10:00—Portland-Sacramento	NBC News*	News—KWIN Karavan
10:15—Portland-Sacramento	KMED Music	KWIN Karavan
10:30—World News Beat	KMED Music	KWIN Karavan
10:45—Turntable Ter., News	KMED Music	KWIN Karavan
11:00—Sign Off	Sign Off	News—KWIN Karavan
11:15—		News—KWIN Karavan

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KBES-TV (Channel 5)

FRIDAY
4:00—Wild Bill Hickok
4:30—Uncle Bill's Show
5:00—A Visit With the City Police
5:15—Doug Edwards & the News
5:30—Gateway
5:45—Your TV Weatherman
5:50—News
6:00—Cavalcade of Sports
6:50—Do It Yourself
7:00—Mr Adams & Eve
7:30—Captain Grief
8:00—Undercurrent
8:30—Highway Patrol
9:00—I Spy
9:30—I Search for Adventure
10:00—Behind Scenes
10:30—News
10:35—Crater Lake Theatre
12:00—Sign Off
SATURDAY
10:15—Dizzy Dean Show
10:25—Baseball Game of the Week
12:30—Saturday Horse Race
1:30—Faith for Today
2:00—Frankie Fontaine's Showtime
2:30—Gateway
3:00—The Christophers
3:30—World Passport
6:00—Jimmy Durante
6:30—Two For the Money
7:00—Gale Storm Show
7:30—SRO Playhouse
8:00—Your Navy
8:30—High-Low
9:00—Encore Theatre
9:30—People Are Funny
10:00—News
10:05—Chicago Wrestling
11:00—Saturday Date
12:00—Sign Off
SUNDAY
11:00—Nat'l Men's Swimming and Diving Championship
1:00—Pro Tennis Matches
3:00—Disneyland
4:00—Face the Nation
4:30—World News Roundup
5:00—The Last Word
5:30—This Is The Answer
6:00—Gateway
6:15—Dan Smoot Show
6:30—Favorite Husband
7:00—Ed Sullivan Show
8:00—G E Theatre
8:30—Alfred Hitchcock
9:00—The Web
9:30—Dr Christian
10:00—Weekly News in Review
10:15—Gateway
10:30—Liberace
11:00—News & Sign Off

KOTI-TV (Channel 2)

FRIDAY
4:00—Wild Bill Hicock
5:15—Doug Edwards and News
5:30—Basin Sports
5:45—Weather and News
6:00—Cavalcade of Sports
6:50—Sportsman
7:00—Mr Adams and Eve
7:30—Captain Grief
8:00—Undercurrent
8:30—Highway Patrol
9:00—I Spy
9:30—Search for Adventure
10:00—Big Picture
10:30—News
10:35—Dugan Theater
SATURDAY
9:45—Dizzy Dean Warmup
9:55—Baseball Game of the Week
12:30—Horse Racing
1:30—Faith for Today
2:00—Fontaine Showtime
3:00—Christophers
6:00—Durante
6:30—Two for the Money
7:00—Gale Storm
7:30—SRO Playhouse
8:00—This Week in Sports
8:30—High-Low
9:00—Encore Theatre
9:30—People Are Funny
10:00—News
10:35—Chicago Wrestling
SUNDAY
11:00—Men's Swim and Diving Championships
12:00—American Forum
12:30—Zoo Parade
1:00—Pro Tennis Matches
1:30—This is the Life
2:00—Catholic Hour
2:30—Children's Gospel
3:00—Disneyland
4:00—Face the Nation
4:30—World News Roundup
5:00—Last Word
6:00—The Pastor
6:15—Dan Smoot
6:30—Favorite Husband
7:00—Ed Sullivan
8:00—GE Theater
8:30—Alfred Hitchcock
9:00—The Web
9:30—Dr Christian
10:00—Weekly News Review
10:30—Liberace
11:00—Weather and News
11:06—Sign off

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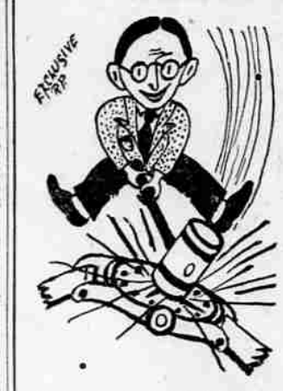

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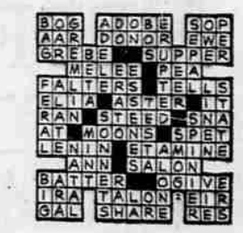
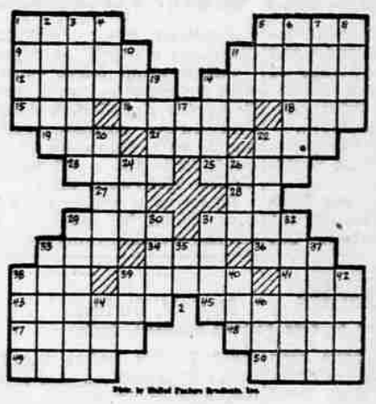


ACROSS
1—Young sheep
4—Leak through
9—City in New York
11—Quadruped
12—One of Santa Claus's reindeer
14—Gift
15—Goal
16—At present
18—Insect
19—Precious stone
21—Be ill
22—Genus of rodents
23—Lifeless
25—Meadows
27—Paid notice
28—Near
29—Pack away
31—Journey
33—Declare
34—Simian
36—Scold
38—Small rug
39—Avoid
41—Gratuity
43—Indolent
45—Inherent
47—Pasteboards
48—Paths
49—Part of leg
50—Gasp for breath

DOWN
1—Mine vein
2—By side of
3—Repaired
4—Evil
5—The sun
6—Lower world (Greek myth.)
7—Slaves
8—Man's nickname
10—Openwork fabric
11—Dried grass
13—Highway
14—High
17—Roman gods
20—Fleshy
22—Church service
24—Bustle
26—Organ of hearing
29—Sarcasm
30—Flutter
31—Gull-like bird
32—Film formed on copper
33—Mephistopheles
35—Hebrew letter
37—Presented
38—Artificial
39—Beast of burden
40—Hindu cymbals
42—Nuisance
44—Poem
46—Knock



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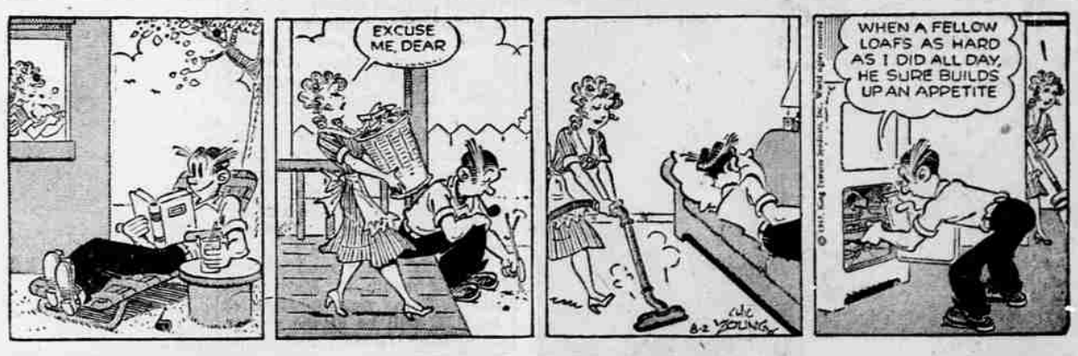

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