

Modern Medicine Found Often Coldly, Inhumanly Scientific

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New York—UPI—An investigation of what it does to a sick person to have doctors stand around his hospital bed discussing his case found that modern scientific medicine can be and often is too coldly and inhumanly scientific. It is much too much that way when it forgets or ignores that a sick

person is more than an assemblage of ailing organs and flesh but also has a mind teeming with human emotions in which concern for his own life and well-being is uppermost.
Drs. Hans Prouss and Philip Solomon, psychiatrists of the Harvard University Medical School, noted with emphasis that whereas medical students are quite aware of their teachers' "ignorance of the human factor," they themselves could display the same ignorance after they become full-fledged medical doctors.
The idea is to educate by

arriving at a good understanding of the patient's illness and what should be done about it. Modern medical science is well well aware of the "psychosomatic" — it knows any patient is also a person. Drs. Prouss and Solomon wanted to find out if this knowledge was applied in "ward rounds" and so they studied the patients' emotions before and afterward and also accompanied the "rounds" of a large city general hospital.
Reassure Patient
They found that by and large "rounds" were of "great reassuring value to the pa-

tient" who was impressed by as many as 14 men in white jackets around his bed.
Since the patient is listening to the learned discussion of his ailments, he can be spared the blunt words which

may "embarrass, frighten or irritate" him. As an example: It is not necessary to say he is an alcoholic; instead it can be said that he has "ethylism," a word he won't know but the "doctors" will.
Also patients should be pre-

pared for these visitations and they should be told afterwards what the "doctors" decided about their cases, Prouss and Solomon reported to the New England Journal of Medicine.

Three Hopyards Now Hand-Picked

Salem — Only three hopyards in Oregon are being picked by hand this year, according to reports coming into the state department of agriculture's hop analytical laboratory. These are in or on the edge of Marion county

which now has the largest acreage of hops of any county in the state.
Up to Sept. 10 samples representing 70 per cent of the Willamette valley hops crop had passed through the laboratory for determinations as to leaf, stem and seed content. At that date about half the hops from the Grants Pass area were represented in the laboratory work, but none of the hops from the Hermiston or Malheur county areas had been submitted for official analyses.
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