

April 22, 1943

Major William F. Ashe, M. C.,
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Dear Bill:

I was glad to get your letter of April 19, with the attached letter from Dr. Peck. The question he has raised is an interesting one. However, I am not much impressed by his statement of fact, although I would like very much to see his figures. Certainly in my experience, coronary disease is uncommon among laborers, whether lead workers or otherwise. I do not remember of our having had a case of coronary disease among the people under our observation. However, I shall make some inquiry to see whether I am mistaken.

Under separate cover I am sending you a half dozen of the reprints, which as you see include all of the articles. If you have any additional requests for reprints, I shall be glad either to supply them to you or to send them out for you if you would prefer to forward the requests to me.

I suppose you have little temptation to come to Cincinnati in your odd moments, now that Mrs. Ashe is with you. However, if you should get a chance, come in to see me. It has been a long time since we have had a chance to talk together.

Best regards to yourself and your family,

Sincerely yours,

Robert A. Kehoe, M. D.

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April 19, 1943

Dr. Robert A. Kehoe
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Dear Bob:

The enclosed is a nice letter from one of the doctors
at Anaconda.

I wrote him saying that I didn't know the answer to
his first question and was quite interested in the second; have
never tried it, but suspect it might be a useful differential
sign.

Since I've not seen this article except in original
draft I would appreciate a reprint if you have any.

We remain busy as the one arm paper hanger with the
hives.

Personal regards,

Bill
WILLIAM F. ASHE
Major, Medical Corps

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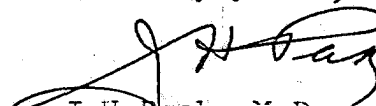
Dear Doctor;

Have just finished your article " Industrial Lead Poisoning as a Clinical Syndrome", and enjoyed it very much. I have had the care of men in a lead smelter for twenty five years and feel that your work covers the ground better than any that I have read.

There are two things I would like to ask you. In your experience, is coronary disease more frequent in lead workers than other forms of manual labor? Doctors' Alice Hamilton and Aub say no, but my records show an increase. Another sign to which I put some importance; a case of colic may show point tenderness, but if you place your hand flat on the abdomen and exert quite a bit of pressure, the lead colic sufferer remarks of his own accord, "That feels better",

Again let me express my appreciation for the fine article.

Sincerely yours,


J.H. Peck, M.D.

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