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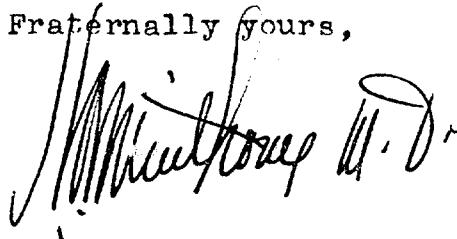
My dear Dr. Kehoe:

During the year of 1943, I had occasion to operate upon a man for a cyst of the pancreas. At the time of the operation I found a cyst about as large as an orange situated somewhat about the middle of the body of the pancreas and the rest of the pancreas was enormously swollen and congested. The interesting thing about this case is that a short time before he had been treated for lead poisoning which had been proven by a blood examination.

The thought came to me as to whether lead could produce Pancreatitis followed by cystic formation. I could find nothing in the literature and consulted the Bureau of W. F. Pryor Co. The latter company sent me a report of a french surgeon who had observed six cases of Pancreatitis within a period of less than one year, all of whom except one, had lead poisoning. Operation in each case revealed either Pancreatitis or cyst of the pancreas. Would you be kind enough to give me your opinion as to whether lead can produce Pancreatitis and have you had any such cases?

Trusting to have an early reply from you, I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. A. Minthorne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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