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Re: Analyses #39A-3546 and 3547

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

I certainly appreciate the fact that you promptly came to my aid in the quantitative examinations in this case. Your findings bear out my original suspicion that Dr. Kozelka's findings of .145 mg. of lead in blood were all out of proportion to his normal finding of .05 mg. of lead in 1650 cc. of urine.

I think you may be interested in knowing that before I reported to our hospital chemist, Miss Perry, your findings in this case, she reported to me that two 24-hour specimens 1700 cc. and 1750 cc. in amount were .070 and .072 respectively as to lead content. These give values of .041 mg. per liter which compare very well with your .035 mg. of lead per liter. Also much to my surprise she reported that 52.282 grams of whole blood contained .0138 mg. of lead or .026 mg. of lead per 100 grams of blood. This also compared favorably with your finding of .02 by the dithizone and .035 by the spectrographic method. This is more noteworthy in that in her determinations of blood and urine have all been by the chromate method. This confirms my impression that she is a very careful chemist.

Within a few months I hope to take advantage of your offer and have her come to your laboratory to familiarize herself with your techniques.

In this particular case of [REDACTED] I believe that with your laboratory cooperation we have been able to spike one more case of this PhD striving to pass as a medical authority. It will interest you to know that the Melcher case upon which you testified was decided in our favor.

While I will try not to impose upon your good will, there may well be future times in which I will appeal to you for urgent help both as to laboratory and medical testimony aid, particularly when we are faced with such extravagantly unwarranted claims.

We have had a lovely Fall here with pleasantly cool weather contrasting your recent visit. Tomorrow I hope to put aside lead absorption and lead intoxication and spend the entire day in the woods in the middle and western portion of our state, near the Dells at Kilbourn. The coloring of our Oaks and Maples is now at its peak.

Thanking you again for your cooperation and thoughtfulness, I am

With cordial regards,