**Cures**

**Patient: “Have you ever actually cured anyone?” Dr. Peter: “Not knowingly,” *(Johnny Hart, in B.C. comic strip)***

**Does acupuncture cure windbags? *(Harry C. Bauer)***

**A newborn cured of HIV: Doctors in Mississippi appear to have cured a baby girl of an HIV infection – a breakthrough that researchers hope to replicate for the sake of other infected children. Within 30 hours of being born in a rural hospital, the infant tested positive for the virus, and doctors immediately began treating her with an aggressive regimen of conventional anti-retroviral drugs. Infected babies typically have to take such drugs indefinitely to keep the virus in check, but after 18 months, the mother disappeared with her daughter and stopped giving her the medicine. The doctors located the girl again several months later and, fearing the worst, ordered up ultra-sensitive blood tests. “When all those came back negative, I knew something odd was afoot,” Hannah Gay, the child’s pediatrician, told NPR.org. Katherine Luzuriaga, a pediatric AIDS expert at the University of Massachusetts, thinks Gay’s early and aggressive treatment “curtailed the formation of viral reservoirs” in the girl’s body. The girl, now 2 and a half years old, is only the second person known to have been cured of the disease; the other was an adult male who received a bone-marrow transplant from an HIV-resistant donor. Worldwide, some 300,000 HIV-positive babies are born every year. *(The Week magazine, March 22, 2013)***

**Discount Doctor: A new doctor moved to town and started a discount medical practice. For $5, you can come to his office and read old issues of Reader’s Digest until you find the article with the cure for what ails you, claims Chriss Stutzman of Navarre, Ohio. *(Country magazine)***

**Balsamic vinegar originated in Italy as a disinfectant and cure-all. The term balsamic means "balsam-like," as in a restorative or curative balm. Balsamic vinegar is made by cooking sweet, white grapes, traditionally of the Lambrusco or Trebbiano varieties, until it is reduced by half. The concentrate is then fermented for a few weeks and then left to age for several years in wooden barrels. The type of wood varies. Oak, chestnut, cherry, juniper, and mulberry all alter the taste of the vinegar inside. *(The Daily Chronicle)***

**Woman: "So where are you off to, Crankshaft?" Crankshaft: "If I mentioned the Indians fantasy camp, I'm just going to be ridiculed! I'm going to Florida to a baseball clinic!" Woman: "I hope they can cure you!" *(Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers, in Crankshaft comic strip)***

**A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor’s book. *(Irish proverb)***

**Perhaps you think that boredom is just an unpleasant state of mind. But it's more than that. Boredom is a state of mental and emotional tension that results when what we are doing lacks motivation and purpose. What's the cure? Imagination, says Dr. Normal Vincent Peale. “Almost every day I hear people say they are bored with their work,” he said once. “Such people lack imagination. Nothing need be humdrum. You can find excitement in any job.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**For many years I had a beloved friend, someone a couple of decades my senior with whom I worked throughout my 20s. In his 40s, he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer, and given six months to live. By some miracle or another, he survived those six months, and then another six, and then almost three decades more. He was never “cured,” however. His doctor told him the cancer was a wolf at the door, biding its time. Sooner or later the wolf would slip in, which it ultimately did a couple of years ago. But the three decades under this cloud were not a burden. On the contrary, they reminded him every day of thegift that was the current day, and thus, to look for his satisfactions not in audacious, multiyear life goals, but in tiny, everyday moments of beauty with his beloved wife and daughter. *(Arthur C. Brooks, in Atlantic magazine)***

**The ancient Chinese would swing their arms to cure a headache. *(Uncle John's Bathroom Reader: Extraordinary Book of Facts, p. 126)***

**We all labor against our own cure, for death is the cure of all disease, (Thomas Browne)**

**Stem cells raise hope for diabetes cure: A breakthrough new technique creates cells that make insulin, offering hope to the millions of people with type 1 diabetes who are now dependent on insulin injections, BBC.com reports. Typically diagnosed in children and young adults, type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disorder that causes the pancreas to stop producing insulin, the hormone that regulates blood sugar. In recent years, diabetes researchers have focused on cell therapy, in which patients are treated with healthy insulin-producing cells transplanted from cadavers. But extracting the cells from corpses has proven extremely difficult, severely limiting supply. Last week, researchers at Harvard University announced that they had successfully used stem cell technology to grow billions of insulin-secreting cells, which were then used to treat the disease in mice. If the procedure works in humans, people with type 1 diabetes could essentially be cured with a single transplant. Lead researcher Douglas Melton, whose son and daughter have the condition, has been searching for a cure for 23 years. "We are now just one pre-clinical step away from the finish line," he says. (The Week magazine, October 31, 2014)**

**Doctor: "Have you ever had athlete's foot?" Patient: "No." Doctor: "Ingrown toenails? Dandruff? Belly button lint." Patient: "No! No! No!" Doctor: "That's too bad!" Patient: "Why?" Doctor: "Those are the only diseases I know how to cure." (Bud Grace, in Piranha Club comic strip)**

**Early "cures":**

**Cocaine -- a "cure" for morphine addiction**

**Smoking -- "cure" for lockjaw**

**Heroin -- "cure" for tuberculosis, laryngitis and coughs.**

**Morphine -- "cure" for opium addiction. (World Features Syndicate)**

**Man reads from a book: “To cure illness in a family … wash the patient, and throw the water on the cat.” Garfield: “I get no respect around here.” (Jim Davis, in Garfield comic strip)**

**Lenny tells the psychiatrist, "every time I get into bed, I think there's somebody under it." "Come to me three times a week for two years, and I'll cure your fears," says the shrink. "And I'll charge you only $200 a visit." Lenny says he'll think about it. Six months later, he runs into the doctor, who asks why he never came back. "For $200 a visit?" says Lenny. "A bartender cured me for $10." "Is that so! How?" "He told me to cut the legs off the bed." (Reader's Digest)**

**Patient: “What have you got for a headache?” Doctor: Curing, or causing?” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Three quarters of all illnesses are cured without the victims ever knowing they have had them. Proof of this contention is to be found in post-mortem examinations, which time after time reveal indelible and unmistakable traces of diseases which the subject had conquered unknowingly. The body simply has a super-wisdom which is biased in favor of life rather than death. It doesn't win every time, often needs our help, but it is ten times as powerful as medicine's imitation. (Dr. Richard C. Cabot)**

**The majority of cases that come to us belong to the class of the discouraged woman told of in Luke 8:43, “who spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed.” Doctors have pronounced them incurable, and as a last resort they turn to God. The hardest part of the work in their healing is to get out of their minds the verdict of the doctor that their cases are incurable. We have discovered that there are no incurables. “With God all things are possible.” Any experienced metaphysical healer will tell you that he has been the instrument through which all the popular diseases have been healed. Some of the stories told by patients are beyond human credence; for example, the restoration of the eyes of a man from which they had been removed, and the growth of the nose of a woman who had lost it by disease. These are very rare but well authenticated in metaphysical circles. I am not prepared to give the names of these cases, but I can testify to my own healing of tuberculosis of the hip. (Charles Fillmore, in Atom-Smashing Power of Mind , p. 131)**

**Doctors in the 1700s prescribed ladybugs, taken internally, to cure measles. *(Uncle John's Bathroom Reader: Extraordinary Book of Facts, p. 126)***

**Life is an incurable disease. *(Abraham Cowley)***

**Father Slavko, the village priest at Medjugorie, Yugoslavia, which has in recent years become a famous pilgrimage site where miraculous cures are being reported, states that he can sometimes tell in advance who is likely to be healed. They are people who do not appear to be actively striving for healing. They seem psychologically empty, at peace, and receptive to whatever may happen. (Dr., Larry Dossey, in The Healing Process, p. 31)**

**Each year 50,000 sick people visit the shrine at Lourdes, France. And 3,000,000 healthy folks visit the place annually, also. Despite what you hear, only sixty-three miraculous cures have been certified by the Church since Marie Bernarde Soubirous (St. Bernadette) first saw visions of the Virgin in the grotto in 1858. (Bernie Smith, in The Joy of Trivia, p. 21)**

**Love's a disease. But curable. *(Rose Macaulay)***

**Additionally, medical school i teaching is oriented toward curing people, whereas doctors who treat older adults more often need to be focused on managing disease and slowing decline -- a very different mindset. (Michele J. Saunders, a national expert in geriatric health professions and former president of the Gerontological Society of America)**

**Love cures people – both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it. (Dr. Karl Menninger)**

**Doctor to patient: “I may not cure your neuroses, Mr. Foster, but I do guarantee that when you walk out of this office, you’ll wear them with pride.” (J. C. Duffy, in Go Figure comic strip)**

**There are no such things as incurables; there are only things for which man has not found a cure. (Bernard M. Baruch)**

**Not everything can be cured or fixed, but it should be named properly. (Richard Rohr)**

**The doctor asked his patient if he smoked. The answer was “No.” He asked, “Do you drink?” “No.” “How about keeping late hours?” The answer again was “No.” The doc said, “How am I going to cure you if you have nothing to give up?” (World Features Syndicate)**

**The doctor’s receptionist was startled when a nun stormed out of the examining room and left without paying. When the doctor appeared, she asked what had happened. “Well,” said the doctor, “I examined her and told her she was pregnant.” “Doctor!” exclaimed the receptionist. “That can’t be!” “Of course not,” he replied. “But it sure cured her hiccups.” *(James Cheng, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Here is a prescription to be filled whenever you doubt your threefold relationship with God: Keep your mind creative, keep your faith secure, keep your body supple, there, you have the cure! Take as directed. (Marcus Bach, in Unity magazine)**

**"Doctor," Esther begs the psychiatrist, "you've got to help my husband. He thinks he's a racehorse. He wants to live in a stable, he walks on all fours -- he even eats hay." "I'm sure I can cure him," the shrink replies, "but it will take a long time and be very costly." "Oh, money's no object," Esther says. "He's already won two races." (Executive Speechwriter Newsletter)**

**Remember to cure the patient as well as the disease. (Alvan Barach)**

**There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval. (George Santayana)**

**Centuries ago it was not unusual for entire naval expeditions to be wiped out by scurvy. Between 1600 and 1800 the casualty list of the British Navy alone was over one million sailors. Medical experts of the time were baffled as they searched in vain for some kind of strange bacterium, virus, or toxin that supposedly lurked in the dark holds of ships. And yet, for hundreds of years, the cure was already known and written in the record. In the winter of 1535, when the French explorer Jacques Cartier found his ships frozen in the ice off the St. Lawrence River, scurvy began to take its deadly toll. Out of a crew of one hundred and ten, twenty-five already had died, and most of the others were so ill they weren’t expected to recover. And then a friendly Indian showed them the simple remedy. Tree bark and needles from the white pine – both rich in ascorbic acid, or vitamin C – were stirred into a drink which produced immediate improvement and swift recovery. Upon returning to Europe, Cartier reported this incident to the medical authorities. But they were amused by such “witch-doctor cures of ignorant savages” and did nothing to follow it up.” Yes, the cure for scurvy was known. But, because of scientific arrogance, it took over two hundred years and cost hundreds of thousands of lives before the medical experts began to accept and apply this knowledge. (G. Edward Griffin, in World Without Cancer, p. 48)**

**The best cure for seasickness is to sit under a tree. (Spike Milligan)**

**When Marconi was very young, he told friends that he would be the one to give wireless to the world, not the many older researchers who had been experimenting in the field for years. After he did in fact fulfill his promise, he was asked how he had been so certain. His answer: the other scientists were seeking first to discover a means to overcome resistance in the air to the messages that would be sent, whereas he had already discovered that there was no resistance. In the same sense, the medical profession has long been seeking to overcome or “cure” disease. But today we know that life is not to be known by studying disease, any more than we can understand the world by studying it in the darkness. (Dr. Eric Butterworth, Unity minister)**

**It is part of the cure to wish to be cured. *(Seneca)***

**If pain could have cured us we would long ago have been saved. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

**Bricklayer Jim Kennedy of Galveston, Texas, fell 51 feet when a scaffold gave way in December, 1937. He was knocked unconscious for seven hours, received 42 stitches in his face, head, arms and legs -- but was cured of a stomach ailment that had bothered him for 15 years! (Ripley's Believe It or Not: Book of Chance, p. 206)**

**Before A. J. Cronin became a best-selling author, he was a doctor. Once he told about a colleague who gave an unusual prescription to patients afflicted with worry, fear, discouragement or self-doubt. The doctor called it his “thank -you cure.” For six weeks I want you to say thank you whenever anyone does you a favor. And to show you mean it, emphasize the words with a smile. Within six weeks, most of the doctor’s patients showed great improvement. *(Fred Bauer, in Reader’s Digest)***

**It is with disease of the mind, as with those of the body; we are half dead before we understand our disorder, and half cured when we do. *(Charles Caleb Colton)***

**One man says to the other: “I asked that doctor over there what it would take to cure an upset stomach and he said about two hundred bucks.” *(Jim Unger, in Classic Herman comic strip)***

**The hunt for a viral treatment: Researchers around the world are working at a breakneck pace to find an effective treatment for Covid-19, the illnesses caused by the corona virus, reports The New York Times. While most are seeking drugs that attack the virus, a group at the University of California, San Francisco is trying another approach: hunting for drugs that shield the proteins in our own cells that the virus needs to thrive and reproduce. So far they have identified 50 possible candidates; many are already approved to treat unrelated diseases, such as cancer. Just months after the virus was first identified, scientists in New York City and Paris are already testing the drugs on the virus in their labs. If promising drugs are identified, they will have to be tested on animals infected with the corona virus and then checked to make sure they don't cause harmful side effects in humans when given in a dose large enough to clear out the virus. The process could take months, but any form of treatment would be a major breakthrough. Doctors can currently offer patients only supportive care -- managing the fever and pushing air into lungs with a ventilator -- while the immune system tries to fight off the infection. *(The Week magazine, April 3, 2020)***

**The computer technician says to Ziggy: “There is no actual cure for this virus, but I’ll install some virtual Kleenex!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**The art of medicine consists in amusing the patient while nature cures the disease. (Voltaire)**

**The old man, bent double and walking with a cane, went into the doctor’s office. Minutes later he came out, walking erect with his head held high. “That’s extraordinary!” the nurse said. “How did you do that?” “Easy,” said the doctor. “I gave him a longer cane.” (Rocky Mountain News)**

**The soul's maladies have their relapses like the body's. What we take for a cure is often just a momentary rally or a new form of the disease. *(Francois Duc de la Rochefoucauld)***

**The world’s first hospitals were Greek temples of 350 B.C. Patients weren’t patients, exactly. They were worshippers who hoped the gods would cure them. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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