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Fold your flapping wings,
Soaring legislature!
Stoop to little things—
Stoop to human nature!
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TO PETER THOMAS BOHAN, M.D.

Dear Pete:

You and I have watched together at many bed-sides, we have shown one another many pathologic specimens, ensconced temporarily, to the horror of our respective wives, in our respective bath-tubs, and we have sat over many a mug of grog far into many nights discussing battle, murder, and sudden death. In the hope that we may both long be preserved to indulge these relatively innocent pastimes, I dedicate to you this unworthy brochure.

I was asked to write it in order to make intelligible some of the intricacies of the human body for the adult and otherwise sophisticated reader. It does not, therefore, have quite the same point of view either as a school physiology, as one of those compendia of household diagnosis and treatment, or as any of those little volumes with some such title as *What a Girl of Eighty Ought to Know* or *What a Man of Fourteen Ought to Know.* It has no rules for the sudden acquisition of health. It is not designed to prolong anyone's life. There is too much of that sort of thing going on already. When you glance over your well-filled library you will, of course, see that I have had, on account of the limitations of my space, to omit many topics. You will probably think I have given others undue prominence. In short, I am afraid you will find that I have left out all those things which I ought to have put in, that I have put in all those things I ought to have left out, and that there is no health in it.

Yours affectionately,

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