

QUOTH THE MAVEN

BY BEVERLY KING POLLOCK



My Doctor, the Doctor

For several weeks the pain had been there and I was just about ready to break down and make an appointment to see my doctor, the doctor. Fortunately he and I were both invited to the same dinner party. And I decided to act very casual about getting some advice.

There was a casual line of people ahead of me. I listened in on Mrs. Goldblatt's gall bladder, Mr. Smith's nephew in Oklahoma with the bad leg and Mrs. Teitelhoff's arthritis.

Then it was my turn. I confided to him my problem. "It's my right knee, Doctor. For no good reason it hurts."

He encouraged me with his "H'mm", so I continued. "Doctor, it sounds just like a case I read in a magazine last week at the beauty parlor. There was this woman and she..."

My doctor said, "Is your left shin hurting too?"

I looked at him the way as a child I used to look at my mother when she seemed to know everything I was thinking. "H-How did you know?" I said. "I just realized that myself"

And he replied, "Have your knee and shin been hurting you for approximately three and a half weeks?"

"Why, yes."

I couldn't believe he could be so aware of my symptoms with no examination at all. No wonder we attribute godlike qualities to doctors.

Then the doctor in all his wisdom proclaimed, "It's a typical housewife's complaint this time of the year. With your kids home from school, the house is a mess and you go through rooms shutting dresser drawers with your right knee."

"How true," I thought. And what about the left shin?

The doctor continued his sage observations. "You're getting your son ready for camp now?"

I nodded. My doctor paused and put his hand to his forehead as if to meditate further. Then he concluded the consultation: "The left shin hurts because you're always tripping over the open footlocker."

I kissed his hand and was in the process of bowing my way out of the room backwards when I realized my doctor was still talking to me.

"Lovely party, isn't it?" he said.

I thought to myself. Who says that doctors no longer have heart? My doctor talks to people almost as if they're human beings instead of patients.

And my doctor eyed my anatomy and said,

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BARBARA AND JIMMY SEED, NEWLYWEDS ARE FLANKED BY JACK AND BEA TELL, AT NUPTIALS RECENTLY IN LAS VEGAS. AT RIGHT IS ANNE FITZGERALD, MOTHER OF

THE BRIDE. GROOM IS A MEMBER OF FABULOUS FABLES GROUP. HANK ROVELL, P.R. DIR. OF FRONTIER WAS BEST MAN.

LETTERS

Dear Mr. Tell:

First of all, I wish to thank you for your kindness of sending me regularly your fine newspaper. I enjoy reading it very much and to learn what is going on in your part of the country, as do others to whom I give the paper after I have read it.

Today I wonder whether I may ask for your help and the help of your paper, whichever way you think best. Our late, lamented friend, Charles Kandel, was very much interested in the Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. Like to our institution he also con-

tributed generously to this Hospital. The American Committee of the Shaare Zedek Hospital publishes every year a Dinner Journal in which there are pages in memory of deceased friends of the Hospital. I myself am very much interested in this Hospital, and I do think that it may be a very fitting tribute to our late Charles Kandel to have sponsored a page in his memory in this year's Dinner Journal. It will appear in the Fall. My problem now is to find enough people willing to contribute to this memorial. All their names will be list-

"Better go easy tonight on the hor d'oeuvres and forget the pastries. Your best bet is the fruits."

Can you imagine such a nerve? That's the trouble with doctors. Always giving advice, even at parties.

ed on the page. Since I do not know the people in your city who may be interested in this, I wonder whether you, directly or through the medium of your newspaper would be kind enough to be of help.

People interested could send the money to you, and you may forward it either to me or the New York Office of the Shaare Zedek Hospital. (American Committee for Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, Inc., 135 West 41st Street, New York, New York 10036.)

I am sending a copy of this to the Rev. A. Asher Hirsch, the Executive Director of the New York Office. I know that this office will be glad to assist you and me in whatever has to be done in this matter.

I have also written to my good friend and colleague, Rabbi Dr. Aaron Gold, for his opinion and help.

With many thanks and kind regards, I am,
Sincerely yours,
Rabbi Selig S. Auerbach
Jewish Chaplain
(Clinton Correctional Facility, Dannemora, N.Y.)

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