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H.M.E.

14th September 1910.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for yours of 7th inst., and for so kindly sending me the interesting experience in connection with your patient in Westmoreland. I think it is quite probable that your conjecture that this treatment is a survival of the old days when precious stones were used in medicine is correct, and the incident is worth recording.

Again thanking you very cordially for so kindly communicating it to me,

I am,

Yours very truly,

H.S.W.

W. Herbert Cooper Esq.,  
Pendeen,  
CORNWALL.

9 SEP 1910

Mr. G. J. T.  
will you please  
reply to  
Records  
SEP 9 1910

Penzance  
Cornwall

Sept 7 '10

~~Dear Sir~~

In reply to your wish for information  
of medical traditions etc  
expressed in your medical diary,  
the following may interest you.

When I was in practice in Westmorland  
some few years since I was  
called to see an old woman  
with bronchitis. On my arrival

She told me that she had  
taken pearly water with no  
beneficial results - I thought  
at first she meant barley water,  
but found her remedy consisted  
of a pearl button placed in a  
tumbler of water - She could  
not explain any reason for thinking  
this would relieve her cough  
but said her parents used to  
employ this remedy for any  
illness connected with the chest.

I imagine this to be a selection  
of the days when precious stones  
were exhibited as physic, the  
more costly to the rich and  
the less to those who could  
not afford the higher priced  
stones. I do not think the old  
lady would object, if still alive,  
to my giving her name and address.

She was Mr. Hutchinson  
Low Bridge  
Kentmere

Stroud

Wendal.

I was very truly

Yours  
Arthur Cooper

Cooper

(Dr. W. H.)