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PARK HILL, DEACONESS H. R. FLORIDA

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Pennsylvania Medicine

, June 3rd. 1913

Dear Madam,

I desire to thank you very heartily for your kind letter of the 8th of May, and for the information respecting the old negro's treatment for a bad throat; it will form an interesting addition to our memorandum on the subject.

Again thanking you,

I am,

yours very truly,

Deaconess Parkhill,
Eight Jefferson Street,
Orlando,
Florida.

EIGHT JEFFERSON STREET
ORLANDO, FLORIDA.

May 8th 1913

Mr Henry S. Welcome,
Sir,

Your pamphlet is received & I have written of it to our Medical Missionary to the Seminole Indians & have forwarded it to the State Health Officer of Florida.

I can give you only a very minute contribution, but as you ask for even such I will tell you what I was told as a child about an old negro man named Pody.

He was free, therefore very poor having no master to care for him. He lived in Tallahassee, Florida (the capital city) & my negro nurse used to take me to his little hut to enquire about him because he was old & sick & to take food sent him by my Mother.

I do not remember myself
all this but was told ~~it~~.
He had something the matter
with his throat — as he expressed
it — "his palate was down" —

His method of raising it was to tie a string
to a bunch of his woolly hair on
the top of his head. — the spot
that feels to be nearest to the
palate than any other ^{anywhere}.
This long cord was passed
up over one of the joists above
his bed & he held the loose
end. Every now & then he
would give it a jerk to pull
up his palate. He was in
bed a long time & was very
old & I think finally died.

Respectfully

H R Parkhill

Deaconess

Excuse the writing, I am now, & have very ^{sight} poor