

Duping a letter to a Hapsburg graduate who wanted to marry a ben. medic. W.D.  
 usually, some time and the son asked him not to interfere so that something  
 copy of pencil draft of letter (undated) was advised:  
 that made W.D. think he was offended - hence in W.D.'s handwriting

Dear ---,

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G.P.O. 2. VIII. 21

Do not worry, you could not offend me, nor did you fool me altogether. Although I did not refer to it, I had a feeling that you had made up your mind. Long experience has taught me that, in these cases, advice is sought to confirm a position already taken. In the affairs of the heart, in which I have had a long and curious experience, I do not remember an instance in which my adverse counsel was taken. From the West, one day, a family group of anxious Hebrews came to consult me on the advisability of the son - an early this <sup>ker</sup> ~~is~~ - marrying. There could be no two opinions, and the old people on both sides were greatly pleased, and the young ones, though sad, seemed content<sup>ed</sup>, and agreed to wait until he was quite well. As they streamed out, the patient said: "Doctor, a word with you, please<sup>above</sup>," I think it only fair to say that, knowing very well what your advice would be, we got married before we left Kansas city."

I was quite touched by your letter. Of course, I know you love her, or you think you do which, at this stage of the game, is the same thing. Only remember that the blind bow boy plays the devil with us sometimes. I tried to warn you against what I felt was an indiscreet marriage. You have a career ahead of you in which the right woman will help, the wrong woman wreck. A level-headed fellow can do anything he wishes with a wife if love blossoms into trust, gentleness, and consideration. A doctor needs a woman who will look after her<sup>is</sup> house and rear his children, & Martha whose first care will be for the home. Make her feel that she is your partner, arranging <sup>a</sup> ~~one~~ side of the

business in which she should have her sway and her way. Keep the two separate. Consult her and take her advice about the house and the children, but keep to yourself, as far as possible, the outside affairs relating to ~~your~~<sup>the</sup> practice. ~~which~~ //owadays, with the tele-  
phone <sup>this</sup> is very hard.