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Dr. Harvey Cushing,
 Surgeon-in-chief,
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My dear Dr. Cushing:-

The little note dated December 10th, 1901,
 came with the presentation of a little work in Latin termed
"Querelae Ventriculi Renovatae, Sive Ejusdem
Naturalia sua fibi vendicantis & abusus Tam Diaeteticos, quam
Pharmaceuticos perstringentis. Adornante BERNHARDO SWALVE MED. DR.
Amstelædæmi, 1575.

I didn't know what I had given to me until a New York
 collector, hearing me speak of it, offered a large sum of money
 for the book. It is the oldest work on "Diseases of the Stomach"
 that we have. Among the chapters, as the book begins, you will
 find the following:

- Ventriculi nomen et usus.
- Dignitas.
- Abusus
- Gulae vitia non imputanda Ventriculo.
- Ventriculae situs et connexio.
- Magnitudo et capacitas.
- Ventriculus etiam est Viscus.
- Substantia Ventriculi.
- Partes ejus dissimulares.
- Ventriculi Nervi.
- Arteriae.
- Venae.

You see it begins like a modern text-book on clinical
 diagnosis, but there are nearly ten pages of chapter tabulation,
 like this, and contains one on the Physiology of the Appetite,

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on Swallowing, on the Temperature of the Stomach, on the Relation of the Gastric Juice to the Bile and Pancreatic Juice, an Itemized Study of the Digestibility of Foods, on the Relation of Gastric Abnormalities to those of other Organs; a detailed consideration of the various gastric signs and symptoms. *etc*

I dedicated my book on the "DISEASES OF THE STOMACH" to Osler, because he had sent me many beautiful pathologic specimens for years and gone to distant hospitals with me to lend his valuable experience to autopsies done in these places.

In the early days of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, I made it a point to go the rounds with him three times a week. In the last two or three years he communicated with me concerning my historical writings, in which he seemed to take a greater and greater interest, and some of which you will find tabulated in the accompanying list of contents of a book gotten up by two of my pupils.

I was delighted to hear from you. Once or twice, some of my students, who were getting up a historical volume, dedicated to me, wanted to write to you for an expression of appreciation, but I discouraged it, because I had not heard from you for such a long time.

Yours very sincerely,

John Hemmeter

#739 University Parkway.

Please return all enclosed letters from Osler.