

W.O., to Dr. Singer.
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13 Norham Gardens.
(typewritten)

Dear Dr. Singer,

Your paper on Marten is very interesting, and it is remarkable what a clear statement he gives of the germ theory of disease; I doubt if there is any statement more specific as to the various species of animalculae causing different maladies. Of course Loeuwenheock's discovery had given a great impetus to these views. In the middle of the 16th century Frascatorius had an extraordinarily clear conception of 'the seeds of contagion', as he calls them. I send you my paper upon him.

Marten's views on secondary infection are most interesting. We could not publish the paper in the Quarterly Journal, but I think the editor of Janus would be very glad to have it, and they publish English communications. I will try to get the book, which I have never seen.

With kind regards and many thanks for calling my attention to the old worthy.

If I can not pick up the book in a little while I will ask you to lend me your copy. In writing to the Editor of Janus you could say that I felt certain that it would be of sufficient interest.

Sincerely yours,
Wm. Osler.

From Dr. Singer.
"Benjamin Marten". Janus 1911.