



OSLER'S NOTES

You may learn to consume your own smoke.

The atmosphere is darkened by the murmurings and whimperings of men and women over the non-essentials, the trifles that are inevitably incident to the hurly burly of the day's routine. Things cannot always go your way. Learn to accept in silence the minor aggravations, cultivate the gift of taciturnity and consume your own smoke with an extra draught of hard work, so that those about you may not be annoyed with the dust and soot of your complaints.

(Source: The Mater-Word in Medicine, In Aequanimitas, 368.)

There are incurable diseases in medicine, incorrigible vices in the ministry, insoluble cases in law.

(Source: Bean WB. Sir William Osler: Aphorisms, 123.)

The chief function of the consultant is to make a rectal examination that you have omitted. ■

(Source: Bean WB. Sir William Osler: Aphorisms, 104.)



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