

Ann Arbor, Mich.,

Dr. W. F. Koch.
Lab. of Physiologic Chemistry,
University of Michigan.

St. Mary's Hospital (Mayo Clinic.)
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA,
U. S. A.

Dear Doctor:

Will you kindly furnish me with two copies of your monograph, entitled "The Occurrence of Methyl Glucoside in the Urine of Pancreatized Animals."

appearing in Jour. of Biol. Chem. 1912, Sept. p. 313.

(Goodman & Kilo?)

With thanks for the courtesy, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Division of
Gastroenterology

Frank Smithies M. D.

FRANK SMITHIES
CHICAGO

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Nov. 30th, 1917.

Dr. W. Koch, Prof. of Physiology & Chemistry,
Detroit College of Medicine & Surgery,
Detroit, Mich.

Dr. Doctor:-

Several years since, you did some very fine work on the parathyroid gland. It was published in the "Journal of Biologic Chemistry" I believe. I have always felt that the work was of such significance that the general profession ought to know more about it.

Can not you supply a summary of the work with its clinical pointings, etc. if possible for publication in "Medicine & Surgery" of St. Louis, January number? As you know, I am one of the associate editors of "Medicine & Surgery" and am very anxious to have each number of the journal include the highest type of medical investigation.

Let me know when I may expect your manuscript and please do not turn me down.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

Frank Smithies, M.D.

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CHICAGO

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Dec. 3rd, 1917.

Dr. Wm. Koch,
Department of Physiologic Chemistry,
Detroit College of Medicine & Surgery,
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Professor:-

Thank you very much for your kind letter of
the 1st.

I think that it would be best to send on
the article as you have it written and leave the portion
on "Eclampsia" for a later paper. If you can give us a
clinical summary of your results, I am sure that the paper
will be highly appreciated. It would be well to send the
manuscript direct to me at the Augustana Hospital and I
will forward it.

Congratulations on the confirmation of your
parathyroid work by the University of Glasgow. It is al-
ways a source of great satisfaction to know that one has
been working along the right lines. It will be the source
of a bitter pill, however, for the Ann Arbor crowd to swal-
low. Why is it that they give the young men so little
chance at the University of Michigan? It defeats the pri-
mary aim of the University and it is gradually causing
the medical school to occupy a very mediocre place.

I will keep an eye on research positions and
should anything come up, I should be very glad to let you
know. Have you ever thought of applying to Kendall at
Mayo Clinic as an assistant? As you know, Kendall is doing
epoch making work upon the chemistry of the thyroid and I
know that he has only a couple of assistants.

With best wishes and again thanking you for
offering to get ready your work on time, I am

Fraternally yours,

Frank Smithies

M.D.

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TO LET US TREAT THEM UNDER YOUR DIRECTIONS WIRE WHAT YOU WISH TO DO

DR FRANK SMITHIES

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ASSOCIATE DR CLYDE KARSHNER WILL CALL ON YOU FRIDAY AT THE COLLEGE

DR FRANK SMITHIES

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FRANK SMITHIES
CHICAGO

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Dec. 15th, 1919.

Dr. Wm. Koch,
c/o Detroit Medical College,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Dr. Koch:-

Dr. Karshner returned an interesting account
of your work with cancer.

Perhaps sometime during the Christmas holi-
days it would be well to come over and talk with me
about the matter. If I go to New York to the American
College of Physicians' meeting, I will try to stop off
at Detroit but I cannot promise.

- \$ There might be a very good future for you and
your form of treatment here in Chicago. We are willing
to help, of course, must at the same time look out for
ourselves in a business and a professional way. It would
be very advantageous if we could arrange to have the
general profession informed regarding your method at
the meeting of the American Congress on Internal Medicine
Feb. 25th to 28th, 1920, Chicago.

With best wishes and thanking you for your kind-
ness to Dr. Karshner, I am

Fraternally yours,

Frank Smithies

M.D.

MEDICINE AND SURGERY
METROPOLITAN BUILDING

PHILIP SKRAINKA, M. D.
Editorial Department

St. Louis, Mo. December 3, 1917

Dr. Koch
Detroit College of Medicine
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Dr. Koch:

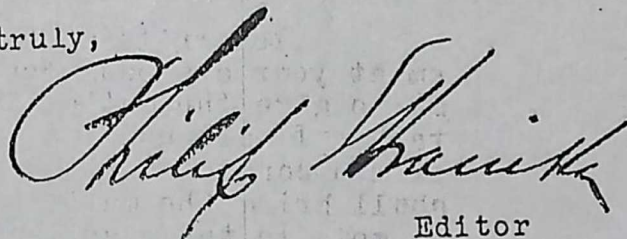
Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the November number of MEDICINE AND SURGERY, so that you may judge of its merits in connection with the letter Dr. Frank Smithies wrote you, asking you to contribute to the Special Endocrinology Number for January, 1918.

In case you intend to write, will you kindly send me the title of your paper at once so that it can be listed in the December number among the papers to appear in January?

Both Dr. Smithies and I would be highly pleased if you were to write for this number, and on account of your knowledge of the subject, I am sure your paper would add considerably to the issue's worth.

Hoping to receive a favorable reply, I remain,

Yours very truly,



Editor

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MEDICINE AND SURGERY

PHILIP SKRAINKA, M. D.
Editorial Department

St. Louis, Mo.

August 20, 1918.

Dr. Wm. F. Koch,
Detroit College of Medicine & Surgery,
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Doctor Koch:--

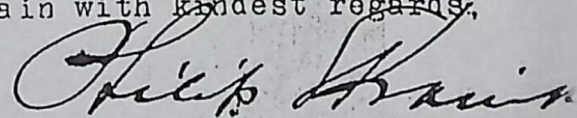
No, you are not the slowest book reviewer; that "honor" does not belong to you as yet--at least not from my standpoint--and surely I ought to know, being an editor ever on the look-out with my spear for reviewers who keep books for four months without sending me a review. No, indeed, you are one of my best both as regards the shortness of time which you take and the quality of your reviews.

I read with the deepest interest the lines in your letter about your new cancer cure. If you have found, or rather discovered a cure, and there is no reason for my doubting your assertions, you are to be congratulated, for you will place yourself in the front rank of the doctors of today. As regards my opinion of your work and value, that will grow until it will make you dizzy.

Everybody will be interested in your cure, and by everybody I mean at present every doctor of intelligence; and just because I feel that you have accomplished something, I want to throw the pages of MEDICINE AND SURGERY wide open to you for any paper you want to write on the subject. Surely if I can "scoop" this bit of "news", I shall be the proudest editor in the country.

You write that you want my cooperation. Of course, I am at your disposal for anything you demand. Do you want me to give the matter the publicity it deserves, or would you rather I wait until I hear further from you? I know a number of men connected with our best hospitals, and, of course, I shall bring the matter to their notice directly you want me to do so. In the meantime accept my congratulations and best wishes, and good luck to you for your great humanitarian act.

Awaiting your answer to this letter impatiently, especially your decision to publish your first paper on the subject in MEDICINE AND SURGERY, I remain with kindest regards,



P.S. It was a happy thought on your part to write to Frank Smithies. He is a "peach", a good friend of mine, one of the best, if not the best.

FRANK SMITHIES
CHICAGO

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April third
Nineteen
Twenty.

Prof. Wm. F. Koch,
Detroit College of Medicine & Surgery
Department of Physiological Chemistry,
Detroit, Michigan.

My dear Professor:

Reply to your favor of the 25th ult., has
been unavoidably delayed.

From what you tell me and from what Dr.
Karshner has told me, I feel sure that you are on the right
track..I was very sorry to see the committee appointed by
the Michigan State Medical Society (or was it the Detroit
Medical Society?) give you such a black eye in the Journal
of the Michigan State Medical Society.

I shall not have time before the middle of
June to take up the question which you mention, but after
the middle of June I shall be very glad to have you come
over and spend some time with us. We can then plan a series
of cases, can photograph them, give them your treatment, and
can then check up our results.

If things turn out as you anticipate, I
think that you will have no trouble in making suitable
connections in Chicago for the proper employment of your
therapeutic agent.

With best wishes and thanking you for your
numerous courtesies, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frank Smithies

M.D.

FS/M

Who was Dr. Frank Smithies¹ and how did he first become interested in the medical research of Dr. William F. Koch?

In 1912 Dr. Frank Smithies, while at St. Mary's Hospital (Mayo Clinic), sent a post card to Dr. Koch, at the University of Michigan, requesting two copies of his research paper "*On The Occurrence of Methyl Guanidine in the Urine of Parathyroidectomized Animals.*" On November 30, 1917, five years later Dr. Smithies, as associate editor of "Medicine & Surgery" of St. Louis, wrote to Dr. Koch and requested that Dr. Koch write a summary of his research work on the parathyroid gland for publication in "Medicine & Surgery" of St. Louis for the January 1918 issue of "Medicine & Surgery." Three days later, he also wrote a letter to Dr. Koch to congratulate him on the confirmation of his parathyroid work by the University of Glasgow. Dr. Smithies went on to write:

Congratulations on the confirmation of your parathyroid work by the University of Glasgow. It is always a source of great satisfaction to know that one has been working along the right lines. It will be the source of a bitter pill, however, for the Ann Arbor crowd to swallow. Why is it that they give the young men so little chance at the University of Michigan? It defeats the primary aim of the University and it is gradually causing the medical school to occupy a very mediocre place.

In early 1918 Dr. Philip Skrainka, Editor of Medicine and Surgery of St. Louis, asked Dr. Koch to review Dr. Crotti's book on medical for Medicine and Surgery. In August of 1918 when Dr. Koch returned his review on Dr. Crotti's book, he made a reference to the success of his cancer research to Dr. Philip Skrainka. Dr. Skrainka, who was very pleased to learn first hand from Dr. Koch about this research, wrote: "Surely if I can 'scoop' this bit of 'news' I shall be the proudest editor in the country." Dr. Skrainka wanted to be able to publish Dr. Koch's first paper on his cancer research. At about the same time Dr. Koch wrote to Dr. Smithies, in Chicago, about his cancer research.

On September 9, 1918, Dr Smithies sent his first telegram to Dr. Koch in which he wrote:

"FIND LOT OF CASES WAITING WOULD LIKE YOU TO TREAT THEM
AT ONCE OR LET US TREAT THEM UNDER YOUR DIRECTIONS WIRE
WHAT YOU WISH TO DO"

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After Dr. Koch's first cancer research paper on his medical discoveries and treatment for cancer was published in the DETROIT MEDICAL JOURNAL in July, 1919,

¹ Dr. Frank Smithies, a member of the American College of Physicians (and its 1927-1928 President), was the Chicago A.M.A. doctor who became very interested in Dr. Koch's medical research since 1912 and he became specially interested in Dr. Koch's cancer research in 1918. He sent his personal representative, Dr. Karshner, to interview Dr. Koch, in November of 1919, about Dr. Koch's cancer research and treatment. It appears that it was Dr. Smithies, who represented a Chicago group of A.M.A. doctors, that had offered Dr. Koch a million dollars if he would go to Chicago, Ill and work with them and take over control of Dr. Koch's cancer research and treatment for cancer. The BIRTH of a SCIENCE, The Lutheran Research Society, Inc., Detroit, Michigan, p. 56, 1949.

and his cancer research had received national attention, Dr. Smithies sent his second telegram to Dr. Koch on November 25, 1919 in which he wrote:

"MY ASSOCIATE DR CLYDE KARSHNER WILL CALL ON YOU FRIDAY
AT THE COLLEGE"

DR FRANK SMITHIES

Dr. Karshner did visit Dr. Koch on November 25th. Dr. Koch told Dr. Karshner all about his cancer research and the successes and failures that he had with the different medications he was using and the problem he had with cancer patients that had received prior radiation treatments. Dr. Karshner then returned to Chicago to tell Dr. Smithies everything he had learned. Dr. Smithies was a very active member of the Chicago A.M.A. with many contacts within this organization.

On December 15th, 1919, Dr. Smithies wrote the following letter to Dr. Koch to encourage him to move his cancer research to Chicago, the home of the American Medical Association.

FRANK SMITHIES
CHICAGO

Dec. 15th, 1919

Dr. Wm. Koch
C/o Detroit Medical College
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With best wishes and thanking you for your kindness to Dr. Karshner, I am

Fraternally yours,

Frank Smithies, M.D.

After very carefully considering Dr. Smithies' offer to go to Chicago and work with Dr. Smithies' group, Dr Koch decided that he was not interested in their offer and that he could continue his cancer research on his own. Thus on December 25, 1919, Dr. Koch wrote to Dr. Smithies advising him that he was not interested in Smithies' proposed deal.

In late 1920 Dr. Koch wrote to E. R. Squibb & Sons, Research And Biological Laboratories about commercially preparing his cancer medications. On December 21, 1920, Mr. John F. Anderson, Director of E. R. Squib & Sons wrote the following letter to Dr. Koch.

Dec. 21, 1920

Dr. Wm. F. Koch
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Dr. Koch:

We have your letter of recent date concerning the preparation of your product for the diagnosis and treatment of carcinoma, and before sending a representative to talk the matter over with you, we would like to know whether the methods for the preparation of the product are in a condition to be adapted immediately on large scale production. We should also appreciate from you some indication as to your idea in regard to the marketing of this product.

Very truly yours,

J. D. Anderson
E. R. Squib & Sons
JOHN F. ANDERSON.
DIRECTOR.

JFA.E.

This letter was received by Dr. Koch just seven weeks before the editors of the Journal of the American Medical Association came out with their first of two vicious attacks against Dr. Koch and his cancer treatment; "THE WILLIAM F. KOCH CANCER REMEDY." on February 12, 1921 and February 19, 1921. There is no record of Dr. Koch having any further communications with Mr. Anderson. Was it this J.A.M.A. attack on Dr. Koch, his cancer research and his cancer treatment that brought all further communications between Dr. Koch and Mr. Anderson to an end? This is only one example on how the A.M.A. and its Journal can destroy any doctor and/or any medical research it wants to.