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L ET us reason on that question. Does Osteopathy claim or teach that the doctor of Osteopathy must use the compounds produced by the medicine chemist as remedies? If so, then the study would be imperative. Then if the Osteopathic doctor does not use medicine to cure the sick why should he go through the hard study of chemistry? Because he could not understand physiology, a very important branch of anatomy, which embraces animal chemistry, the greatest chemical laboratory known to the mind of man. Whilst we do not expect to ever know more than that in man's organization the finest chemical products are produced at every stroke of the heart, why and how that work is so perfect when seen by the eye of man is what man has sought to learn, and today the mystery is just as great as it was a thousand years ago. We do not know how to make one drop of blood, urine, sweat, saliva or fat. We know an artery is different from a vein, and a piece of liver is not a part of a lung. In all our labor to learn the hows and whats of physiological action we only read the records of what man has seen after nature's machine has finished a tooth, an eye, ear, muscle or bone. He hears the music but fails to imitate. All he has learned to date is that something is wrong in the wheels of life when we are sick, he has tried all remedies of compounds poisonous and innocent but fails to relieve the sick. He takes counsel and obeys his preceptors, and witnesses the deaths of just as many when he returns from wise Europe, and writes his prescriptions in the oldest and purest Greek, French and Latin, as the most ordinary savage medicine man does with his weeds and antediluvian cures. The Osteopathic doctor's only hope is that nature will do the work, or it will not be done. All he can do is to line up the body, and his success as a doctor will book him to the degree of his ability to detect and adjust all physical variations to the normal, and leave his work in the hands of the chemist of the laboratory of animal life.

As doctors of Osteopathy a knowledge of physiology is of but little use to you when in the sick room, further than to know the locations of the organs of the body, their functions and their connections with the nervous systems, lymphatics and blood supply. Then there is but one more lesson to learn, and that is that no delays can be tolerated in nature's