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new scenes that follow a trayful of Martinis. Executives would do well, if they want to function at that peak of efficiency required for quick, courageous decisions, to head out of town at the first snow. Most of them accept this although a few have expressed reservation, perhaps fearing this philosophy of hygiene might spread like wildfire among their employes.

We endocrinologists have recently contributed much to the understanding of why even healthy folks begin to ail. It turns out to lie well within our specialty-all a matter of glands. A nagging wife, a perfectionist boss, an interfering relative may seem a trifling nuisance, but when the nettling goes on hour after hour, day after day, it can add up to what we gland specialists call stress. This stress transmits itself via the cerebral cortex to the pituitary gland and the pituitary in turn conveys this stress by an altered hormone secretion to all the other glands of the body -such as the adrenals, the thyroid, the pancreas, etc. So the body ends up with too little sugar, too much potassium, too little this or too much that. The patient usually sums this up by saying, "Doctor, I just don't know what specifically has been eating me, but . . ." When I hear this kind of story I gesture appropriately and warmly to staunch the narrative and prescribe a winter vacation.

Most of what I've been saying pretty well represents the views of my colleagues of the medical fraternity. One colleague, a specialist in obstetrics, has for years recommended winter vacations for his young couples. He has soft-pedaled this advice. Too many deliveries in the heat of August.
Now where should the patient go? Medical opinion is divided as to whether the direction should be north or south. One colleague of mine is convinced of the general benefits of the ski country. He's the orthopedic specialist who recently brought out a new treatment for fracture of the hip.

Where to go? Miss Jones, would you mind bringing me those travel folders? Now here we have Arizona, Miami, Nassau, Sun Valley, Vermont -ah, what vistas open up. But here's a little item I hadn't noticed before. The East Bronx Allergy Society is having its convention on the S.S. Caribbean cruise to South America. Certainly it's tax deductible. Miss Jones, call my travel agent. Did I say I wasn't a specialist in Allergy? How silly. I'm a wizard on the subject.


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an impression of stranded fleets of whales. The village itself has one street, with a kiosko at the centre. Here brandy and pernod are a peseta a glass (about 1 cent) and limmonados naturalla-straight from the trees --five pesetas. In between the tables. beside a stream thick with oleanders. turkeys strut. Every evening at seven you will see a man dousing the square with bucketfuls of water--a job that is the dream of every beachcomber! By ten it is quite dark.

At noon the daily bus draws into Santa Eulalia, three times a week bringing the mail. I once saw a lady visitor arrive in trousers, a sloppy joe slung around her shoulders. A peasant, fair-haired and with the features of an early Greek, lowered her pitcher to watch her. Men who were playing dominoes stopped; they forgot the Catalan strategy which they were re-enacting from the Civil War. Their teeth assumed the quality of melonseeds for the spitting, and there followed a violent hissing. The "modern" world is still alien to these people.

Every Thursday at 6 p.m. the Princess Mahon leaves for Barcelona.

As we hug the shores again, preparing to draw out into deeper waters, so the mountains grow ominous like witches' hats. This is the grey negative of which we have seen the colored original. Yesterday we were climbing these peaks, forests of pine and conifer thrusting themselves up out of the loose soil. And stretched below there had lain the silvery olive trees with their black coarse stems rising from the terra-cotta earth, the blindfolded horses turning the endless water-wheels through the heat of the day, the enormous irrigation streams as old as Elijah. Now at this moment when the island is fading, and we have passed the last savage headland at Tagomago, only a bag of stones tethers our memory. In the foothills we discovered a seam of harlequin rock alive with reds and blues and greens set in a faded pink sandstone. A joseph-coat, our proprietor had lisped, using the phrase as if it were as natural as "judas-tree" or "mosesbush." And how apt! For this is essentially a biblical people to whom a day or a century remain but uno momento.


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