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Wardhill ~~Galt #2,~~
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Dear Bob:

If you have tears, prepare to shed them now... ^{Frank Moore} ~~Elliot Stone~~, man of distinction, has switched from bourbon to barbiturates..

You remarked at one time, that upon meeting me for the first time, one is inclined to do a "double take". Every time my doctor sees me, he adds another pill. Had I the passive docility of a Mr. Moto, I would have probably wound up being prescribed atropine (so matters could be worse).

Could it be that this scientific man seeks the possibility of finding other drugs & substances which might satisfy needs presently satisfied by alcohol - & to do so in a way less harmful to the individual & society?

I am sure he has made a metabolic & a drug study that is necessary to find an adequate drug to aid in the treatment of alcoholism & of course he must possess all the data on the deleterious effects of the much used phenothiazines.

I have utmost confidence in this doctor's professional requisites & I am certain that he has made a long study of the typology of careers which delineate the patterns of man's encounter with alcohol. In addition, I have a wide opportunity to verbalize on the amenability of his treatment. Other patients, wait with bated breath to see whether I shall be crucified in the orthodox manner, or upside down.

In that we have engaged in a "life history", or what I would call a longitudinal study, there comes a time when we must consider the denouement. It passes for current that when a soldier joins battle, the thought is always, that it is always the other fellow who is going to be shot, & not him. To the contrary, I have oft considered the probability that I shall