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There's a good discussion of the dilemma facing doctors managing patients infected with HIV who present with cerebral mass lesions: balancing the risks of stereotactic brain biopsy against those of starting the wrong empirical treatment (p 226). Presumably although the HIV epidemic is advancing in South Africa it has not yet posed similar problems for Andrew Bruce-Chwatt, who is concerned to reject any ideas that the country's teaching hospitals are wasting money on ivory castle super high tech procedures (p 239). And, nearer home, consider how

much the lives of our over 85s would be enhanced by simple and cheap screening and providing simple aids for daily living, such as raised lavatory seats and tap turners (p 216)—though, given their low levels of physical activity, whether many of our present day 11-16 year olds will reach this age seems doubtful (p 203). Finally, how do you apologise if you've been particularly acid to your juniors? Norman Dott's way was to treat them to an outing—a Bertram Mills circus when possible (p 245). What a world we have lost.