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I understand that this matter that we are talking about has not been proven to have its origin in heredity, on the other hand, it has not been proven that it hasn't, so there you are and on that account I advised sending for Jean immediately and of course you have every facility for taking care of the baby's eyes.

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Dear, it is not my place to advise but you are trying to find out what the matter is because Jean does not know. So I suggest that when Jean gets home, the family doctor, whom you wrote about is perhaps the one to talk the matter over with her. It is his business to understand these things and he is used to having to meet all sorts and kinds of conditions—good, bad, and indifferent. He will also prevent her from seeing a bear where there is no bear. In other words, he should be able to help her in whatever direction she needs help and after his consultation with Jean, he can probably help you.

It took me a long time to get what I did out of Jean and I told her that if she had any gratitude for what I had done for her she should express it by being perfectly frank and open with her father and mother.

There may be other phases to the situation, which have not come to light and which would change my opinion.

When I asked Jean why he left home she said she did not know but that he said it was because of something that she had said that made him mad at her. Jean did not remember what it was and he would not tell her. For him to continue to be angry with her in the face of all that has happened, including the coming of the baby, seems unusual to say the least and would indicate a very peculiar mentality.

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