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Childhood memories of Dr. Walker:

Dr. Walker's type of humor: My mother would anxiously ask, "How long will she be sick?" Answer "Two weeks or a fortnight," followed by something that was apparently a laugh but sounded like a deep rumble, with a twinkle in the eye. He used this answer more than once, always accompanied by his rumble laugh.

I think he was known for driving very fast, even if not on an emergency call. My sense was that the adults respected him very much, but wanted to convey somehow to children that driving fast is not a good idea, even though this very respected man did.

There seemed to be general feeling from my mother that she would not call him until a child was very, very sick. So, if she did call him, you knew it was serious!

My father once took Boric Acid by mistake instead of Bicarbonate of Soda, which I think was a common remedy for indigestion. Since Mom really did not know whether this was a serious mistake, she called Dr. Walker and told him the problem. "Damned fool, " he said. Then he told her it was not a serious problem, I think, but obviously being a damned fool was a problem.