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Here is a fascinating question for all McCoy followers:

Name the occasions when the phrase (or something like it) "Dammit Jim, I am a doctor, not a _____" was used and what occupation he filled the blank in with.

One answer would be bricklayer when he was going to treat the Horta.

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In HS I had a friend who liked to make audio cassette tapes of ST episodes, and I think he also had a tape which just contained all the "I'm a doctor, no a ..." lines. The only one I can think of offhand is "I'm a doctor, not an escalator", which was used in the episode where

McCoy delivered a baby (my episode name memory is not what it used to be, and I don't have my Concordance handy).

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Subject: McCoy trivia

In 'City on the edge of forever', when McCoy first comes down from his drug-induced psychotic paranoia, he utters another great McCoy-ism.

After finding it strange that Leonard has never heard of Clark Gable, Edith Keeler (who runs the mission and plays Kirk's romantic interest) tells the good doctor that she knows some other people who strike her as similarly strange (unbeknownst to McCoy she refers to Kirk and Spock). To this he replies, "I'm a surgeon, not a psychiatrist."

"We're only up to 76% power!" David Silver
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Subject: Re: McCoy Trivia (but not trivial)

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The name of the episode in which McCoy says "I'm a doctor, not a bricklayer," was "Friday's Child". The context was something like when they were trying to get the pregnant woman up a steep incline, Spock attempted to help McCoy by pulling the woman up, but the woman resisted, saying "No! I will allow only his [McCoy's] touch," to which Bones replied with the above line.

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Not so. McCoy's line in "Friday's Child" in the situation you give is

"I'm a doctor, not an escalator". It is in "The Devil in the Dark" that McCoy, after being asked by Kirk to administer aid to the rock-like Horta, exclaims "I'm a doctor, not a bricklayer". Besides, it just doesn't sound right as you recount it.

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I believe that the episode in which Dr. McCoy says "I'm a doctor, not a bricklayer" was the one with the Horta, that subterranean rock tunneller on the mining planet. This occurred when the Horta's injury was being repaired with concrete by the good doctor.

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Subject: Re: McCoy Trivia (but not trivial)
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References: , , Whoops. The line of McCoy's referred to in the last
Organization: Dartmouth College
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article (about "Friday's Child") should have been "I'm a doctor, not an escalator" rather than "I'm a doctor, not a bricklayer." That's what I get for putting articles on the net past my bedtime.

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I thought the line that Dr. McCoy said about being a doctor not a bricklayer was from the one about the silicon creature - Horta - where he had to use cement to mend the wound...

Mary Ann Finnerty
ucbvax!unisoft!maf

Subject: Re: McCoy Trivia (but not trivial)
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The name of the episode in which McCoy says "I'm a doctor, not a bricklayer," was "Friday's Child".

I remember him saying that line in "The Devil in yhe Dark" when they were trying to heal the rock monster with cement.

Maybe I'm just confused.

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fritzz the Zebra-
"Gee, you look funny behind bars..."

Subject: Re: McCoy Trivia (but not trivial)
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I saw Mirror,Mirror tonight and McCoy said:
"I'm a doctor, not an engineer." and Scotty replies
"You're an engineer..."

- Linwood Varney (Jett Unix System, Huntsville, AL)
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Organization: Ballistics Research Lab
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Speaking of this. Back when I was really into TREKdom there was a company that was selling the scripts to the Star Trek episodes. Are they still around? They were also into some bogosities as the ten dollar Star Trek writer's guide which is completely contained in the paper back Making of Star Trek book.

-Ron