

Mr. D. G. Masson
Room 1502
300 Madison Ave.
New York City

December 4, 1950

Publicity release on the
Colette Eye Rest manufactured
by Schaefer Berget Corporation

Dear Mr. Masson:

Hot or cold applications are recommended for various eye conditions and the device appears to be a practical method for applying the same. There are several coined phrases such as television eyestrain which it is assumed is no different from eyestrain in general. The reference to "enhances color to tired eyes" it is assumed refers to blood shot eyes. It is rather far-fetched to say that the use of this device would eliminate sag and puffiness under the eyes. This condition may be due to a physical characteristic of some individuals or it may be due to a general systemic condition such as a kidney disease. If, however, the condition was due to lack of sleep or eye fatigue the device could be helpful.

Would suggest changing next to the last sentence to read:

"Among the benefits claimed for the mask by the manufacturer are: relieves blood shot appearance of tired eyes, eyestrain due to television and puffiness under the eyes."

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL TOXICOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Thos. W. Hale, M.D.

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Mr. V. A. Yarbrough
Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Division
South Charleston, West Virginia

October 20, 1950

Dr. H. F. Smyth, Jr.
Mr. H. F. Robertson

Spectrometric Study of the Gaseous
Products from the Combustion of
"Vinylite" Sheetting

Dear Mr. Yarbrough:

This report of yours is of interest to us and should prove very helpful to us in answering questions relative to combustion products of this material. It would be helpful to us if we could determine in P.F.M. the amounts of these various products of combustion. From your report it is not clear to me what the total volume of the combustion products would be. We also wonder which of various Volume Oxygen Per Gram Sample would be expected to represent the ordinary conditions under which "Vinylite" sheetting might be expected to be burned.

Dr. Henry Smyth is securing a copy of your report and he expects to review the same.

Thank you for any inconvenience this might cause you.

Very truly yours,

INDUSTRIAL TOXICOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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cc: Mr. H. F. Robertson
Mr. J. D. Benedito
Mr. P. W. Wood

October 18, 1950

Mr. W. G. Moeller, Vice Pres.
Parmelee Plastics Company
1215 McGee Street
Kansas City 6, Mo.

Dear Mr. Moeller:

Your letter of September 13th to our Bakelite Division in Chicago has been referred to me for reply. In this you inquire about possible allergies in connection with the use of our "Vinylite" elastomeric molding compound VG-1914 Clear G1 in goggle frames.

Our "Vinylite" elastomers are based on "Vinylite" copolymer vinyl chloride-vinyl acetate resins to which are added certain modifying agents such as plasticizers and stabilizers. The resin base would not be likely to cause any difficulty from skin sensitization. In some few instances some individuals have shown a hypersensitivity to some of the modifying agents when in prolonged and intimate contact with the skin, with a resulting reddening of the skin or a dermatitis. We have not patch tested VG-1914 Clear G1 but we have patch tested materials of similar composition, containing essentially the same ingredients but of different percentages, with only trace sensitization reactions in a low percentage of the subjects tested. We believe that it is entirely possible that VG-1914 Clear G1 may prove to be as suitable for use in goggle frames as other materials commonly used for this purpose. As you know, some individuals have in rare instances shown a hypersensitivity to metal frames, and other types of goggle frames.

Very truly yours,

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