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East Chicago, Indiana



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Dr. Robert Kehoe,
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Dear Sir:-

I am preparing the portion of the manuscript referring to "Lead" for a book on the Metallurgy of Lead and Zinc, to be published by John Wiley and Sons. The work is designed to be used as a text book for technical schools, and as a reference on modern metallurgical practice.

I believe that such a book should contain a short chapter on the subjects "Lead Absorption", or "The Physiological Effects of Lead", or some similar title. The book will be read by students and by metallurgists, superintendents and others in the lead industry; and while this is an intelligent audience, the material should not be too technical from a medical standpoint. The purpose of the chapter would be to acquaint the reader with the fact that a hazard exists, that absorption is preventable and curable, and to give some practical ideas of the methods of protection, examination and treatment of workers as now employed in the industry. A good bibliography of references on the subject should be included.

While we have had a considerable amount of experience at this plant with the problem of lead absorption in lead refining and white lead manufacture, I do not feel that I am qualified to write

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believe that it would be better that it be made up largely of direct quotations from some authoritative source.

I would appreciate your suggestions regarding a source of such quotations. If any of your own published work contains material that could be adapted for such use, I would sincerely appreciate your permission to use it.

Very truly yours,



General Superintendent

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