

# *The Standard Oil Company*

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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe,  
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Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 27th to Mr. A. M. Maxwell, Vice President, The Standard Oil Company, Cleveland, Ohio, has been turned over to our department for reply.

[REDACTED] was employed by our people at Cincinnati Service Station, January 9, 1929. Upon his employment he was examined by Dr. A. H. Crum and Dr. Crum stated at that time that he had organic heart trouble. Our people at Cincinnati gave Mr. [REDACTED] employment of light work at Service Station, in spite of Dr. Crum's advice to the contrary. Mr. [REDACTED] was afflicted with chronic nose bleed. February 14th his nose bled so continuously that he became weak and exhausted and went home, and died February 28th. His attending physician, Dr. Joseph O. Porter, 3603 Harrison Ave., gives as the cause of death, purpura haemorrhagica, died of secondary anemia, had hemorrhages from mucous membrane of nose, roof of mouth, tongue, gums, and under the skin over his legs and parts of body.

We do not believe that a service station attendant could possibly come in contact with gasoline so continuously as to cause him any inconvenience by reason of the ethyl gas, - particularly within the period of one month that Mr. [REDACTED] was employed.

We have advised Mrs. [REDACTED] that her claim was absolutely denied by our company and we have forwarded her claim direct to the State Industrial Commission with the facts as we know them.

We are forwarding to you herewith a copy of statement of Dr. Crum, which we believe is self-explanatory.

If there is any other information which you feel that we can give you, please let us know and we will try our best to do so.

Yours very truly,

*N. S. Lloyd*

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Ge. W. Horn,  
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In re: Death of [REDACTED]

The condition of purpura haemorrhagica is characterized by general weakness with a more or less marked dissemination of blood extravasation leading to epistaxis, hematuria, haemoptysis and hematemesis of varying degrees of severity. Resulting anemia may be profound and in the type known as purpura fulminans, death results within twenty-four hours. The cardinal symptom is profuse and uncontrollable bleeding following the most trivial injury. Often the hemorrhage comes from the merest scratch and may even come spontaneously. The blood shows a marked slowness in coagulation. It is occasionally associated with haemophilia and the family history is of decided importance as a marked heredity is characteristic of the condition. Purpura haemorrhagica often lacks the peculiar family history and occurs most frequently in persons debilitated by improper living.

In my questioning of several individuals who have been subjected to the covering of the major portions of the body by Ethyl Gasoline also individuals who have been more or less directly subjected to the inhalation of fumes over a period of time, in none of these cases could I elicit a history of injury, the patient only experiencing the condition known as a "Naptha Jag" or a definite blistering of the skin due to the failure to remove the clothing.

From the history in this case, I cannot see where the inhalation of fumes might be considered a contributory factor since the history points out the fact that this man had repeated and prolonged attacks of hemorrhage, in other words, I feel that the condition existed necessarily prior to his employment. My examination in this case revealed the presence of a definite organic defect in the heart itself and although well compensated at the time of my examination, it might be responsible for death at any time. I cannot link his death with occupational disease or hazard.

(Signed) A. Harry Crumm, M.D.

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