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My dear Dr. Blum:

The lead content of paint for children's cribs are pretty well known. The amount which is present in them is so small that I have never thought that any deleterious effect could come from them. Most of the enamels and Ducos used contain so little lead that no trouble could come. I do not believe that lead up to three or five per cent would make any difference although I have no absolute quantitative data on that.

I think you could get a good many analyses by getting in touch with Mr. Felix Wormser of the Lead Industries Association, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York 17, who is very interested in this problem.

The paint manufacturers are so alert to the problem that they are seeing to it that the lead content of paints for children's toys and interior painting is kept at a low level; so that as you put it, it is rendered safe for all practical purposes. In my experience, the children who get into trouble are those who get it from re-painted cribs done with high lead paint.

I do not think that from the practical point of view this is problem except on re-painted toys and cribs, painted with an unwise pigment.

Sincerely yours,

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Sincerely yours,

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