

we're talking about. If we can get that far in agreement, maybe we can pull out some gems of light from the discussion.

Now, it seems to me, at least from my point of view, and perhaps I am prejudiced somewhat by my many years of connection with this institution here, that we're concerned with occupational diseases of the lungs due to the inhalation of dust, occupational diseases which occur all over the world, which may cause disability and death, and which do not occur except as occupational diseases.

A man can get lead poisoning by using the wrong kind of hair tonic. He can get carbon monoxide poisoning by being careless in his garage. I never heard of a man getting silicosis working in his garden, or asbestosis from painting up in the garrett. The importance of these diseases has become recognized as far as modern industrial conditions are concerned, within the past forty-five years. The particular disease which has especially attracted attention is the one that we now call silicosis.

About 1918, Doctor Landish of the Phipps Institute who was one of the original group that studied industrial diseases in this country, stated that organic dusts, textile dust, vegetable dust, wood dust, did not cause the definite occupational lung disease which was becoming more and more recognized as the evidence of surveys in many