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Dear Doctor Edgar:

In replying to letters requesting information on the possible effects of Remo, such as you enclosed in your letter of January 6th, I think it would be wise to point out that there is no reason to anticipate poisoning from the handling of this material. I do not believe anyone is likely to absorb a sufficient amount of any of these materials to cause injury. On the other hand, I think it would be wise in every instance to encourage a certain caution in any un-necessary spillage and skin contact with the material, since almost undoubtedly, certain persons will be found to have a sensitive skin which will be irritated by some one of the ingredients of Remo. Dermatitis is such a common condition and it arises from so many skin irritants and voluble solvents, that it may as well be recognized that occasional difficulties may arise from this cause. As you know, gasoline is responsible for skin irritation on which various skin infections may be readily implanted. Benzol, Xylol, and other similar materials will undoubtedly have a similar effect. In fact, Xylol is much more irritating than most of the other materials of this type. I think it might be wise, therefore, to advise against un-necessary skin contact with the material. This can be done, I believe, without producing any undue alarm, and perhaps it can be done best by calling attention to the irritating effects of gasoline upon the skin.

Cordially yours,

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