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Dr. Kenoe,

Re table No. II

I fail to understand fully how they made the division between "harmful" and "nuisance." Cement, iron oxide, plaster and soda ash have not been considered to be respiratory hazards, at least in the U.S.

Coal may or may not be hazardous, but in the light of present information, I would be inclined to call it more than a nuisance.

Flock can be a serious hazard from the point of view of infectious diseases. As I recall, Ramazzini wrote something about the diseases of rag pickers, etc.

Grain dust will produce such things as Malta Fever, wheatena, and may carry certain fungi.

The status of Fuller's Earth is still uncertain but I would be inclined to judge it cautiously.

Why not group all the dusts as hazardous under certain conditions and in excessive concentrations?

These are merely my own opinions and may not receive enthusiastic acceptance.

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