

May 7, 1920

Mr. Frank Hammar
Hammar Brothers White Lead Works
East St. Louis, Ill.

Dear Mr. Hammar:

I have a letter from Dr. Alice Hamilton stating that you had been discussing with her some possibilities of investigating lead poisoning, and which investigations might be financed by the Association of White Lead Manufacturers, and she suggested that I write you in regard to the matter.

We have been carrying on here, as perhaps she has told you, for the past two years a Department devoted to industrial medicine, and have connected with it a group of men who are particularly trained in matters of this sort. It happens that some of the men in the department have been developing methods relating to lead, which may prove to be of some particular value, and who have thought that certain possibilities existed of studying lead poisoning that gave a chance of obtaining valuable results if they could be financed. The expenses are so considerable we did not feel that it was possible to do it ourselves. Is there any possibility that you will be in this neighborhood soon? If so, I shall be glad if I could have an opportunity to talk with you and at the same time with Dr. Drinker and Dr. Reiman. I am obliged to go to California about the 28th of this month, and shall be gone about a month, but I shall be very happy if we can have an opportunity to take up the matter sometime before then, or, if it is necessary, to postpone it until after my return. If there is anything we can do in this matter for the benefit of bettering conditions for health, I shall be glad to carry it further