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Dr. Alice Hamilton,
Harvard University School of Public Health,
Boston, Massachusetts.

My dear Dr. Hamilton:

I am very glad to hear that you had the opportunity of witnessing the operations in the Everett steel foundry at night.

In regard to the four suggestions made, I am glad to advise that:-

(1) Mechanical shaking out instead of hand work

The construction work which you have seen in the foundry is for the purpose of carrying out this suggestion, and we hope to have mechanical shakeout in effect for both the main bay and the side bay during the summer.

(2) A hydraulic system of cleaning to do away with chipping

Appropriations for this equipment will be requested within the next thirty days.

(3) The introduction of the 8 hr. shift in place of the 12 hr shift

A study of this arrangement will be made, and if at all practical will be adopted.

(4) The substitution of vacuum cleaning for blowing in the cleaning of moulds

You may have been advised that a few years ago this was attempted. Nevertheless, we will again review the matter and see whether more modern equipment has not been developed in the last year or two so that this method if much more practical and satisfactory than the blowing method, can be adopted.

We very much appreciate the interest you have taken in this work, and the recommendations which you have made.

We have been in touch with the doctors on X-ray and tuberculosis, and definite meetings are being arranged for. As soon as we have reports from these doctors I will advise you.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

NJDarling



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