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THE STACOSIA PROBLEM

Out of the National Conference on Silicosis held recently at Washington emerges the gratifying fact that even now it is possible to cope with deadly rock dust. It is good to note that this representative of labor at Washington, believed that the workers in the quarry trades are more interested in saving their lungs than in obtaining compensation for disability, and that employers would rather improve the conditions under which dust is so necessarily generated than subject themselves to the burdensome tactics of the "quabblers."

Outstanding feature of the conference was the casting of a net for the workers and keeps for himself the greater part of the damage that he may succeed in collecting. As it is, however, is now almost without financial protection, few liability companies will insure a silicosis risk at any but a prohibitive premium. It is a sad commentary that death from tuberculosis contracted in settling is preferred by workers to rejection on medical grounds, or rejection on labor law grounds, or rejection by a business employer with-out fault by a business employer after the X-rays have told their story of involvement in silicosis.

In view of the enormous literature that has already appeared on subjects it should be possible to frame a safety code which would be endorsed by both employers and labor. The Scotch iron-works, gold mines have always what can be done. In this country we have, among others, the investigations of the Public Health Service, the Bureau of Mines, the Harvard School of Public Health, the Bureau Laboratories, 750,000,000 of our employees has been created by the investigations of the American Standard Committee and the Air Hygiene Foundation of Akron, Ohio. Indeed, Mr. ALBERT C. HUEY was able to say at Washington on behalf of the Foundation that so far as the degree and distribution of measurement appliances are concerned, the dust laws, and "it is already on the way out." "That being so, there is no reason why the installation of dust-measuring or dust-removing apparatus should not be made compulsory, so that the absolute dust will not be before the state

Leptothelacium proteolum. It is a common, shallow leopardspot or periodically narrow dark streaks on the sides of the body. The spots or streaks are more numerous and narrower anteriorly. Plates and counterplates where thus covered especially by the granulated or subgranular, subopaque, lustrous and the little dense, translucent, wavy to a very few years before the development of the plates.

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