

January 12, 1928.

Use of Gasoline on Dirty,
Greasy, Open Wounds.

Mr. Frank A. Howard,
Standard Oil Development Company,
26 Broadway,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Howard:

I am sending you the original letter of Dr. Kehoe relative to inquiry of the American Red Cross on above subject, together with their letter to you.

In view of this letter of Dr. Kehoe it is probably presumptuous for me to offer a suggestion; however, it occurred to me that an answer somewhat along the lines indicated in the attached might be considered.

When you have finished with Dr. Kehoe's letter will you kindly have it returned to me.

Very truly yours,

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Dr. W. R. Redden,
Medical Assistant to Vice Chairman,
The American Red Cross,
National Headquarters,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We regret the delay in replying to your letter of the 22nd ult., which has been occasioned by our desire to have the benefit of the views of one of our medical advisors who has been absent.

We are advised that no facts have been developed to this date to indicate that it would be harmful to use Ethyl Gasoline on dirty, greasy, open wounds. However, as the Surgeon General of the United States has made certain rules with respect to the distribution of Ethyl Gasoline - one of which is that notices shall be placed on pumps from which it is dispensed stating that it is to be used solely as a motor fuel and not for cleaning or washing - we believe that it would be contrary to the purpose of such rules for you or anybody else to advocate the use of Ethyl Gasoline on dirty, greasy, open wounds. To do so might break down the educational campaign which has been carried on to the effect that Ethyl Gasoline is designed only as a motor fuel and should not be used for any other purpose.

Yours very truly,

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