

March 21, 1938

Mr. Harold J. Young
1036 Ninth Street
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Dear Mr. Young:-

Your letter of March 15th addressed to the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation has been referred by them to me for reply.

I do not think you will find that Ethyl Gasoline is of any more use for the treatment of neuritis and similar conditions than is ordinary gasoline. As a matter of fact, many materials which evaporate quickly from the skin and produce a cooling sensation, act in some measure as local anaesthetics. Moreover quite a number of materials have some influence as counter irritants. I do not think there is any effect beyond this other than, perhaps, a psychic effect from the use of gasoline. On the other hand I do not believe that gasoline of any kind is a very satisfactory material for the treatment of the skin and thus I would regard its use for this purpose as not meriting any investigation.

Very truly yours,

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