

Chinese Goat Hair Erases Bad Luck For Lifelong Cripple in Midwest

St. Louis — (U.P.) — When William H. Zimmerman's idea involving the use of goat hair clicked two years ago, it snapped a string of bad luck that had dogged him since childhood. Zimmerman was five years old when he tumbled off of a school yard fence and severely injured his right hip. Tuberculosis of the joint followed.

Seven years later he broke his right knee in another fall and

the resultant infection nearly proved fatal.

The series of misfortunes kept Zimmerman in the hospital and away from his studies. When he was graduated from the eighth grade in 1930, he was 19 years old.

Lame and broke, Zimmerman went out to California to regain his health and find employment.

A caddying job helped him regain the use of his game leg and

also enabled him to add 100 pounds to his skinny, 98-pound frame.

Jobs Hard to Find

Recreation, however, proved much easier than finding a steady job. Zimmerman tried everything, from selling vacuum cleaners to publishing business directories.

Then fortune smiled. He got a job as a clerk in a San Diego radio repair shop at \$22.50 a week. Within six months, ambitious, energetic Zimmerman had become a joint owner of the store. By the end of the war, a profitable \$75,000 business had been developed.

But adversity again plagued Zimmerman. Competition in the over-crowded radio field forced the shop into bankruptcy.

Zimmerman, now married and the father of two children, decided to try a different tack. For a long time he had thought about inventing a device, attached to the tone arm of a phonograph, which would keep the needle clean and records dust-free.

Savings Invested
Zimmerman took his life-savings, \$2,700, and used them to finance his invention.

Working long into the night, day after day, he eventually completed the device except for one item—hair. Zimmerman needed a hair for his needle brush that, while porous, wouldn't generate static electricity.

"I guess I tried out more than 100 different kinds of hair, everything from human hair to dog hair," he recalled.

A tip from a national brush company put him on the trail of the Chinese goat. The hair of its ears worked perfectly. Zimmerman was ready to sell his product.

Demand Grows

After a slow start, retailers were soon demanding the device, contained in a plastic brush-cup and secured by a Y-shaped metal holder. The inventor formed the Zim Products company in October, 1948.

Your Health and Its Care

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THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER AND THE SPECIALIST

It has been said that a specialist is a man who knows a great deal about very little, and as time goes on he gets to know more and more of less and less until ultimately he winds up knowing everything about nothing.



Dr. Brady

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85% of all the ailments of mankind—medical, surgical and obstetrical are handled very competently by general practitioners.

In large cities particularly, there seems to be a growing tendency for people to seek specialists rather than general practitioners to treat self-diagnosed illnesses. Thus a man feeling pain in his back may assume he has "weak kidneys" or "kidney disease" and thereupon decides to look up a specialist in that line in order to get what he assumes is the best care available.

In some sections it is socially humiliating for a young mother to have to admit that her baby is under the care of the family doctor. The hoity-toity members of her "set" all of whom take their children to a baby specialist are, she suspects, inclined to regard her with ill-concealed contempt as one who is not too bright and, possibly, unable to afford the care a specialist offers.

A specialist is indispensable in the present day setup of medicine. When all or nearly all of his professional time is spent in devotion to a limited field of medicine, it stands to reason that he will have more experience with the rare, complicated or unusual diseases falling within the confines of his specialty than a general practitioner might have. But there is no reason to believe that his competence is any greater in the 85% of cases which the general practitioner handles competently, than is the general practitioner's.

The general practitioner removes an appendix with skill comparable to that of the doctor who specializes only in surgery. But in a complicated case a general practitioner may feel that his experience does not warrant total assumption of the responsibility and will suggest the services of the specialist. This is as it should be.

The general practitioner delivers the vast majority of babies with skill and competence equal to the specialists. He may decide at times, in view of the threatening complication, that the added services of a specialist will further insure the welfare of his patient, and this is as it should be.

Ideally, a specialist should come into action as the result of the family doctor's or other physician's request. The referring doctor is in a position to know the extent of the competence of the specialist—something the casual "specialist-seeker" would have no way of knowing—and a patient thus directed has every reason to proceed with confidence. In this arrangement, the reputation of the referring doctor is just as much at stake as is the specialist's.

There is no reason—moral or ethical—why a doctor should not limit his practice to what he likes and to what he feels he is most competent in. And there is no reason why he should not develop a practice based almost entirely upon patient recommendation rather than physician recommendation. But either way he chooses to proceed, his best advertisement is his work—and not the sign in his window.

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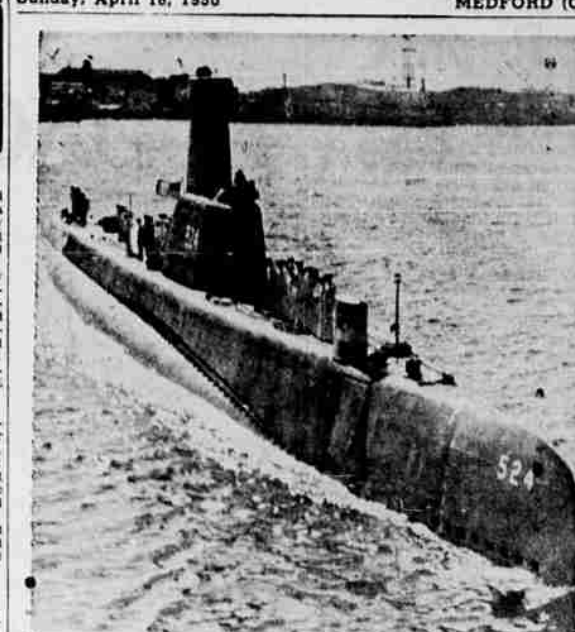
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Washington — (U.P.) — Charley Grounds, a Seminole Indian, has asked Congress to remove from its halls a picture of an Indian scalping a white man.

Grounds insisted that it wasn't true; that the white man started the scalping.

Accordingly, the Association for Indian Affairs, Inc., made a review of the history of scalping. Its researchers checked Smithsonian Institute publications as far back as 1910 and 1906 and came up with the statement "that scalping was not general among American Indians before the coming of the white man."

James Mooney in the "Handbook of American Indians" issued by the Smithsonian's bureau of ethnology in 1910 said:

"Scalping was confined originally in North America to a limited area in the eastern United States and the lower St. Lawrence region. It was absent from New England and much of the Atlantic coast region, and was unknown until comparatively recent times throughout the whole interior and plains area. It was not found on the Pacific coast or the Canadian northwest."

"Scalping in its commonly known form was largely the result of the influence of white people," George Frederici wrote in the Smithsonian annual report in 1910. "They introduced firearms, which increased the fatalities in a conflict; brought the steel knife, facilitating the taking of the scalp, and finally offered scalp premiums."

Frederici said the New England Puritans in 1637 were the first to offer premiums for native heads and later scalps. The French offered premiums for white enemies as well as Indian scalps.

Competition Keen
Competition was keen and premiums went as high as \$100 for one scalp. The English prices were higher than those of the French, Frederici said.

One Hannah Dustin, he said,

was reputed to have received \$80 from her colony officials for "bringing in with her own two hands the scalps of two Indian men, two women and six children."

In 1764 Gov. William Penn listed prices the State of Pennsylvania would pay for scalps. They were \$134 for each male Indian scalp and \$50 for the scalp of every slain squaw.

BABY-SITTING
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