

Medicine Cabinets Declared Potential Kegs of Dynamite

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New York—(U.P.)—A noted medical scientist lamented today that every home medicine cabinet in the land "probably contains a potential keg of dynamite."

Dr. William Dameshek, professor of clinical medicine at Tufts College Medical School, Boston, internationally known as an authority on blood chemistry, was giving a dutch uncle lecture both to physicians and their patients.

"It seems that every slight sniffle, every tiny rise in temperature, every ache and other vague symptom occasions the immediate use of a potential pharmaceutical," he said.

Patients Make Demands
"The patients themselves, surrounded with popular articles, radio talks and television broadcasts extolling the miracles of modern medical practice, demand numerous potent medications and, when these are not

prescribed, dose themselves liberally from stocks obtained at the corner drug store."

But "miracle" drugs are potentially destructive to the body's chemical machinery for the manufacture of new blood cells. Speaking to the profession and through it to patients in the technical journal, "Postgraduate Medicine," he said that "of all the various systems of the body affected by drugs and chemicals, none seems more vulnerable than the blood and bone marrow."

Six Hard Rules

He praised the drug industry for "high ideals and careful research." He thought it would be "folly" to return to herbs, bark, and other more or less simple medicinals when the "miracle" drugs have saved innumerable persons who without them, would have been doomed by various illnesses. But they should "be used only when there is clear and compelling indication for their use. With their use should go a sense of responsibility and realization of possible harm."

For physicians, he laid down six "commandments":

1. "Do not use drugs unless it is essential."
2. "Do not use potentially toxic drugs unless the need is compelling."
3. "If the finger of suspicion is pointed at a drug, avoid it."
4. "Investigate the formula."
5. "Be alert for side effects, such as fever, point pains, skin eruptions, and the like."
6. "Do not rush into powerful and possibly harmful therapy, for in treatment, conservatism is a commendable virtue."

Educator Warns

On Age of Morons

Portland—(U.P.)—There never was a time in history when a moron could live so comfortably and so well as he can today, according to Dr. Jay B. Nash, dean of the school of recreation and physical education at Brigham Young university.

The Salt Lake City educator told a Chamber of Commerce forum here yesterday that this is "the age of morons, as well as atoms."

The Romans had 15 slaves on an average, he declared, "and look what happened to them." Dr. Nash said all the "morons" had to do in our great cities is to push buttons. "He has 125 slaves to serve him on an average," he said.

Dr. Nash warned that no civilization has developed this kind of leisure and survived. He said civilizations "were built by men who had to face problems and solve them."

License Number

Easy To Remember

Brooten, Minn.—(U.P.)—Harry Kittleson says he will have no difficulty remembering his 1935 license plate number—HK2617. In addition to his initials, the first two numbers represent the day of the month he was born, married and his son was born.

May 17, the last two number, is Norwegian Independence day.

NOW NEEDS QUARTERS

Milwaukee, Ore.—(U.P.)—A Milwaukee thief by this time has probably found out the television set he stole from a local motel is a "white elephant." The gadget operates only when quarters are inserted in the coin slot.

FROM the Salem Statesman:

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Nehru of India tells a conference of Indian scientists in New Delhi that atomic energy is MUCH TOO DANGEROUS A THING FOR A PRIVATE AGENCY TO DEVELOP.

He adds that in India development of atomic energy will be regarded as the exclusive responsibility of the state.

NEHRU is a socialist. As such, he is suspicious of anything and everything that private industry does.

Personally, when it comes to development of the immense potentialities for good and evil of atomic energy, I'll trust any private industry I can think of in preference to the Kremlin, which governs the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics that we call Russia.

A WORD more on Nehru.

He's a silk-stocking idealist with his head in the rosy clouds. But I'd be afraid of HIM if he got too much power in his hands.

I'm afraid of ANYBODY who gets too much power in his hands.

COMMUNIST CHINA is socialist—like all other Communist states. For that reason this ditch from Hong Kong is interesting.

It is reported from Canton that farmers in the Yingtak district wrecked a market after the ration depot ran out of rice. (In Red China farmers are forced to sell their whole crops to the government and then buy back their own rations by the day or the week.)

In the ruckus following the wrecking of the market Red soldiers killed six farmers and arrested 20 others.

That's how socialism works when it gets supreme power in its hands.

STEPPING over from the serious to the comic (a wise philosopher once observed that the line separating the two is an extremely narrow one) the teletype reports that a parrot that can speak seven languages has just been dropped from a Spanish national contest for talking birds. It seems that the parrot, in the course of its language researches, picked up a vocabulary not fit to be heard in public.

More proof that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing.

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