

Asiatic Flu Symptoms Said To Be No Different From Other Variety

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Washington—If you come down with Asiatic flu this fall, you'll feel just like you do when you catch the ordinary kind of flu.

The first warning probably will be a slight chill. Then your temperature will shoot up to 102 or perhaps as high as 104. You'll have a sore throat, cough and headache; your muscles and joints will ache all over. You'll feel miserable for four or five days until the fever subsides; weak and rundown for several days after that.

Like the usual flu, it is rarely fatal. There have been only three deaths in 20,000 cases in this country so far.

No Peculiar Symptoms
If an epidemic of Asiatic flu is sweeping through your community when you get the symptoms, you can be reasonably sure that's what you've got. But you needn't look for peculiar symptoms — there aren't any. Even a doctor can't tell Asiatic flu from the ordinary kind without a laboratory test.

Except for the first few cases in each community (in which

positive diagnosis is desirable to alert public health authorities to the presence of the epidemic) there's no particular point in confirming by laboratory test that you do have Asiatic flu.

The new variety of flu, which has already swept through Asia



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and South America, and which seems very likely to spread over the United States like a prairie fire this fall, has so far proved no more severe than ordinary flu. And the treatment is identical.

Rest Important
It consists of going to bed immediately and staying there until 24 hours after your temperature goes down to normal. Drink lots of liquids and eat a bland diet. Take aspirin or some other analgesic for your aches and pains, some cough syrup for your cough.

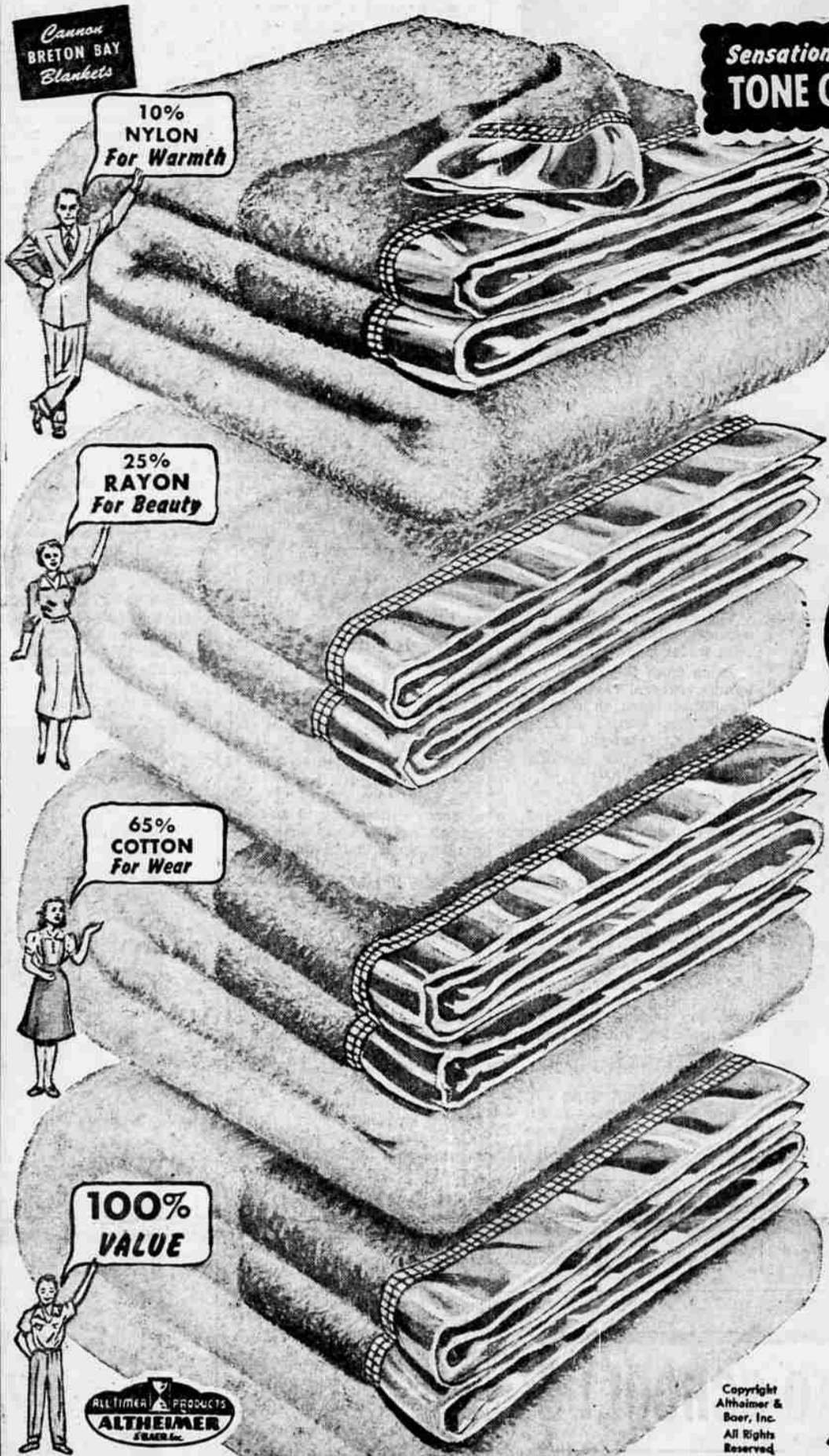
Call the doctor right away and tell him your symptoms. But don't badger him to dose you up with wonder drugs to ward off complications.

If you do develop pneumonia or some other serious complication—and chances are you won't—antibiotics like penicillin will be a highly effective treatment. But antibiotics are no good whatever against the flu itself. In fact, they may do positive harm if taken prematurely.

Authority for these statements is Dr. William H. Stewart, assistant to the surgeon general, U.S. Public Health Service.

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