

Antibacterial Drug Helps Treat Skin Infections

Cincinnati (Science Service)—A new antibacterial drug has proven highly successful in treating almost 90 per cent of patients with a wide variety of skin infections, it was reported here.

The new orally administered drug, whose generic name is furaltadone, is the newest of the synthetically derived nitrofurans, distinct from the antibiotics and the sulfa drugs.

The drug was effective, reported Dr. Alfred L. Weiner of the University of Cincinnati's College of Medicine, in treating 35 out of 40 patients with boils, carbuncles, bacterial skin infections accompanying eczema, acne, cellulitis, and other infections caused by staphylococci.

Common Problems

Besides the 40 patients whose progress was followed carefully, an additional 22 were treated in the short time his investigation has been underway. Initial study of this group indicates that results will probably parallel those obtained with the first group of patients.

Such skin infections are one of the most common problems caused by staphylococci resistant to antibiotics, and the incidence of staphylococcal infections being carried from the hospital to the home is on the increase, recent studies have shown.

The incidence of side reactions to the new drug was low, Dr. Weiner reported, with five instances of nausea and vomiting, one of dizziness, and an unusual reaction of rash, fast pulse and difficult breathing in a few patients who had taken alcohol during the drug therapy.



INTERIOR—Among the more than 25,000 items stocked by Pay Less Drug store here are a wide variety of toys, games and similar articles. The store stresses volume purchases sent directly to Medford from

the manufacture, which saves the cost of additional handling and freight. Pay Less stocked up on many Christmas items so they wouldn't run short due to the steel strike, officials reported.

Britain To Extend Atomic Test Ban

United Nations, N.Y. (UPI)—Britain declared Tuesday that it would not resume nuclear weapons tests while "useful discussions" on a permanent ban on such explosions continued at Geneva.

British Minister of State David Ormsby-Gore said the United States also had agreed to extend its ban on nuclear tests.

TO VISIT ICELAND

Moscow (UPI)—Soviet legislators will visit Iceland next year at the invitation of the Icelandic government, according to the official Soviet news agency Tass. The makeup of the Supreme Soviet delegation was not announced.

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a Judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Lillian S. — He is hostile to religion.

William S. — She knew that before we were married.

Lillian S.—My husband and I have been married six years and have two children. We have not been very happy, mainly because of a religious disagreement.

Bill and I are of the same faith, but I am devout and he is worse than disinterested. He is downright hostile to our faith and every other faith. He told me before we were married that he wouldn't interfere with the religious education of the children, but he does interfere by his attitude.

He puts a certain nasty, cynical expression on his face when I try to teach them something.

On top of this he refuses to join in any holiday celebration and won't come to church with us. I have tried my utmost to change him, but it seems hopeless. I can't go on this way.

William S.—Lil knew how I felt about these things before we were married and she said it didn't make any difference to her as long as I didn't interfere with her.

Well, I don't interfere. I just don't think she should interfere with me by trying to put a pious expression on my face every time she talks religion to the children. And she has no right to bother me about going to church when I told her that I gave up church at the age of 15 and I'm not going to start with it again now.

To Lil religion is a beautiful thing. To me it is not. I had it forced down my throat by a harsh father and a frightened mother. Now Lil is trying to do the same thing to me that was done in childhood.

The Council: It is an odd fact that out of a world of possibilities some individuals manage to find the marriage partner who has the time or attitudes that are most obnoxious to them.

This, we think, is not purely accidental. In many cases attraction and revulsion are simply opposite sides of the same coin. We don't bother to hate things that don't concern us deeply.

Most devout persons seek a mate who shares this conviction and with whom they can make the kind of home and live the kind of life they love. Most irreligious persons find a partner who shares their attitudes. Yet Bill and Lil found one another. Why?

We think the very issue that is tearing them apart brought them together.

Bill may have received his religious training in an unfortunate way, yet it made deep inroads on his mind and feelings. He has expressed his resentment for his parents by turning against their teachings, yet he finds a constant need to reiterate his hostility to this background. Lil is the perfect foil.

Lil, on the other hand, may feel in some way submerged by her faith. She finds a means of strengthening any shakiness by crusading in her own household. She is certainly right to object to her husband's sneering at her teaching of her children, but it is possible that he would sneer less if she put less pressure on him "to change him."

Persons with different intellectual positions and attitudes can live together when their love and respect for one another is strong. They accept each other as they are. But in this household there is a deadly determination on the part of each partner to belittle the other.

We think both partners need a deeper understanding of their religion. One may remain more pious than the other, but they will learn that true religion need not and should not be a battleground.

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Salem (UPI)—Operating income for Northwest Natural Gas Company was 14.64 per cent of the revenue dollar for 1958 as compared to 8.26 per cent for all other reporting utilities, statistics released by the Public Utility Commission indicated.

Youth Surrenders To Traffic Tickets

New York (UPI)—Thomas Settipani had a hard time convincing police that he had accumulated 125 traffic tickets in the five years since he started driving at the age of 14.

But they began to believe him after a check determined that Settipani had indeed received at least 17 tickets for speeding, driving without a license, passing red lights and so on. They continued their investigation to find out whether there were more.

One reason for the difficulty in proving the youth's charges against himself was the fact that he had accumulated his tickets — "as many as six or seven a day," he said — under five sets of license plates on five vehicles.

Settipani who turned himself in at police headquarters, said the authorities had never once come around looking for him. He also reported that he had never received a ticket for illegal parking.

Day Was Too Hot; Sergeant Forgets

Syracuse, N. Y. (UPI)—It was a hot day when a Syracuse police sergeant received this note from a patrolman who had investigated a woman motorist:

"Due to the heat and her wailing infant, etc., forgot to issue a summons for failure to produce operator's license."

Total Cranberry Crop Estimated

Washington (UPI)—The Agriculture Department has estimated the 1959 cranberry crop at a record 1,249,000 barrels. Although the crop was down slightly from last month's estimate, it was still 7 per cent above last year and 28 per cent above average.

The Washington state crop was estimated at 95,000 barrels, with per-acre yields running well above earlier estimates. The Oregon crop was estimated at 44,000 barrels.



PHARMACY—Pharmacist Willard Chinn, Pay Less Drug store manager, discusses the pharmacy department with Pharmacists Jerry Laizure and Jim Hagerty. Prescriptions of all kinds are available at the department, where three registered pharmacists will be on duty.

Widow Prevents Painting of House

Buffalo, N. Y. (UPI)—John Sciera recently put up a sign in front of his home announcing: "Woman next door will not let us paint side of house."

It was the latest development in a feud that began in the early 1940's when Alexander Chilinski and his wife complained that Sciera's new backyard fence and the eaves of his house overlapped their property.

Sciera argued on the other hand, that part of the Chilinski garage and concrete driveway was on his property. His contention was upheld by a court in 1945 and Sciera made the Chilinskis rip out the driveway-leaving them without access to their garage.

This year, when Sciera decided to have his house painted, the painter found it necessary to place the foot of his ladder on the Chilinski property. Mrs. Chilinski, now a widow, would have none of it.



CAR CRASH KILLS SEVEN—Shown above is the wreckage of a car in which six persons died Monday in northern Illinois. The crash, which involved three semi-trailer rigs and the auto, also killed one of the truck drivers. Driver of the truck which caused the accident was critically burned. (UPI Telephoto)



Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

Mr. Garden Spider is a Sap-For Mamma Rules the Web

Just about anywhere you look outdoors you can find the web of the common garden spider stretched between trees, bushes or buildings. It is there to catch flying insects. On the web will be Mrs. Spider, all fancied up in an ebony black dress with bright orange markings.

She'll be all alone on the web; Mr. Spider will not be there. If you look carefully, you'll find him down on the ground, right underneath the web. Whether he likes it or not, that's where he has got to remain. What little he gets to eat, his selfish wife drops to him.

Up where the bugs are flying, the two-foot web catches many unwary victims. The instant they hit the web, this lady Amazon rushes to them and throws loops of silk around their struggling forms. In a few seconds they are completely shrouded in a silken jacket, incapable of the slightest movement. Then Mrs. Spider returns to one edge of the web, or to the center, to wait for another victim. She may wrap up a dozen or more during the course of a day.

Will Eat One

When she gets hungry, she grabs one of the shrouded victims, cuts it out of the enclosing crypt of silk, sucks the juice from the body, and eats the soft parts. What is left — the legs, skin, shell and head — she charitably drops to her spouse who waits below.

I feel sorry for anything that is underprivileged, underfed or subjected to rank indignities of any kind, even if the unfortunate one happens to be just a poor male spider. This scheming female, this wife with the cold, cold heart who lives in a land of plenty, deliberately withholds food from her smaller husband, while

she feasts and enjoys a lavish plentifulness.

She's got him scared. In the big and ever-increasing number of "saps" he's just about the head man. He's the prize dummy of the outfit. It would seem that it would be relatively easy for this meek little guy to show a flash of spunk once in a while.

Should Be 50-50

He should climb up there on the web and say, "Look here, sister, I've sat down there in the mud and dirt, accepting hand-outs and cast-offs just about as long as I intend to. From now on, this eating business is going to be on a 50-50 basis — or else."

But knowing the temper of Mrs. Garden Spider, I suppose about the time her husband got to the "or else" part of the discussion, she would hit him in the midsection with a charge of poison, administered with her long fangs. Then she just might "do him up" in a silken nightgown for future consumption; she's the right temperament to do exactly that. Maybe the poor little guy knows "which side of the web is the buttered one."

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Deputies Seek Man Working in Area

Sheriff's deputies are still trying to locate Ralph Sparks, reportedly working in the Phoenix area, regarding an emergency message from a relative in Louisiana.

Deputies received a long distance telephone call from an operator at La Boga, La., stating Evelyn Peters was trying to find Sparks since her husband, Kenneth Peters, is in critical condition from an accident. Deputies were unable to locate Sparks Sunday. He is reportedly working on a ranch in the Phoenix area.

Russian Predicts U.S.-To-Siberia Atomic Train

Moscow (UPI)—A Soviet scientist, in a discussion of things to come, Tuesday envisaged an atomic train racing from San Francisco to Never, a city in Northern Siberia.

Research engineer A. Markin of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, writing in the magazine "Culture and Life," said the train could get from Siberia to Alaska any of three ways:

1. The train, racing at speeds up to 120 miles per hour, could roll across a gigantic dam in the Bering Strait.

2. It could operate on a bridge spanning that 50 miles of Arctic water between the Soviet Union and America.

3. It could roar through a tunnel under the Strait.

Markin predicted one of the three — dam, bridge or tunnel — eventually will link the United States to Siberia.

"The important thing is that sooner or later Asia and America will be linked by the steel rails of an intercontinental rail line," he said.

He said two generations of U.S. and Soviet engineers have discussed the project and that the rewards will make the effort worthwhile.

"Even the most far-seeing and qualified economists would find it hard to calculate and eke out into conventional patterns the economic advantages to be gained from a transportation system between the two greatest and richest continents in the world," Markin said.

Minneapolis, Minn. (UPI)—A general bus strike hit the twin cities of Minneapolis-St. Paul Monday, leaving thousands of commuters standing on street corners with no rides to work.

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