



SO MANY WAYS TO PLEASE A YOUNGSTER—Exciting games, a wide variety of dolls and stuffed toys, mechanical toys, construction and scientific kits not only provide fun for the child but can be teaching and

educational as well," says Lionel Weintraub, president of Ideal Corporation, who has devoted his adult life to the interests of children.

The Medical Roundup

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Danger From Epidemics

Many millions of people in the United States today cling to the erroneous idea, and even preach it, that there is no longer any danger from the great epidemic diseases, such as smallpox, cholera, yellow fever, and the black plague. Actually, now with hundreds of thousands of people coming in every day from the Orient and other parts of the world where dangerous epidemics are always present, anything can happen.

In the old days, when it might take several weeks for

a man to come by ship from Africa, India or South America to New York or San Francisco, the danger was not nearly so great, because a person who left with the germs or the virus of some dangerous disease in his body, would come down with it while he was still on his journey.

Today, he is likely to come down with the disease several days after he arrives in America. During this interval, he will come in contact with hundreds or thousands of people some of whom he can infect. This is why our health officers are so concerned today, especially when an immigrant is found to have come into the country with smallpox. Then every effort has to be made to find the people who were on the plane with

him, and who were near him in the air terminal. They must be found and then vaccinated.

Many persons, and even educated persons, say to me, "But you know, smallpox is now a mild disease." Yes, often it is, but during my lifetime I have seen a number of small epidemics flare up in which the smallpox killed perhaps half of the people who came near the man or woman who started the trouble. We just cannot trust to the probability that the smallpox or other disease will be mild. I remember well two or three weeks when, in a certain city of California, perhaps two dozen people died of bubonic plague—the awful Black Death of the Middle Ages. What was particularly frightening was that it was the "pneumonic plague," which, before the days of antibiotics was about as dangerous and uniformly fatal a disease as there is on this earth.

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Many women ask what they should do when they keep bleeding excessively perhaps just before the menopause. One of America's leading gynecologists recently answered this question in the Journal

of the American Medical Association. He said that the physician should first make certain that the woman has not been taking large doses of ovarian extracts over a prolonged period of time.

If a Papahicolaou smear (sometimes called a "Pap test," a laboratory test to detect early cancer of the neck of the womb) has not been made recently, it should be made; and the womb may perhaps have to be curetted. Every effort should be made to rule out cancer in the womb. Usually if such a cancer is found, the womb is removed. A beginning cancer in the neck of the womb is sometimes treated successfully with radium.

If no cancer is found, the doctor will wait a while to see if the curetting (scraping out of the womb) stops the bleeding. If the bleeding persists, and especially if it is bad enough to produce an anemia, the womb should be removed, but, if possible, the ovaries should be left. It is particularly important to leave the ovaries if the woman is young, and a long way from a normal menopause, such as comes usually around the age of 50.

Sometimes, excessive uterine bleeding can be due to a myoma (muscle nodule often called a fibroid) which is close to the cavity of the womb, and hence produces a change in the lining of the womb. In such cases, a hysterectomy may be needed.

Person Who Needs Ear Lobe
The other evening, as I chatted with my old friend Dr. Arthur Bulbulian of the Mayo Clinic, we discussed the problem of the man who was either born without an ear lobe or lost it because of cancer. It is very difficult to make an ear out of skin taken from some part of the patient's body. Hence, Dr. Bulbulian thinks that it is far better to do as he does, and to make an ear out of pink rubber—an ear that looks almost exactly like the one that the man has. Dr. Bulbulian can do this only for patients whom he can see and study at the Clinic.

Many persons have migraine headaches which are so mild they don't recognize them. For others the disease is so crippling it is difficult for them to work. You'll find much information about the disease in Dr. Alvarez' booklet, MIGRAINE OR SICK HEADACHES. Obtain it by

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Inspection of Christmas Tree Lights Suggested

It's important to check last year's Christmas tree lights and strings well in advance of tree-trimming time.

Be sure to inspect them carefully. Plug each string in separately. If lights flicker after you've tightened all the bulbs it may mean that sockets are loose or there may be a short in the wire. Examine the strings carefully (while disconnected) for broken, frayed spots. Replace any defective strings and bulbs you may find.

To estimate the power load you need, multiply the number of bulbs by the wattage for each. The smallest bulb, used in strings connected in series (when one bulb goes, they all go out) is rated at five watts.

The next larger, and now the most popular, used in indoor parallel strings is a 10-watt bulb. Floodlight and spotlight are generally 150 watts each.

For Outdoors

Use only the light strings designed for exterior use for outdoor lighting. Extensions should be of heavy-duty wire with weatherproof covering. Outdoor connections between cords should be wrapped with rubber or plastic tape to seal out moisture.

Use an outdoor, weather-proof outlet for your power supply if possible. Next best is use of an outdoor light, such as a porch outlet, after removing the bulb.

Insulation

If a line is being run to a tree or display some distance from the house, run the line up the side of the house at least seven feet and secure it with an insulator. Run it from that point to the tree and tie it to a sturdy limb.

If a small shrub near the foundation is to be lighted, run the extension to the top

of a stake driven in the ground.

If floodlighting the house or a display, use weather proof bulbs along with special outdoor receptacles.

Indoors or out, don't overload circuits. An average branch circuit, fused to 15 amperes, can handle a load of about 1,800 watts. Circuits of heavier wire and protected with 20-amp fuses can handle up to 2,400 watts if divided through several outlets.

Replace defective strings. Use strings of lights that are connected in parallel, especially for outdoor decorations. Parallel connections permit the remaining bulbs to continue burning even though one or more has burned out.

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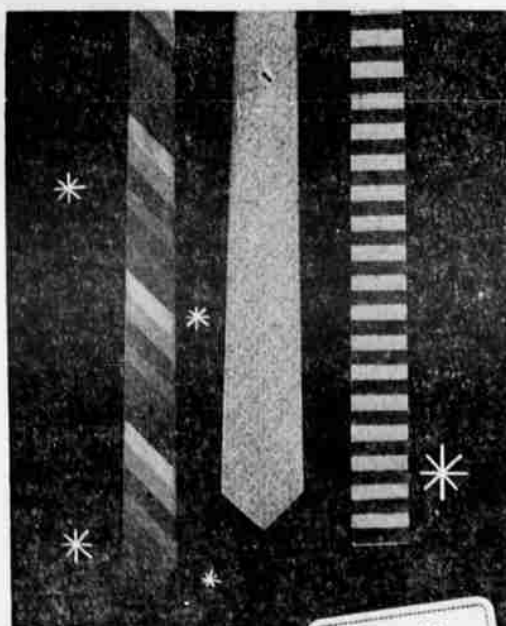
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