

Corn Remedies

Ancient Spells to Modern Science

Back in Elizabethan England, itinerant corn-cutters plied their trade — door to door. In their own way, they did what they could to relieve the pain of corns and callouses.

Yes, as you may well imagine, troublesome corns are nothing new. In spite of this, and even though 80 per cent of the population at one time or another has always suffered similarly, science did not turn its attention to this problem of mankind until the beginning of this century.

Just What Is A Corn?

"When ill-fitting shoes exert pressure where they should not," explains William O. Elson, medical research director for the Blue Jay foot products division of the Kendall Company, "the body, in self-defense, builds up a tough, hard substance known as 'keratin' to protect against friction and pressure."

"In corns, keratin takes the form of a cone-shaped plug; in callouses, it becomes a thick layer of skin."

How has man treated this problem? In ancient Greece, about 100 B. C., Hikesios of Smyrna wrote that he prepared what was probably the first corn plaster.

His teachings must have been known to only a few — for 200 years later, man took a long step backward when a Roman "scholar" named Marcus Terentius Varro urged the following spell to be used as a corn remedy:

"Touch the earth, spit downward and repeat 27 times: 'Oh Earth, keep the pain and health with me remain, in my feet.'"

A thousand years later, in the heyday of witchcraft, much stronger — and equally futile — curses were in vogue. Albert Magnus, a German sage, advised:

"Speak the following: 'They are sounding the funeral bell; what I grasp may soon be well. What ill I grasp do take away, like the dead one in his grave does lay.'"

The Acid "Cure"

Through the centuries, the treatment of corns remained in the domain of "home medicine" or sorcery. H. R. Stout, M. D., in his book "Our Family Physician" suggested this drastic remedy: "To remove corns, use a mixture of Nitric Acid and Muriatic acid, of each, half an ounce; Opium and Muriate of Ammonia."

In the early 1900's, corn remedies containing salicylic acid became popular. Salicylic acid compounds, however, worked slowly and were not always completely effective.

Research Finds an Answer
In 1948, beta-phenoxethanolic acid, or Phenylum — the first significant improvement in corn removal in 50 years — was developed. This product of the Blue Jay research laboratories affects only the corn; it has no harmful effects on surrounding tissue.

The newest of all remedies is a jet-spray called "Pain-Away". This new aerosol product can be sprayed directly on a throbbing corn or callous, even through nylon hosiery, for temporary instant relief of pain.

And — that's the strange story of corn remedies, from the sorcery of the ancients and of the middle ages, to the jet-spray of the jet age.

NEWELL HEIGHTS ITEMS

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NEWELL HEIGHTS—Oct. 19 afternoon guests at the Burton Barnes home were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Strawn of Fruitland, and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Clark of Portland. That afternoon, guests at the Barnes home were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kiel of Nampa.

Mrs. Stanley Hill visited Mrs. Lydia Worden the afternoon of Oct. 15.

A and K Garden club members entertained the Caldwell Garden club women Oct. 14 at the M.L. Judd home for a luncheon. Thirty-four were present. Mrs. Mable Fagan of Nyssa gave "Points On Arranging Flowers." Mrs. Tom Nishitani sang several numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Judd entertained Oct. 19 at dinner for nine, honoring Mr. Harlow Kinney of Los Angeles, Calif., who is visiting his brother, the L.J. Kinneys at Ontario.

Dale Rumsey of Phoenix, Ariz., and Donald Rumsey of Los Angeles were recent weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Holt. While visiting the Holts they did some pheasant hunting.

Burdett Pratt, who attends college at La Grande was accompanied home over a recent weekend by three of his college friends. They all went pheasant hunting.

Orman Ballew, Dr. Ralph Herron, his son Hugh Herron and grandson Mike of Lebanon, Ore., are camping at the Louis Pratt ranch. They are also doing some hunting while here.

Mrs. Dale Witt visited recently at the W.C. Van Dewater home in Big Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Begeman visited Oct. 19 with Mrs. Dale Witt.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hammon and son, Kenneth Spangler and Robert, who recently returned from Vietnam, and Al Good and son from Eugene, came Oct. 17 to visit Mrs. Thelma Hammon and Bill. They returned to Eugene Oct. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hammon and boys visited her mother, Mrs. Rulen Esplin in Fruitland, her sisters, and many friends while spending a recent weekend at the Thelma Hammon home.

Mrs. Dale Witt was an Oct. 13 luncheon guest of Mr. and Mrs. Art Sparks in Nyssa.

Mrs. Carl Fenn, Mrs. Alfred Simpson and daughter Selma visited Duane Fenn Oct. 18 in the veterans hospital in Boise.

Selma and Karen Simpson have moved to Ontario. Karen will be working in the United States National Bank and Selma is working at Holy Rosary Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Fenn and Carla of Milwaukee, Ore., came Oct. 17 and spent the weekend visiting his mother, Mrs. Carl Fenn. October 18 evening guests at the home of Mrs. Carl Fenn were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Simpson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Simpson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Savage and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Walker and family.

Mrs. Carl Fenn and Mrs. Donald Fenn called on Mrs. Crocker and Mr. and Mrs. Del Poor Oct. 18.

Mrs. Rollo Fenn and Mrs. Art Ferguson had lunch Oct. 13 with Mrs. Mary McConnell and brother Bill Snyder. October 17 they went to Ontario where they canned squash and prunes, and visited Mrs. Audrey Ward in Nyssa.

George Besendorfer was an Oct. 18 dinner guest in the Rollo Fenn home, and Eugene Pratt and son Mark were Oct. 18 evening visitors.

Mrs. Rollo Fenn and Mrs. Art Ferguson visited Oct. 19 with Mrs. Stanley Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb entertained Oct. 19 with a potluck birthday dinner party in honor of Mrs. Margaret Payne of Ontario. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Vanderpool, New Plymouth, Mrs. Ada Butler, Ontario, Lenora Vanderpool, New Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Vanderpool of Fruitland, and Mrs. Don Keller, Pan and Cindy of Payette. There were 12 people attending.

Johnnie Stam spent two days recently hunting with his grandfather, Bill Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Holden who have spent the past two weeks here visiting their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Borge, were called to Portland Oct. 18 by the illness of Mrs. Holden's brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Grooms and sons were Oct. 19 dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Borge. They have been visiting with the Carl Grooms in Huntington. Jim Grooms returned to his home in Prineville Oct. 19 and his wife Kay and sons will spend this

week visiting in the Borge home. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Henderson and family, Paul Bernhardt and George Williams all of Reedsport came Oct. 17 and were weekend hunting guests at the Jake Borge home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnston and Al Azar of Portland were house guests recently of Mrs. Marie Moore.

Mrs. Marie Moore, Mrs. Irvin Topliff, Mrs. Howard Fenn and Mrs. Dale Witt attended the AKH Home Extension meeting Oct. 15 with Wilma Powell. The lesson was on "Focus On Line and Design."

Mrs. Marie Moore accompanied Mr. and Mrs. K.I. Peterson to Parma Oct. 14 where they attended a meeting at the Presbyterian Church.

A College Poem: From the Claremont, Minn. News: "When I was a student I was quiet. I didn't protest. I didn't riot. I wasn't unwashed. I wasn't obscene. I made no demands of prey or dean. I sat in no sit-in. I heckled no speaker. I broke not a window. Few students were meeker. I'm forced to admit with some hesitation, all I got out of school was an education."

KINGMAN KOLONY NEWS

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KINGMAN KOLONY—Mrs. Lester Strawn accompanied Mrs. A. J. Tieber, Mrs. Beverly Czair and David Grant to La Grande Oct. 18, where she attended the funeral of Mable Scott, mother of her sister-in-law.

Mrs. Lester Strawn spent several days recently with her daughter, Mrs. Paul Carter at New Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Strawn left for Farmington, N. M. Oct. 23, where they will attend the Oct. 24 wedding of their son, Leslie, who is to marry Linda Martinson. They were accompanied by their daughter, Mrs. Paul Carter of New Plymouth.

Robert Sloan of Parma was an Oct. 19 dinner guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Sloan. That afternoon visitors in the Sloan home were Gusie Edmondson, Rosie Collins and Debby of Parma, and Mrs. Fred Moore and children of Notus.

K. I. Peterson and Wesley Piercy of Adrian called on Oscar Schafter recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Sparks were recent evening visitors at the Schafter home.

Mrs. Oscar Schafter spent Oct. 16 visiting her aunt, Mrs. Arthur Breshears in Weiser.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McConathy were Oct. 19 afternoon callers in the Earl Kygar home.

Mr. and Mrs. Denise Martin and Tracy of Grangeville came Oct. 17 to spend the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Klaas Laan. Mrs. Laan went to Bend Oct. 15 to a Dairy Wives meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Osborn,

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Osborn and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smith had dinner Oct. 15 at the Smorquette in Caldwell, to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. M. Osborn's 20th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Loomis, and his father, Art Loomis of Esticada, Ore., were recent weekend house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Conant while pheasant hunting.

Elmer Arnold of Lodi, Calif., came Oct. 19 to Boise by plane to visit her father, Olen Arnold and Mrs. Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson and family of Seneca, Idaho came Oct. 16 to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Thompson, and the Ron Thompson family of Sacramento, who were visiting there. Don Thompson returned to Seneca Oct. 19, and the Ron Thompsons returned to Sacramento Oct. 20.

Oct. 19 overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Fox were Grant Koons and John of Tripp, S. Dak., Mr. and Mrs. Vern Bartunek of Eugene, Ore.

CIVIL AIR PATROL MEETS TUESDAYS

The Nyssa Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol meets every Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. in the high school. The first half of the meeting is open to the public, and consists of films on aviation provided by the Federal Aviation Administration. The films on the science of aviation will be followed by explanatory lectures. New members for the squadron are being solicited to increase the squadron's effectiveness in the Malheur County area.

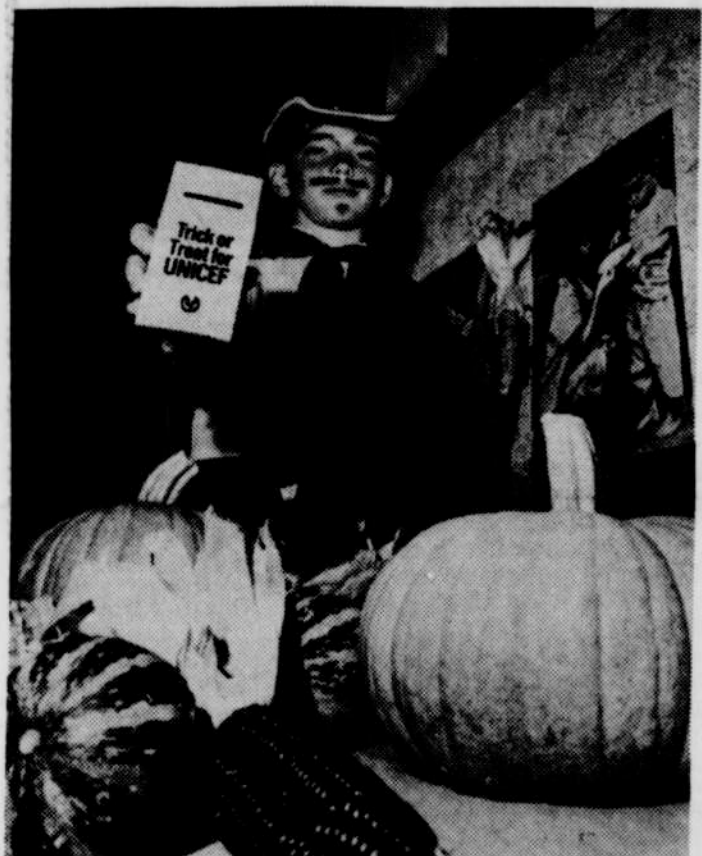
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