

Many doctors will doubt the efficacy of the percentages of salicylic acid, thymol iodide, menthol, oil of eucalyptus, and its vehicle purified naphthol. These percentages were worked out for each ingredient after much deliberation regarding compatibility, corrosive action, nebulization, mechanical irritation to skin, odor of solution, and the psychological appeal to the user by cooling effect to the feet.

Generally the true percentage of athlete's foot is not revealed by the doctors or authorities in their respective districts. The fact that this has remained an unreportable disease probably accounts for the reason that true statistics are not available.

It is easier to prevent a disease than it is to cure after pathological disturbances have taken place. Let me state here that my interest was created after having many complaints from the student body of the college which I serve as examining physician. Many types of treatment had been employed, a few being potassium permanganate baths, various ointments and liquids containing combinations of salicylic acid, resorcinol, boric acid, tincture merthiolate, thymol iodide, oil of wormwood, tincture of benzoin, trichophytin, vaccine by Arlington, coal tar derivatives, ultra-violet light, powders of various types, fractional x-ray, and even various pharmaceutical ointments. These are the common methods employed by doctors to whom these students were referred for treatment.

In closing, may I state that the inventor of this machine has made many progressive changes as a result of the research and tests conducted by this investigation. This method of prophylaxis has not been placed commercially before the public. His earnest endeavor is to win the approval of the medical profession.