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Dear Sparko:

Glad you like good old Miami, and the Eastern Palestine Indians, nit.

I want to write you immediately about the papillomas. I have always called them little seed warts, but that name does not dignify it for the fellow that charges you \$2 to \$5 for working on your pedal extremities. The cause of these things is either a small pebble or some foreign substance in the shoe that irritates the cuticle to such an extent that it starts a wart.

This is the treatment. Do not use a safety razor blade or do not cut the cuticle around the wart. Leave it intact. Take the sharp end of a knife and gently pick the particles out until it becomes fairly tender, with no bleeding, and not too much tenderization. Now take a bit of vaseline on a match and cover the skin surface entirely around the wart. Then apply either carbolic acid or nitric acid on the end of a match to the surface. Do not leave any excess of the acid on the point applied.

After you have let it rest 20 or 30 minutes with this application of either carbolic acid or nitric acid, take a little bit of unguentine, or just as well some more of that vaseline, just enough to cover the surface well and not leave the area tender. It will soften the tissues sufficiently to lessen any uncomfortable sensation you might have from the application. You should have none.

Let this go two or three days, then take the adhesive tape off and wash the foot with soap and then apply again the same treatment. After the second application, wash the foot again and leave the adhesive tape off, if you desire, for a couple of days. Now take the sharp knife and pick again any excess accumulation. The little metastatic filaments that project themselves from the wart are the things that you want to kill by this application. Do not cut the skin away at all. Leave that as a cushion and you will have a little cup there. With two more applications you should be rid of your warts. You know Nitric acid is strong, and so is carbolic acid, so the right procedure is to just touch up the point of the wart and leave no excess.