

I would talk the matter over with my doctor and let him apply it himself to some portion of your back if he wishes to see what it will do for you. The idea of first using it on a few spots or on a small space, is to see whether there was danger of any reaction of another sort. *It smarted for a few minutes only.*

I have found a ten per cent solution of the ordinary forty per cent commercial solution of formaldehyde effective in curing certain infections but if applied too freely it sort of tans the surface and may not penetrate deeply enough to eradicate all infection. It was this solution that cured Gertrude's hands after she had doctored with physicians and specialists for about nine months. I should not advise it for your infection unless the bichloride of mercury is ineffective. In that case, try out the formaldehyde in a small spot as formaldehyde produces an irritation itself for some people. If you do not find the bichloride effective, I would advise that you go to Rochester, Minnesota, and be treated by the Mayos as quickly as you can and I will help you meet the bill or will take care of it entirely for the time being.

There is a remedy on the market that is said to be very effective in some cases of athletes foot which is known as Absorbine Junior and may be bought at drug stores. You might ask your doctor about that.

I am glad you liked the little Indian piece we sent you. It was made at Haskell by the Indians and is sold at summer resorts at fancy prices.

Michael Collins McNalley is coming along fine but I am afraid he is going to have a hard time of it with his sister, Mary Beth. While we were there Sunday, Mac told Mary Beth to pick up some music she had scattered on the floor and she leaned back on her elbows and said, "Let Mikeo do it". She seems quite perturbed at times because Mikeo, as she calls him, does not respond when she tells him goodbye. So far he is a poor conversationalist. I think he is going to have black eyes and will be a fine looking little boy.

One of my grandsons is close by at this time. He is now carrying a route and so I will let you guess whether it is Owen or Dolph, Jr. He is a pretty good scout but his two front teeth got such a start on the rest of them that they are having a heck of time to catch up. He has been swimming and going bareheaded until his face looks like the proverbial beefsteak but underneath his soiled overalls he has a warm heart.

I will take your letter out to the house so Louis can see it tonight as he is with us.

Please let me know how your trouble responds to the bichloride.

Lots of love and best wishes,

Lovingly your brother,