

SAFETY FOR YOU AND YOURS

HE CAN SPARE AN EYE—

CAN YOU?



WEAR GOGGLES!!

Isn't it true that the above man could spare an eye? . . . And don't you really think the above picture would look much better with just two eyes?

Those who have been so unfortunate as to lose an eye, or to have had an eye injury that necessitated numerous treatments, can fully appreciate the importance of protecting one's vision.

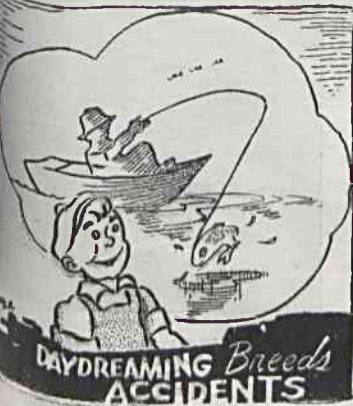
Numerous articles have appeared on this page in recent months with reference to eye injuries in an effort to drive home, so to speak, the great importance of wearing goggles when doing any work that could damage the eye. These articles will continue to appear periodically, in hopes that everyone will eventually become eye-conscious.

Sure, the best possible medical attention is given all eye injuries immediately, and this fact is borne out by the 5,067 miles of traveling that has been done on 29 such cases since January 1.

But, and please let this sink in, about 50 per cent of the 29 cases could have been prevented through the use of safety goggles.

Personal goggles are furnished free to those employees doing work that could damage their eyes, but getting said employees to wear the goggles seems to be the big problem. No person should have to be asked to protect their vision, and every effort should be made by each individual to see that those working around them have full protection.

Any employee who has been subjected to wearing a patch over one eye for a few days, and there are several here who have had to do so, will tell you very frankly that such a patch greatly interferes with their daily routine.



On Our Fingers And Eyes Depend Our Livelihood!

A BLIND MAN'S PLEA! "LET ME SEE"

I passed a blind man today, and like most others, I passed him. I didn't even drop a penny in his cup. His heart was probably empty also. For, when his sight went out, there also went out opportunity, hope, and happiness.

To him all that remains is memories of the wonderful work he once knew—memories that tear at his heart because of the accident that robbed him of his sight—an accident that could have been prevented—an accident that will happen again and again until men whose work endangers their eyes learn to protect them. Eye injuries really take a terrific toll throughout industry.

Did you know that there are eleven manufacturers of glass eyes in the United States alone? . . . They turn out bushels of artificial eyes daily—grey ones, brown ones, blue ones, but you can't distinguish daylight from dark through any of them. If your work is such that you may be subjected to an eye injury, be sure to wear your goggles.

You can never tell when your safety goggles will save your sight—when that sturdy lens will stop a flying particle that might otherwise rob you of nature's most precious gift.

If but once in a lifetime you are exposed to the loss of an eye, that time is of vital importance, and the best is not too good. Remember that a blind man wants nothing but his eyes.

THE SAME OLD STORY

We can count the number of personal injuries; we can figure the cost in dollars and cents—and oftentimes they make terrific statistics.

But no one can ever measure in any way, the suffering and pain endured by the victims of the day-in and day-out accidents.

The statistics often have a tendency to lull us to sleep—somehow they always seem to happen to someone else—they never apply to us.

But accidents cannot be looked upon as general—they are the most personal things in the world when they do happen to us—for they can hurt and maim and even upset our lives.

It must be admitted that 'tis easy to have an accident, but it is also easy to avoid one.

It means remembering not to take a chance—it means using every safety device that is made available for us—and not counting

They Are Our "Wage Earners"

Isn't it rather ironical that the two most important parts of our body as far as earning a livelihood is concerned are the ones that are being injured the most right here in our plant? . . . Can we visualize any job in our plant that could be carried on efficiently by some person who had lost their fingers or their vision? . . . Isn't it true that few of us actually realize the important role these two parts of the human anatomy play in earning our weekly or monthly "take home pay?"

Although the minor and major injuries suffered by the fingers and thumbs of our personnel are not at our disposal in figures, they have been very numerous each week since the plant started operations. In fact, the loss of the proportionate parts and sometimes the entire digit, would actually run into figures that would be alarming. To be more specific, the number of sutures taken to repair lacerations to the fingers and thumbs right here in our plant would add up to a longer distance than most of us would care to walk.

However, a record is kept on all eye injuries treated in First Aid, and said cases are classified by types as follows: 1—Flux, chips, molten metal; 2—Cinders, dust, foreign objects; 3—Driven particles; 4—Acid, caustic, solvents; 5—Miscellaneous.

To give you an idea of the great number of eye cases treated monthly, we are listing by type the actual number of cases from January 1, 1947 through September 15, 1947—Type No. 1—33; Type No. 2—144; Type No. 3—12; Type No. 4—27; Type No. 5—29. A total of 245 cases in 8½ months.

Even though every one of us are proud of our priceless possession of sight, it really seems that some of us are truly neglecting to guard it as we should.

Why can't we all do a little extra thinking about the importance of our "wage earners", and protect them in every way possible?

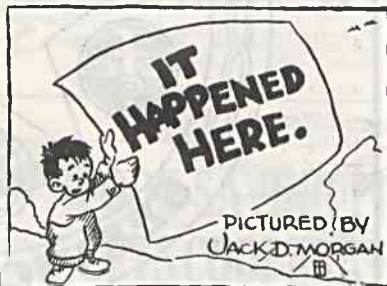
on "It won't happen this time." Maybe it won't, but we can never count on that.

It means remembering to think and stay on guard at all times—knowing that our own personal safety is at stake whenever we take unnecessary chances.

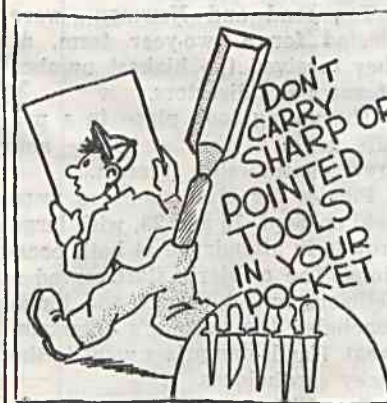
Many of us have often said one second too late: "If I had only been more careful."

One second before is the time to remember.

It is easy to be safe. It is easy to find the best way of doing the job. Insist upon finding that best way. Perist in doing it that way until it becomes a part of you!



One of the most dangerous hazards around industrial plants, is depicted above. Although we have experienced no broken bones due to falls caused by oil spots, there have been a number of cases that resulted in bad bruises. It is the responsibility of each of us to watch for such hazards as this, and to see that oil spots are cleaned up immediately.



On more than one occasion in our plant during recent months, injuries resulting from the above unsafe practice have been treated at First Aid. 'Tis true that the majority of these cases have been of a minor type, but there is always the possibility of someone getting seriously hurt on such sharp or pointed tools. All employees of the Maintenance and Electrical departments should refrain from such unsafe practices, and help eliminate injury to themselves or to others.

