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**Did You Know Hayfever Is Caused By Love—  
Love of the Ragweed for Its Mate?**

In the Fall a ragweed's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love and this month, throughout most of the United States, every up-standing ragweed will be on the hunt for a mate.

All this seedy pursuit of happiness is all right for ragweeds but it's tough on you if you are one of the millions who suffer hay fever as the result of inhaling pollen. In that case you cannot afford to look down your nose at the activities of the young ragweed Romeos and Juliets. Many of them may not find each other, but find your nose instead. Worse, they may even have a date there.

In that case you ought to know about Neohetramine (2-(N-dimethyl-aminoethyl-N-p-methoxybenzyl)-amino-pyrimidine mono-hydrochloride) and don't sneeze at that either. This interesting sounding and acting drug, a product now made available by Wyeth Incorporated on a doctor's prescription, has been found in a number of recorded clinical tests to give relief to 82 per cent of seasonal hay fever sufferers, and what is most remarkable of all, with almost complete absence of deleterious, or "side," effects.

These tests, as reported by Drs. Leo H. Crip and Theodore H. Aaron of the University of Pittsburgh Medical School and Montefiore Hospital to the American Academy of Allergy, showed Neohetramine to be the safest of all similar drugs. In fact the incidence of side effects was so low that they named it the "safest" antihistaminic. Neohetramine, the physicians showed, has also proved startlingly effective in curing or moderating headache, bronchial asthma, the skin eruption known as urticaria, and allergic rhinitis. The tests were extensive, 124 hay fever sufferers being treated with Neohetramine by Drs. Crip and Aaron.

The development of Neohetramine is the result of clever medical detection work. Allergies are a comparatively recent medical discovery. The word "allergy" has been in the language only half a century. It is now known that the inhalation of pollens, especially that of ragweed, can produce asthma, sneezing, face swelling and other allied symptoms. Many foods, shellfish and strawberries for example, wool, cat fur and scores of other things may cause various unhappy reactions among those allergic to them.

When a disease germ enters the body, the body automatically sets up its own defense by manufacturing "anti-bodies" to combat the germ. Pollens and other allergens are also met in



the body with anti-bodies. But the real villain of the hay fever and other similar griefs is now believed to be a chemical called histamine which is normally found in minute quantities in most of the body tissues. Pollen and the antibodies it creates combine to cause the liberation of histamine in the body. The histamine in turn dilates the blood vessels so that the tissues which the blood vessels feed become swollen and gorged, like the stomach of a man who has eaten far too much. When the tissues of the mucous membrane of the nose get this indigestion and stomachache, the result is hay-fever or perhaps rhinitis. Other tissues so afflicted may result in hives, asthma or worse.

Histamine thus acts as a sort of fifth columnist in the body for allergens. But it was only recently that histamine's devious underground work was discovered. Once that was established, however, the research laboratories got to work and developed the so-called antihistaminics. Of these, Neohetramine, as shown in the Crip-Aaron report, is the least likely to produce in the patient such side reactions as dizziness and drowsiness.

The antihistaminics have been found valuable also in other respects—notably in overcoming certain patients' allergies to drugs which it is necessary to administer to them. During a recent operation for tumor at Temple University Hospital, penicillin injections had to be given a woman patient. To these she showed pronounced an-

dangerous allergic reactions, which disappeared when the surgeons administered Neohetramine.

The great value of antihistaminics to medicine can be appreciated when it is remembered what a tremendous field is covered by allergies. Certain persons, for example, are allergic to cold and a sudden dip in too cold water or too prolonged swimming may result in death. Others are allergic to heat. The list of allergens run the gamut from cat's fur to milk.

The case of a man who broke into a rash on Monday mornings puzzled physicians for months. They tested him for one allergy after another until they remembered that his rash always occurred on Mondays. Then the answer finally came. He was allergic to funny papers—that is to the ink used to print them.

There are also allergies which are of psychogenic origin. A woman married for five and a half years had suffered asthma for five years of that time. She went to Arizona, was cured within a few months and returned East to her husband. Five months later she had asthma again. She went back to Tucson and was again cured. Her husband moved to Tucson to be with her. Five days later she was hospitalized with an acute attack of asthma.

Probably Neohetramine would have done no good in this case. Reno was the cure. Since her divorce the lady has lived in the East and has suffered no recurrence of her asthma. She is simply allergic to her hus-

**Patrillo Trust Agreement OK'd**

Washington, D. C.—Supporting a memorandum prepared by William S. Tyson, Solicitor for the U. S. Department of Labor, Attorney General Tom C. Clark has held that the trust and labor agreements entered into by James C. Petrillo's American Federation of Musicians and the phonograph recording industry do not violate the Taft-Hartley Act.

This cleared the way immediately for the resumption of record-making by the union. The ban against recording began on December 31, 1947.

Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin announced the Justice and Labor Department's approval of the agreements. The union and the recording company had asked Tobin for his opinion. The Secretary in turn asked Solicitor Tyson's opinion, which held that the agreement was legal. Then Tobin submitted the question to Attorney General Clark.

The agreements submitted to Tobin named Samuel R. Rosenbaum, director of the Philadelphia Orchestra Association as sole trustee of the union welfare fund. Royalties of 1 to 2½ cents on each record comprise this fund. The trustee is to spend this money "on musical performances where no admission fee is to be charged and without any profit to the

trust fund, in connection with patriotic, charitable, educational and similar programs."

The question submitted to Tobin was, "Does the agreement naming the trustee violate Section 302 of the Taft-Hartley Act, which makes it a criminal offense for employers to make any payments to 'representatives of his employes' and for employes to accept such payments?"

Tyson's opinion was in the negative and it was upheld by the Attorney General. It held that the trustee was not a representative of the employes, since he is named by the employers,

and further that the trust agreement specifically states that the trustee shall not represent labor or unions or employes.

The settlement provides for retroactive payments by the companies on records sold in the future but produced between September 20, 1943, and December 31, 1947, and between October 1, 1948, and December 31, 1953. This makes the present agreement a 5-year pact.

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