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A SURE SIGN OF OLD AGE

There was once a time not so very many years ago that we could sit down to a typewriter and turn out several thousand words of such idiotic nonsense that each of our nine foil. At first we thought he was readers would hasten to mail this newspaper their suggestions for a quiet retreat where we might receive some type of mental care, but it has become increasingly apparent to us of late that as we grow older we are losing the ability to do that to the extent that we don't even like to read what we write. And when the writer goes back on his own stuff, brother, that's bad.

Just the other day, for instance and also by way of illustration, we decided to do a column on the art of scratching. We figured that inasmuch as practically everybody at some time or another does a bit of scratching at some place or

another, everyone who chanced ? to make the horrible mistake of ble mistake of reading further, straying into this department we've lost the spark, however might find it of interest. For no feeble it might have been. Still matter what a person's status in rather than just . call it quits, society, all at some time or an- we're going on if for no other reaother itch, and insofar as, we son than filling up this space. know at this writing, nothing has After all, even old folks have ever been developed that will re- gotta live, ain't they?

lieve an itch like a good oldfashioned scratch, properly applied.

But as you will see, as you continue your aforementioned horri-

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"itch," that we are referring to

the type that occurs, say, on the

end of the nose when you have

erwise no lasting results may be ing, and was accumulating in his expected.

In addition to the types of itches listed above, there are several others. Full information on the type of scratch necessary for ment, The Gab Bag, Elkin, N. C.

ABOUT PEDDICORD We have a cat at home known by name of Peddicord, who we thought to be normal up to a week before Christmas. But when we put up our Christmas tree we discovered that his greatest weakness is a love for eating the ornaments off the tree.

Of course Peddicord didn't eat any of those round colored balls, but he did devour a large amount of icicles, made of long strips of what we guess was tinpulling them off the tree, one by one, just to play with them, but a close survey disclosed that he ate them much in the manner of a small boy eating spaghetti.

As you know, tinfoil is rather heavy, and we became alarmed after the first week of watching Peddicord eat it when we noticed he was walking around with a definite sag in his stmach. Evi-dently the tinfoil wasn't digest-

stomach. We talked to him and told him what was happening, I have sold my interest as disbut cat-like, he ignored us and tributor of Gulf Oil Products to continued his diet of the stuff. E. C. Boyles, effective as of De-

cember 15, and will not be re-To make a long story short, sponsible for any obligations them may be obtained by writing Peddicord wound up the Christ- made by the said E. C. Boyles afthis column and enclosing \$1.00 mas season by going around with ter that date. All accounts rein pennies on a postcard, giving his stomach dragging the floor ceivable prior to December 15 name and return address. Ad- until we rigged up a small plat- should be paid to me, and all acdress: Itch and Scratch Depart- form with wheels upon which to counts payable up to that date support it. This has made him will be paid by me. This December 15, 1943. very unhappy, but after all, he 1-13 brought it upon himself.

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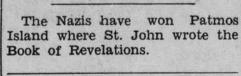


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As you perhaps know, there are numerous kinds of itching that afflict the human wreck. The kind which occurs between the shouder blades is known as the elusive itch, for strain and reach as you may, seldom if ever can you get to it with your fingers. Backing into something, or getting a friend to scratch it for you appears to afford the best system of relief. However, a friend who volunteers to do your back scratching for you is not much help in most cases, for they never seem to be able to scratch the right spot.

Then there is the type itch which occurs in the rear somewhere between the waist and knees. This type occurs usually when you are walking along the street in front of someone, and you hesitate to scratch because of the embarrassment it would cause you. However, when you reach a point of privacy, the itch usually vanishes of its own accord.

Not to be sneezed at is the end of the nose itch, which in many instances resembles a tickle more than it does an itch. It requires a delicate technique to scratch a ickle, and history shows that the world has known but few really great tickle scratchers. However, reasonably satisfactory results may be obtained by using the two-finger scratch (more than two fingers not being necessary unless you have a very large nose), or you can take out your handkerchief and on the pretext of sneezing, really give the afflicted area a good going over. This method is suggested for those fastidious persons who think it impolite to scratch in public.

Next we have the "undressing for bed" itch. This itch develops just before donning nightgown or pajamas, and a lusty two-handed scratch is recommended. It has been noted that scratching of this type of itch results in the itch spreading to the extent that more and more territory require attention. However, it's all very pleasant, and when accompanied by a few yawns, provides a pleasant stimulus for sleep.

One of the most aggravating types of itch to scratch is known as the bottom of the foot itch. Due to the sensitive nature of the bottom of the foot, a light, delicate scratch tends to aggravate rather than sooth. However, experience has shown that in this particular case one must be firm und apply considerable pressure t the same time curling the toes downward to loosen the skin. Oth-



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