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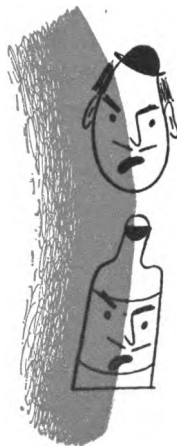
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Do You Know For Sure how you stand with syphilis and gonorrhea? Syphilis and gonorrhea are catching. They are two different diseases caused by different germs. But you catch both diseases by sexual contact with an infected person. You can't tell by a man's looks or a woman's looks whether he or she has syphilis or gonorrhea.

● **You Can Be Cured** of syphilis and gonorrhea. The doctor's examination will show whether you have either disease. He has medicines to cure both diseases. **There's no guesswork about it.**

● **Quacks Tell Lies!** Quacks often call themselves "men's doctors." They take your good money for fake cures for syphilis and gonorrhea.

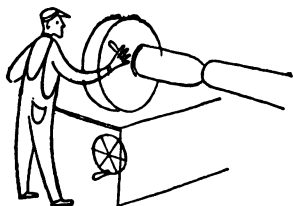
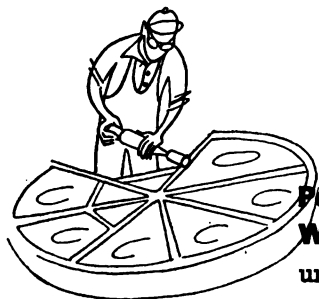
● **Labels Tell Lies!** Pass up that bottle of medicine with a label saying the medicine cures syphilis or gonorrhea. Only the doctor can cure these diseases with special drugs.



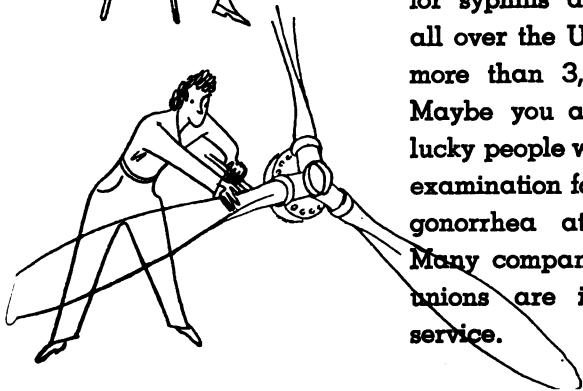
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care of yourself. More than 3 million people in our country have syphilis. Even more have gonorrhea. If there were several million cases of smallpox in the United States we'd all get busy and do something about it. But syphilis and gonorrhea are more dangerous than smallpox. If you have smallpox, you either get well or you die. If you have syphilis or gonorrhea, you may think you are well until you end up by being helpless for the rest of your life.

Go to the Facts! One in every 10 cases of mental illness in this country is caused by syphilis. One out of every 8 deaths from heart disease is caused by syphilis. Thousands of people in our mental institutions were put there by syphilis. Gonorrhea causes sterility. And it destroys the chances of both men and women for having children.



People Can Keep Right on Working while they are under treatment for syphilis or gonorrhoea. They are not a danger to others while they are getting cured. What can people do who can't afford to pay for the treatments? That's easy. They can get tests and treatment at a clinic. There are clinics for syphilis and gonorrhoea all over the United States—more than 3,000 of them. Maybe you are one of the lucky people who can get an examination for syphilis and gonorrhoea at their plant. Many companies and labor unions are including this service.



- **It May Take a Long Time** to get rid of syphilis. Special drugs are injected into the blood. Usually the shots are given once a week until the patient has had at least 70 doses. There are new treatments for syphilis which take a much shorter time. So far these new short treatments are only given in certain hospitals. People taking them usually have to stay in the hospital.
- **Gonorrhea Is Easy To Cure.** The "sulfa" drugs knock this disease out in a week or two. Don't try to cure yourself. "Sulfa" drugs are only safe when given by a doctor.
- **Face Facts And You Win.** Get the dope on these diseases from people who know—the doctor or nurse in your plant or in the health department. If the doctor says the germs of syphilis or gonorrhea have got you, stick with him until he says he has killed off those germs.



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