

bors, of a manufacturing plant could acquire asthma from a cake-grinding mill, particularly from a mill equipped with a dust-collector, may be possible, but to us, admitting our limited knowledge of the pathology and etiology of asthma, it seems most unlikely. There have undoubtedly been a few legitimate cases of innocently contracted occupational diseases in this country within recent years, but there have been, doubtless, many more instances of simulated disability, aimed at the bank account of the employer-victim.

Surely the liability underwriters and the country's manufacturers in general should take early measures toward cooperation to prevent this resurrection in the industrial field of that old public utility bugaboo, faked damage suits.

## New Books

**THE CHEMICAL ENGINEERING CATALOG:** Fifteenth Annual Edition, The Chemical Catalog Co., Inc., New York.

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A particularly valuable section of the catalog is the technical and scientific books divi-

sion, containing the announcements of publishers of technical and scientific works and an extended index of such books.

### Shortening and Oil Prices

Prices of shortening and salad and cooking oils on Thursday, Oct. 23, 1930, based on sales made by member companies of the Shortening and Oil Division of the National Cottonseed Products Association, were as follows:

<b>Shortening</b>	Per lb.
<b>North and Northeast:</b>	
Carlots, 26,000 lbs. ....	@10 $\frac{1}{4}$
3,500 lbs. and up .....	@10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Less than 3,500 lbs. ....	@10 $\frac{3}{4}$
<b>Southeast:</b>	
3,500 lbs. ....	@10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Less than 3,500 lbs. ....	@10 $\frac{3}{4}$
<b>Southwest:</b>	
Carlots, 26,000 lbs. ....	@10 $\frac{1}{4}$
10,000 lbs. and up .....	@10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Less than 10,000 lbs. ....	@10 $\frac{3}{4}$
<b>Pacific Coast:</b> .....	@11

<b>Salad Oil</b>	
<b>North and Northeast:</b>	
Carlots, 26,000 lbs. ....	@10
5bbls. and up .....	@10 $\frac{1}{4}$
1 to 4 bbls. ....	@10 $\frac{3}{4}$
<b>South:</b>	
Carlots, 26,000 lbs. ....	@10
Less than carlots .....	@10 $\frac{1}{4}$
<b>Pacific Coast:</b> .....	@10

**Cooking Oil—White**

$\frac{1}{8}$ c per lb. less than salad oil.

**Cooking Oil—Yellow**

$\frac{1}{8}$ c per lb. less than salad oil.

Procter & Gamble Co. through their National Glycerine Service have sent out a short history of glycerine,—“The Sweet Principle of Oils,”—from the time of its discovery by Scheele in 1799, outlining its uses and its place in modern life and industry. It is termed “the chameleon of chemicals.”

Silica Products Co., Kansas City, recently issued a 24-page bulletin on Bentonite, in which its properties, sources, geology and production are discussed. Numerous tables are included in the booklet which is also profusely illustrated.