



A torn pot holder can contaminate the air of your kitchen with millions of invisible but dangerous asbestos particles.

talcs, Italian talcs and talcs that are not really talc at all, such as tremolite asbestos. Cheap cosmetic products of all kinds, including children's play-lipstick, powder and rouge have been found to contain asbestos. There is some evidence that the fibrous varieties of talc may be more hazardous than others. Unfortunately these talcs are favored by manufacturers of certain lines of cosmetics because they adhere to the skin more readily. . . ."

Clark Whelton (*The Village Voice*) writes: "This year garment workers in New York manufactured 100,000 coats from Italian cloth, that was, unknown to them, 8% asbestos. How much fiber was released into the air by the cutting and stitching of that cloth is not known . . . neither is the effect these coats will have on the people who bought them." He concludes his article with: "It was Man who gouged asbestos mines into the earth and who shattered the rocks in which asbestos fibers are naturally imprisoned. It was Man who dynamited tons of serpentine rock to put an expressway across Staten Island, thereby releasing unknown quantities of asbestos into the air. It was Man who, for purposes of vanity and profit, removed talc from the earth in the same way. It is Man who created this problem and it is Man who will suffer unless he is willing to heal the wounds he has caused. . . . If Man doesn't control the asbestos and talc he loosed into the environment, then he will filter it out again with his body and take it back into the earth when he dies."

There are many hidden hazards revealed daily. Hidden dangers in foods; in highly toxic pesticides and fungicides; carcinogenic drugs in animal feeds; dangerous chemical preservatives, sweeteners, flavorings, coal tar colors, etc., etc. The public relies on U.S. regulatory agencies for *responsible* protection and assurance. *How much real protection do these agencies give us?*

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