

LAYS BLAME TO COAT COLLARS

**Ladd Claims Fur Collars Are Dyed
With Coal Tar Dye and Are
Dangerous.**

Appropos of the skin diseases which have been so prevalent upon the faces and necks of several of our citizens this winter, Barber Peterson in a communication to Prof. Ladd of the Agricultural college of Fargo, asks what is the cause of it, and in reply to his inquiry, Prof. Ladd gave as his reason that the trouble is, no doubt, due to the dye used in the coat collars.

Ed Johnson was the first one afflicted with the disease. He was of the opinion that the irritation upon his skin by the collar was the cause, but had no idea that the collar contained artificial coloring. It was the same case with J. C. Thingelstad and J. D. Reid, and in each instance the disease was caused by coats that were purchased last fall.

Prof. Ladd's letter is printed below:

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P. E. Peterson,
Binford, N. D.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge your favor of Jan. 31st, and note what you say with regard to several persons having bad faces, and the fact that they are wearing new coats with fur collars.

There is no question but what the trouble is due to the dye used in the collars. Many of the furs on the market are dyed in imitation of some other fur, and usually coal tar dye is used for this purpose. There have been many cases of serious poisoning from the absorption of coal tar dye into the skin of the face and neck. Some of these have been very difficult to treat and heal, and certainly cannot be successfully treated as long as the objectionable collar is worn.

Yours very truly,
E. F. LADD.