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Gundella

For warts, bury a dishrag

Dear Gundella: My brother used to have warts. I was never troubled by them myself until lately. Now I have them.

To my surprise, my brother's seemed to have disappeared about the same time mine grew. Could he have possibly transferred them to me?

D.P.S., Garden City

Dear Reader: Warts are overgrowths of the skin. Some medical doctors say they are caused by viruses, but no one seems to be certain of this as yet.

Even the most conventional doctor will admit, when questioned, that they are governed, at least to some extent, by the nervous system, since they will sometimes disappear just through "psychologic suggestion."

Psychologic suggestion is the name given to superstitious acts or spells which people carry out to rid themselves of warts.

The answer to your question is "yes." Although it can not be scientifically explained, it does appear that warts can be transferred from one person to another.

This is not to say that they are contagious. They are not. But there are spells in which you wish them away from yourself, and onto another person, whom you call by name.

Would your brother have reason to be angry enough with you to do this? For instance, did you

ever tease him, or make light of his warts?

WARTS CAN BE removed by your doctor by electric coagulation, carbon dioxide snow, or surgery. But first, you might like to try a more traditional method.

For example, you might offer to wash the dishes. You must complete the job with your own hands and without speaking to anyone. Then, (still without speaking), go outside and bury the dishrag under your bedroom window, while reciting over and over the following incantation: "My warts will wither, my warts will die. No one will have smoother skin than I."

If it works, your warts should be gone in nine days.

My grandmother preferred to use the spring milk, or sap, of the milkweed, applied two or three times a day to the raised area of the wart.

This caused a burning sensation and swelling. A scab forms, and when it falls off, it leaves a smooth, unblemished surface on the skin.

The milky substance from the stems of dandelions was also used in this way, but it is not as potent.

WARNING: Older people have a special kind of wart known as senile warts. These demand prompt professional medical attention, since irritation of these warts can result in cancer.

Heating aid available from county

Federal assistance is still available for 1,000 low-income families in Oakland and Livingston counties who can't pay their utility bills.

A family of two earning less than \$5,655 or a family of four less than \$8,375 is eligible for the aid, administered by the Oakland-Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA). Payments from the Energy Crisis Assistance Program to 2,728 families in Oakland and Livingston counties have averaged \$357. Half of the families have senior citizens as heads of households.

Steve Facione, OLHSA administrator of the program, said eligible persons should sign a statement check stubs, social security or unemployment now, even if their bills are paid. They can use the money as a line of credit with utility companies, he said.

"We can establish lines of credit with fuel vendors, such as Consumers Power, Detroit Edison and fuel oil dealers, so that energy of households. Renters and students are also into next fall," Facione said.

For information, Oakland County residents should call 1-800-482-9250, toll free. Pontiac area residents should call 858-5180.

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Weston, retired from National Bank of Detroit where he had been senior trust officer and then vice chairman, said the Foundation money will be distributed in four areas.

\$50,000 will support the Meadow Brook Music Festival.

\$30,000 will help refurbish the university language laboratory.

\$10,000 goes to OU Interim President George T. Matthews' discretionary fund to support projects that do not receive money from the general fund.

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