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The Big Quack Attack: Medical Devices



### Read Any Good Ads About Fake Medical Devices Lately?

How about the copper bracelets that cure your aches and pains? Or a pyramid over your bed that gives you energy?

And those wonderful machines that not only diagnose all manner of diseases—but also cure them with the flick of a switch or the turn of a knob?

Do you know about the vibrating belts that bounce your bulges away?

And do you know that the earth is flat? Imagine that!

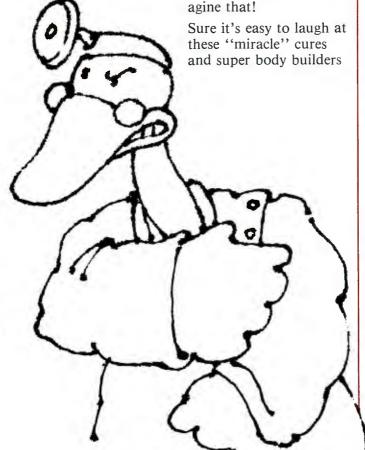
you find advertised in many of America's most popular newspapers and magazines. But there's also a darker side to this modern "medicine show"—most of these health ads are false or misleading.

Quack products and quack promoters are trying to make a million and not caring a hoot about the lies they tell and the danger of the products they sell.

These quacks say they sell medical products. But they actually sell something else, something that all of us need at some time in our lives: HOPE. Not gadgets...not diets...not cures. Just hope to people who need it badly. And that's no laughing matter.

According to some estimates, we Americans spend millions of dollars each year on medical device frauds to fulfill our hopes. Hope to look younger. Hope to cure arthritis. Hope to lose weight. Hope to love better. Hope to live longer.

Some of these quacks play to our vanity—a persons' hope for a larger bust or fewer wrinkles. Buying and trying their phony products may cost \$9.98 plus postage but no real harm has been done.



Other promoters of fake medical devices peddle false hope to the sick or dying, and laugh all the way to the bank. They sell the kind of hope that can turn a patient away from proper medical treatment that may diagnose early stages of cancer or relieve the pain of arthritis.

These quacks tempt people with useless products that waste precious time—and may even be harmful.

How do these quack health promoters get away with their lies and fake products? Why can't we spot, check, and publicize the quacks? It isn't easy. Despite strict laws against false advertising and misbranding of consumer products, the market for health rip-

offs is still big—and

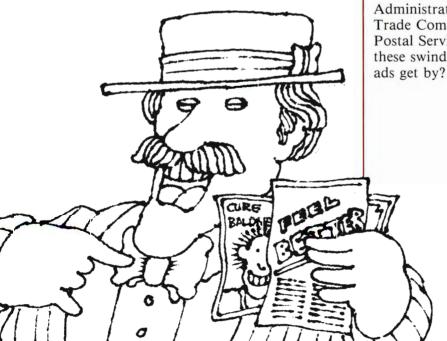
dangerous—business. And, to be perfectly honest, they're a lot smarter and a lot quicker than we like to think.

## Truth in Advertising

A recent national poll indicated that more than 50 million adult Americans agreed with this statement: "Advertisements about medications and health aids must be true or they wouldn't be allowed to print them."

That would be grand if

it were true...which it isn't. But, given all the laws protecting us—
Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act; Truth in Advertising Act; Mail Fraud and False Representation Statutes—and the major government agencies that enforce them—Food and Drug Administration, Federal Trade Commission, U.S. Postal Service—how do these swindlers and their



The media—newspapers, magazines, radio and TV—have several functions: to inform, to entertain, to make money

for stockholders, and to

carry advertisements. But most of the media do not screen ads for truth or accuracy.

Except for certain medical and health publications, very few include doctors or qualified health experts on their staff.

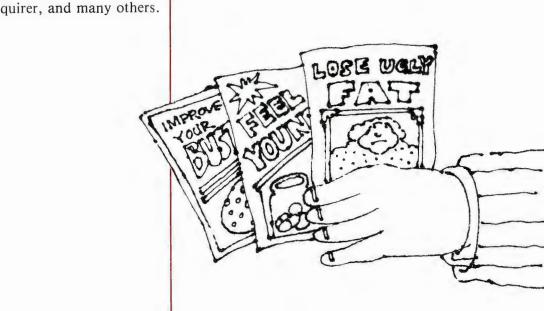
It has been noted that the hardest-hitting antiquackery articles always appear in publications that don't make money from the quacks.

Take a look through any

of these current popular magazines and news-papers and you will find ads with false or misleading claims about some fake medical device or treatment: Cosmopolitan, Glamour, Modern Romance, Pa-

rade, The National En-

The Media View



#### The Government View

And what about the government...those Federal agencies that are actively involved in consumer protection activities by law?

The truth is that as active and conscientious as the government is in locating, pursuing, and cracking down on health swindles, most agencies don't always have the staff or resources needed to handle all of the cases reported, let alone to find out about those products and ads not reported. They must set priorities and work on the most important hazardous and major eco-

As a result, many promoters of quack health schemes and products

nomic frauds first.

escape prosecution and continue to con the public through mail order schemes.

Before any legal action can be taken against a quack health product, it must first be detected and investigated. In many cases that can take years, during which time the promoters are still raking in millions on products of false hope.
Other delays can also

Other delays can also keep these rip-offs on the market. The U.S. Postal Service has problems with "fly-by-night" quack promoters, who, after being prosecuted once, simply change their names or the name of their product and start all over again.

And the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are



often stymied by promoters who appeal their convictions again and again, while their fake products stay on the market.

In 1938 Congress passed a law called the "Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act." The Food and Drug Administration was charged with protecting the public from worthless foods, drugs, and medical devices.

Congress passed a new law in 1976, "The Medical Device Amendments" which requires the FDA to approve certain "high-risk, life-supporting" devices —such as heart pacemakers—before they can be sold.

But, because this new law was aimed primarily at making sure legitimate devices are safe and effective, and because fake medical devices—which are produced by the thousands each year—don't always fall into this "high-risk, life-supporting" category...the FDA has only





two ways to launch a major BIG QUACK ATTACK.

First, by proving through the courtswhich is time-consuming and expensive—that these devices are indeed fakes and frauds, and second, by helping you—the consumer—to protect yourself. In reality, then, it's much easier for a swindler or quack to get his product on the market than it is for the government and others to take it off the market.

So when it comes down to the facts of life about the ads you read for many health products the rule of thumb is this: "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

## Pick a Quack... Any Quack

Health rip-offs, or quackery take in a lot of territory. By "quackery" we don't just mean people, but also their products. Says the Food and Drug Administration: "Quackery is misinformation about health."

The FDA lists three major types of hazards associated with medical device quackery:

DIRECT HEALTH HAZARDS. Buy these products and they can harm your health when you use them as directed in the labeling or advertisement.

icy is to place top priority on taking whatever criminal or civil action is necessary to remove

these products from the marketplace.

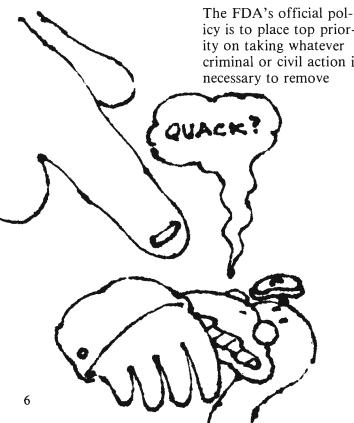
INDIRECT HEALTH HAZARDS. If you use these ineffective products, they can indirectly harm your health because their use delays or replaces proper medical care at a time when you really need it.

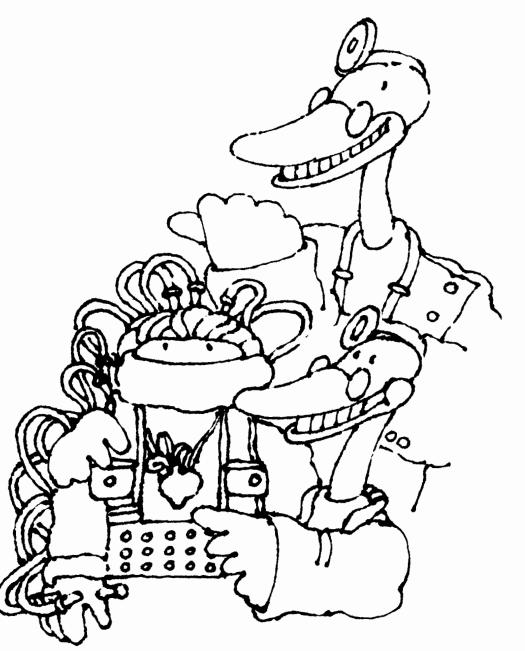
The FDA's official policy regarding Indirect Health Hazards is to take legal action under its authority if the de-

1) Is promoted or distributed on a nationwide basis (through advertisements in nationally distributed magazines, for example), and 2) Is advertised or labeled for the treatment of a serious illness (such as arthritis or heart disease).

**ECONOMIC** FRAUDS. These products pose little or no health risk, but they will cheat you out of dollars spent on useless products that claim wondrous—but phony—effects.

The FDA's official policy regarding economic frauds is to take legal actions under its authority against these devices, if the device: 1) Is promoted or distributed on a nationwide basis, 2) Is labeled with minor health claims that are





unsupported (not proven scientifically), and 3) Serves no legitimate purpose.

For these types of fake devices, the best way to protect yourself is by being a well-informed consumer.

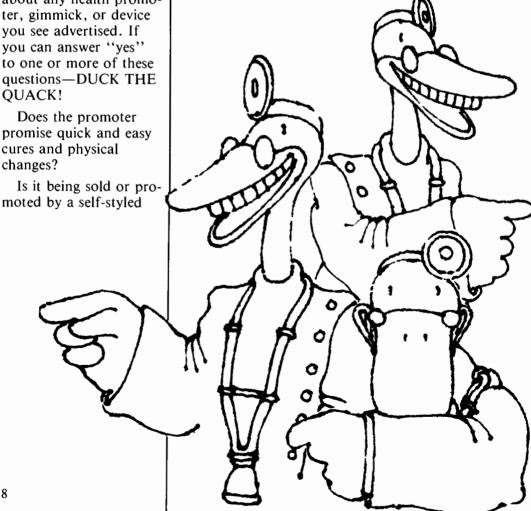
Find out about these products before you buy or use them. Not only will you keep your hardearned money-you'll also protect your health.

Health quackery has some tell-tale characteristics. Here are a few questions to ask yourself about any health promoter, gimmick, or device you see advertised. If you can answer "yes" to one or more of these

Does the promoter promise quick and easy cures and physical changes?

QUACK!

Is it being sold or promoted by a self-styled



Is the product advertised to treat a condition that medical science has not found a treatment for? Does the sponsor claim persecution by the medical community and the government because they do not accept this wonderful discovery? Is the product available only from the sponsor by mail order and with payment in advance? Does the promoter use many case histories or testimonials from grateful ex-patients? Is the product a special or "secret" remedy not available from any other source?

health advisor, a crusading organization, a faith healing group, or in popular magazines?

Is it advertised as being good for a wide va-

riety of ailments?

The Nine Faces of Quackery

The FDA has grouped quack medical devices into nine general categories—ranging from figure-enhancing device

figure-enhancing devices like bust developers to mysterious cure-all devices like pyramids.

on the last pages of this booklet you will find a handy reference chart showing each of these nine types of device quackery along with a list of devices—by brand name—that the FDA or the U.S. Postal Service

the U.S. Postal Service have found to be fakes and phonies, plus any legal actions that have been taken against the manufacturer or distributor of these products.

What are some examples of the FDA's nine categories of modern quack medical devices on the market today and what

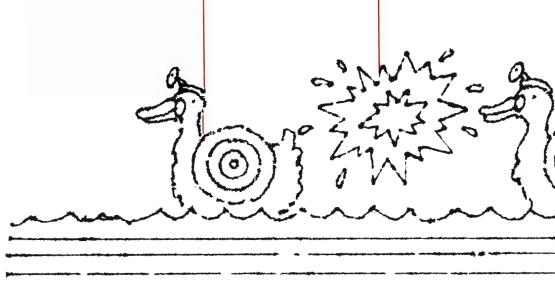
do they claim to do? Fact versus Ouack.

1. Figure Enhancers
Quack: "... Develo

Quack: ". . . Develop or increase the bust size in days; for shaping thighs, spot reducing; lose inches while you sleep; melt down fat." Fact: No exercise device

can increase the size of the bust . . . only the chest muscles under and to the side of the breast. Nothing can cause weight loss except controlling what and how much you eat and exer-

cising regularly.



Relievers Quack: ". . . Relieves or cures arthritis or other pain."

2. Arthritis & Pain

Fact: At this time there is no known "cure" for arthritis or relief for all types of pain.

Quack: "Neutralizes anxiety by producing electrical impulses which cause natural sleep." Fact: Because

3. Sleep Aids

sleeplessness has many causes, there is no one cure for it.

Quack: ". . . Increase hair growth, eliminate baldness with synthetic hair implants, or remove unwanted hair painlessly and permanently." Fact: No device can cure baldness or make hair

4. Hair and Scalp

Devices

grow. Hair is not like a plant; once it is gone it

cannot grow back. And generally, over-thecounter (non-prescription) do-it-yourself electric hair removal devices

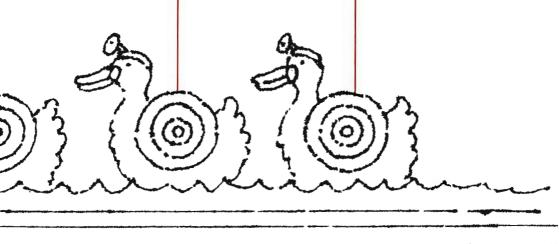
may damage the skin, can be painful, and hair

removal may not be permanent. The implanting of poly-

it.

ester or modacrylic fibers into the scalp has been shown to cause serious infections, bleeding, and loss of natural hair; avoid this artificial (synthetic) hair

implant procedure and any clinic that promotes



5. Youth Prolongers Quack: ". . . Eliminates wrinkles and restores vouthful facial contours, stops skin aging." Fact: No device or treatment can remove or pre-

vent wrinkles or change facial shape—except plastic surgery performed by a skilled physician. No device can cure or prevent the aging process.

6. Sex Aids

and injury.

Ouack: ". . . Effective for impotence regain vigor; for frigidity."

Fact: No known device or single treatment can cure impotence or frigidity. These are symptoms of more serious disease or psychological problems

and TB germs, reduce aging process, treat anemia and muscle pains." Fact: Air purifiers or

7. Respiratory, Pure Air

destruction of bacteria

& Water Devices

Ouack: ". . . For

that only a doctor can diagnose and treat. Some of these devices can actually cause pain

"Negative Ion Generators" have not been proven to be of value in preventing diseases or improving health. Water filters, however, can make your water taste better by removing some dirt or chemical taste

and odor.

8. Disease Diagnosers Quack: ". . . For diagnosing numerous diseases, chronic and crisis patterns, nerve pressure analysis, and "do-it-yourself" detection of early cervical cancer."

Fact: There is no one device capable of diagnosing all or a wide variety of diseases. Beware of a practitioner who says he can diagnose and treat any disease you have merely by turning dials on a machine and placing electrical contacts on your body. These devices and so-called "doctors" are

quacks.

lieving ads that promote medical devices for "doit-yourself" diagnosis or "self-treatment" of diseases and illness can also be dangerous. A wrong diagnosis. . . wrong results . . . or a fake treatment that really does nothing, can delay proper medical diagnosis and treatment

Remember, too, that be-

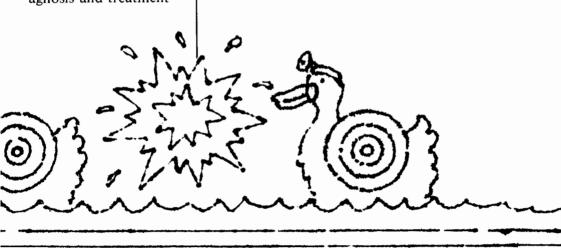
by your doctor. And, by then. . . it may be too late for any treatment.

If you experience unusual physical symptoms that tempt you to diagnose and treat your condition yourself—Don't. Do-it-yourselfers are the easiest prey for the quacks.

## 9. Cure-Alls

Quack: "... For fatigue, asthma, stroke, polio; effective against cancer, leukemia; increases fertility; halts illnesses caused by pollution."

Fact: No device exists that can treat or cure a variety of illnesses from corns to cancer! The quacks who sell these devices are professional "con men" who want you to gamble on their fake products. . . and lose. You can almost bet your life on it.



#### Where to Report Quack Device Problems

(and get more information)

People get embarrassed when they find they've been "had." They tend to keep quiet about it. Silence is a quack's best friend. If nobody speaks up, dangerous or worthless products could be on the market forever. Publicizing a quack is just about the most public-spirited thing you can do.

If you think you've run into a quack or a quack

product, be sure to protect yourself first. Nobody's quack-proof. But an alert, well-informed consumer can usually beat the con artists at their own game.

If you'd like to know more about protecting yourself against health quackery, look here:

• If the device has made you ill, contact your family doctor.

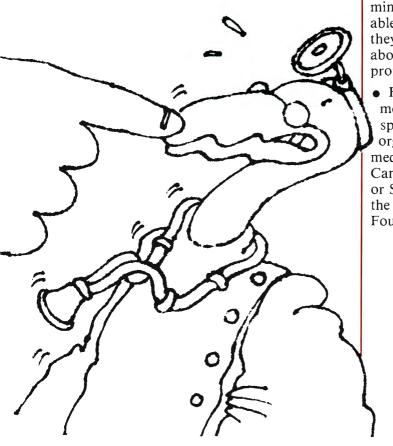
• If you haven't used the product yet, consult your family doctor and call the local offices of the Better Business Bureau, State Consumer Protection Agency or State Attorney General,

U.S. Postal Service, or the Food and Drug Ad-

ministration. They'll be able to tell you if they've had complaints about the product or the promoter.

• For information on

medical devices used for specific diseases, contact organizations in that medical field (American Cancer Society, National or State Associations of the Deaf, Arthritis Foundation, etc.).



## But...Don't Stop There

Report your problem to the proper government agency, too. Here's who to report the problem to, and how to report it:

- About products made and sold within one state only: Local or state health department, attorney general, or consumer protection agency.
- About suspected false advertising: (either in a publication or on radio or TV):

# FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC)

6th Street and Pa. Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20580 (or check with your regional FTC office)

About quack products bought by mail:
 U.S. POSTAL

Chief Postal
Inspector,

SERVICE (USPS)

475 L'Enfant Plaza,

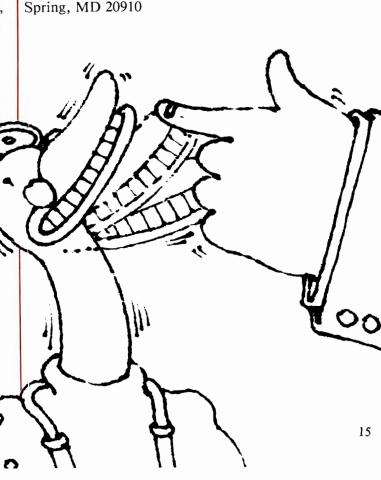
Washington, DC 20260 (or check with your local postmaster)

• About a medical device that is mislabeled, misrepresented, or is otherwise harmful:

## FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) Call your local FDA of-

fice listed in the telephone directory under U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare or its new name: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or contact Bureau of Medical Devices, HFK-125, 8757

Georgia Ave., Silver



## How to Report Quack Device Problems

- Report the problem as soon as possible, giving your name, address, and telephone number.
- Explain the problem you've had with the product.
- Give the name and address of the store or mail order firm where you bought the article, and the date of purchase. If you bought a health service or treatment, just tell from whom you bought it and where the company is
- Describe the product and its label (photo copy it if possible) and give any code marks that appear on the container.

located.

• Save whatever is left of the product to show to your doctor or the FDA, if they ask.

Remember: The few

minutes you take to report a possible health fraud or hazard may keep you, your family, and others from being cheated out of health and money. You could even save a life!

## Need More Information?

If you would like more information about medical devices and FDA regulations, write to: Food and Drug Administration, Bureau of Medical Devices, Consumer & Regulatory Affairs Branch (HFK-131), 8757 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

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Figure			
Enhancers			
Brand Name Manufacturer or Distributor	Description of Device Principle of Operation	False or Misleading Claims in Labeling or Advertising	
THERMOSLIM P-Ryton Corp. Long Island City, NY	Electric Heating Pad for Reducing Weight	For reducingHelping destroy thick fat deposits Benefiting muscles like 2 hours of exercise	
DERMAPHORESIS P-Ryton Corp. Long Island City, NY	Electric Massager for Reproportioning and Contouring the Body	For reproportioning Helping to destroy thick fat deposits	
VIBROELECTRONIC P-Ryton Corp. Long Island City, NY	Electric Muscle Stimulator for Circulation (Vasodilator) to Reduce Weight	For stimulating and improving circulation Benefiting muscles like 2 hours of exercise	
SEAN MICHAEL'S BUST EXPANDER Sean Michael's St. Petersburg, FL	Isotonic Exerciser (Bust Developer)	Increase the size of the breasIncrease bustline measurements 3½ inches in 14 days, 5½ inches in 21 days Cause the breasts to become rounder, higher and firmer New invention using "pectoral isolation" principle Results achieved by use 3 minutes a day	
Arthritis And Pain Relievers			
Brand Name Manufacturer or Distributor	Description of Device Principle of Operation	False or Misleading Claims in Labeling or Advertising	
ALL-PURPOSE MASSAGERS All-Purpose Massager Co. Fort Worth, TX	Heating Pads and Ultra-high Frequency Motor-Driven Vibrator for Pain Relief	For relief of pain associated with spurs on the spine, dislocated discs, arthritis Traffic accident-caused painArthritis shoulder, spine and wheelchair painReturn semi-invalids to work in days or weeks Can massage entire body completely at one time	
ACU-DOT Acu-Dot Corp. Akron, OH	Small Round Adhesive Bandage Patches with Tiny Magnets Attached	For temporary relief of occasional minor aches and pains of muscles and joints	

REFLEXORCUSHIONS Nutritional Life New York, NY	Reflexology Massage Therapy using rubber shoe inserts with venti- lation ducts for "air flow"	Instant relief from tired, aching feetMassaging action with every step Chinese claim this action benefits the body's entire nervous system
MAGNETIC AND COPPER BRACELETS, CROSSES, BELTS, AND OTHER SIMILAR JEWELRY. (Various manufacturers and dis- tributors, primarily through mail order.)	Common jewelry made of copper or other metals with magnetic properties	For reliet of aches and pains in jointsTennis elbowBackacheMiracle arthritis "cure"Copper is considered to have "miraculous curative powers" for arthritis and other painMagnetism is said to "draw out pain" from the body mysteriously
Sleep Aids		
Brand Name Manufacturer or Distributor	Description of Device Principle of Operation	False or Misleading Claims in Labeling or Advertising
ELECTROSEDATION ELECTRONIC THERAPY DEVICE Tri-Tronics Laboratory, Inc. Euless, TX	Electrosedation; Sleep Inducement by Electric Current to Treat Insomnia	For relaxation and restful sleepTreatment for insomnia
Hair and Scalp Devices		
Brand Name Manufacturer or Distributor	Description of Device Principle of Operation	False or Misleading Claims in Labeling or Advertising
ROTASAGE SCALP MASSAGER Doctor's Laboratories Dr. Shiffer Laboratories Doctor's Rotasage Punta Gorda, FL	Hand-Operated, Hard- Rubber Device with Points on the Surface to Mas- sage the Scalp to Promote Hair Growth	Increases hair growth by massage to improve circulationRegardless of the cause of hair loss
BiO-2000/DEPILLEX Bio-2000, Inc. Irving, TX Bea Cranford, Inc. Dallas, TX	Electronic Hair Removal Tweezer (Epilatory Device)	Safe and effective for removing unwanted hairIn secondsPainlessly, permanently

Brand Name	Description of Device	False or Misleading Claims in Labeling or Advertising
Manufacturer or Distributor	Principle of Operation	
SYNTHETIC HAIR IMPLANTS HUMAN HAIR IMPLANTS (Other than the patient's own hair) Numerous clinics around the country such as: Syntho-Hair United Laboratories of America HRC Scientific Corp. Hairegenics Underwood Hair Adaptation Process, Inc.	Synthetic Hair Implant Technique: Artificial (polyester or modacrylic) Strands Threaded into the Scalp with Needles or by Air Guns, and Tied to the Scalp with Knots Human Hair Implant Technique: Implanting Another Human's Hair into the Patient's Scalp— Same Process  BEWARE: THESE QUACK TREATMENTS ARE DANGEROUS—THEY CAUSE SERIOUS INFECTION	A "cure" for male-pattern baldnessA safe, painless and reversible surgical implanting process that guarantees a permanent, naturallooking head of hair
DEPILATRON Various clinics and salons across the country, in- cluding: Seligman and Latz Depilatron, Inc. Depilatron Professional Centers	High-frequency Electronic Tweezers for Hair Removal (Epilatory Device)	Totally effective, totally safe, totally painless permanent ha removalElectric current permanently destroys the hair's regenerative cells
Skin Care and Youth Prolongers		
Brand Name Manufacturer or Distributor	Description of Device Principle of Operation	False or Misleading Claims in Labeling or Advertising
ISOMETRIC BEAUTY BAND Jay Norris Corp. Freeport, NY Mark Traynor, Inc. New York, NY	Isometric Exerciser (Stretch-Pressure Band)	Gives the user a youthful appearance by strengthening facial muscles and tissues Firms, tones and conditions the faceCumulative results will be achieved with repeated wearing of the band

Brand Name Manufacturer or Distributor	Description of Device Principle of Operation	False or Misleading Claims in Labeling or Advertising
THE COMMANDER United Medical Supply Hollywood, CA	Three Rubber Rings of Various Sizes, a Plastic Ap- plicator Ring, and a Rubber Band, Rubber Ring is Placed on Male Organ with Appli- cator; Pressure of Rings Re- stricts Blood Supply and "Causes and Sustains" an Erection	Enables male user to achieve and maintain an erection indefinitelyFor impotence Will not harm or cause injury to userEffective remedy for sexual problems
CHARTHAM METHOD Modern Age Products, Inc. Hicksville, Plainview and New York, NY and Brookfield, CT	Chartham Method, together with the Vacuum Developer Device, is a Means for Increasing the Size of the Male Organ by Use of Hot Compresses, Massages, Thigh and Buttock Exercises	Enlarges dimensions of the male organScientifically evaluated and proven Result of 2 years research by a world-famous sexologistEffective for treating impotence
Pure Air & Respiratory Devices		
Brand Name Manufacturer or Distributor	Description of Device Principle of Operation	False or Misleading Claims in Labeling or Advertising
MINI-MASK Strange Co., Inc. Belleville, IL	Disposable Nose Filter	An effective protection against head colds, hay fever, and sinus conditionsProtects against noxious dust, powder pollens
ENERGAIRE (Miracle Fuzz) JS&A Group, Inc. Northbrook, IL 60062	Negative Ion Generating Air Purifier (ionized oxygen)	Surrounds you with oxygen ions and cleans and purifies airCleans your room of odor-causing bacteria, and stale, musty, or smoky air Not only purifies the air, but also eliminates pollen and other irritantsAllows you to sleep easier, deeper, more relaxed

Disease Diagnosers		
Brand Name Manufacturer or Distributor	Description of Device Principle of Operation	False or Misleading Claims in Labeling or Advertising
URINOMETER Brothers Scientific Products, Inc. Chicago, IL	Diagnostic Device to Test Urine Sugar for Diabetes • BEWARE: THIS PROD- UCT IS DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH WHEN USED AS DIRECTED AS SELF-DIAGNOSING TEST FOR DIABETES	For testing sugar levels in the urine as a means of diagnosing diabetes
Cure-Alls		
Brand Name Manufacturer or Distributor	Description of Device Principle of Operation	False or Misleading Claims in Labeling or Advertising
ACU-AID ION SPHERES Tama Enterprises, Inc. Tokyo, Japan	Adhesive Patches with Small Steel Balls for Pain Relief (A type of Acupressure)	For pain ailments, specific ailmentsStiff shoulders due to tonsilitis, coughing, stiff chestSlight cold, headache, dizziness, insomnia, toothache, low back pain, allergiesImmediate relief from muscular painInflammation of joints and tendons
FAMILON-S Hakuju Institute for Health Science Co., Ltd. Tokyo, Japan IonLab, Inc. Van Nuys, CA	Low-frequency Electric Current Applicator for Pain Relief (Vibrator/ Massager)	A massager for improving spinal chord ailments, muscular tension, insomnia, lumbago, headache, eyestrain, liver trouble, menstrual irregularities, menopause, heart trouble fatigue due to hard work Pain of pilesWhiplash syndromeDiseases of the respiratory, urinary or generative organsConstipation
"THERAPEUTIC" PILLOWS Mid-America Sales and Marketing, Inc. Bethany, OK	Neck Support Pillow	For prevention of chin and neck wrinklesTreatment of cardiac casesPrickling sensations with fingers

SOLARAMA BOARDS The World of Solarama Greenville, SC Water & Chemical Corp. Phoenix, AZ The Heritage Store Virginia Beach, VA High-Frequency Energy Generator (Electromagnetism) for Pain Relief For relieving pain, ruptured discs, mammary (breast) cancer...Healing surgery 30% faster...Bedsores, malignant brain tumor...Bone mending... Aging...Nerves...Relaxes tension by Thermal Electron Emission...Causes rejection of cancer virus...Supplies a vital life force that supports all living matter...For arthritis and paralysis...

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