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Dear Sir,

Referring to the article on “Nasal Spraying” in Science News Letter of Jan. 15, 1938, I have had considerable trouble with colds and catarrh, and usually have griege in the late winter months but have escaped so far this year. Whether my nasal treatment has had anything to do with it I cannot say, not having studied medicine. But when I have an attack of sneezing, which is usually preliminary to those colds, I dip a toothpick in trichloroacetic acid, and meet it far as possible up the nostril, and after a few moments dip the toothpick in vaseline and apply that as I did the iodine and the sneezing has generally subsided without further disturbance. I found this out accidentally when I would get a sore place just inside the nose, and applied first iodine then vaseline to relieve whatever smartness might be felt. I found it also seemed to check the colds. I am taking the liberty of bringing this to your attention, in case this treatment might have any merit. Incase age has anything to do with my age is yours Respectfully yours.