



# Calumet County Historical Society Museum

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or by appointment**

## The Wacky History of Spectro-Chrome Therapy

By: Lydia Arnoldussen

How would you respond if a doctor today told you to use colored light to cure a disease? This was how Indian physician and inventor of Spectro-Chrome therapy, Dinshah P. Ghadiali, helped heal his patients.



**Come see the Spectro-Chrome Machine at the Calumet County Historical Society Museum**

He claimed that his Spectro-Chrome machine could cure all ailments without the use of surgery or medication. Ghadiali came up with the idea after curing a girl of colitis by shining a kerosene lamp at her that was fitted with an indigo-colored filter. He also gave the girl milk that was in an indigo-colored bottle that had been exposed to light. After this, Ghadiali opened the Electro-Medical Hall in Surat, India. He came to America in 1911, with a theory. He believed that each element exhibits a preponderance of one of the seven prismatic colors. For example, oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, and carbon are associated with the colors blue, red, green, and yellow. Ghadiali claimed that in a healthy person, these colors were all balanced.

However, if the colors fall out of balance, the person will get sick. The person should either increase in colors they were lacking to reduce colors that were too strong. To increase colors one was lacking the Spectro-Chrome machine could be used. This machine was a small aluminum box that enclosed a 1,000-watt bulb and five multi-colored windows. These colored windows could be used together to create up to 12 different colors. The person was then supposed to have light shine through the colored window onto the afflicted area. Different colors dealt with different illnesses and problems, such as using purple light to cure malaria or red light as a liver-energizer.

Ghadiali ran into some problems, being called a fraud by the American Medical Association. In 1931, he also was indicted on larceny charges after people came forward claiming his device did not work. There was not enough proof to find him guilty, but after the passage of the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938 the government could begin to acquire more evidence against Ghadiali. In 1945 he was arrested for introducing a misbrand-



ed product into interstate commerce. He was given five years probation and continued to sell his products in New Jersey after the five years.

After his death in 1966, Ghadiali's sons took over the business and created the Dinshah Health Society in Magalda, New Jersey. Believe it or not, they are still in business today, selling light-therapy books and instructions for building a Spectro-Chrome machine from easily found materials. The legacy of Dinshah P. Ghadiali and his Spectro-Chrome machine lives on well into the 21st Century.

**SPECTRO-CHROME**

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**UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION INSPECTORS PUNNING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ON CONDEMN SPECTRO-CHROME AT FORTHCOMING TRIAL**

Presence Of Police For Peaceful Meeting In Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Approved Color Names Spectro-Chrome Means That you get the best I help you to take pleasure in the Science Of Automatic Precision SPECTRO-CHROME

DEVOTED TO THE SERVICE OF MANKIND

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4300 Spectro-Chrome Yellow 1945

Evans were all red and inflamed and very painful. I irradiated twice with Turquoise and they were well.

Lucas Walker—On Christmas day, my boy was hot with Fever. He did not want Tonitons, but I gave it to him anyway; I treated with Turquoise Systemic. In the evening his pulse was uneven, so I gave him Magnesia. The next day he was well.

Rudolf Kise—My little girl had a bad Cold and Fever. I treated her with Yellow, until her lungs moved, then Fever subsided and in 4 days she was well again. I had a Cold myself, but could keep on working. I was well again in 1 day. My own case is of long standing and I shall report on that later. I intend to go to Malaga, Colonel Dinshah and I should wait until the end of January.

Emily Weissenecker—I took Cold and my Ears were quite painful. I treated twice with Turquoise and felt fine again.

Rita Boyer—One evening I had had Pain in Areas 2 and 3. I took Turquoise Local a few times and a few Yellow Tonitons. A bad cough developed and I had to stay in bed for a few days. Treated Turquoise + Josephine Surrogate. If a person wants to go to Malaga, New Jersey, what does one have to do about it?

She was told to write to the Office, include the Free Guidance Chart and tell what time you want to go there. She would like Colonel Dinshah to take care of her boy.

EDITORIAL REMARKS

It is regretted that the November and December 1944 Reports can not be printed as they were burnt in the Fire.

There is no reason to obstruct the Agents of the Federal Food and Drug Administration, in the performance of their duties. Tell them the few the Federal Court. However, if they become insolent or mean or threaten, report to us. They are public servants and should know how to behave with the public who pays their salaries.

Because of the total destruction of our Principal Office Building by coming here, as we have an time on hand to take care of Affiliates from all direction. On the contrary, we need help here.

Meeting Of Thursday, February 1, 1945  
KIMBALL HALL, 200 SOUTH WARREN AVENUE

Successful Use Of Spectro-Chrome In—Cold, Aphonia, Laryngitis, Cough, Headache, Abscessed Teeth

Reported By—BERNARD RUBENBERG, Recorder

Deputy Wilhelm Weissenecker was in the chair; 25 Affiliates were present. The Deputy read letters and telegrams from the Principal Office. Telegram should have been in his possession for the last Meeting, but, was delayed somehow. It was a big shock to the Affiliates to hear

Yellow 1945 Spectro-Chrome 4380

**FIRST MERILL WISCONSIN PLANET**  
DORIS BACHNER, MERILL, WISCONSIN  
Meeting Of Thursday, January 4, 1945

Successful Use Of Spectro-Chrome In—Falls, Miscarriage

Reported By—GERTHURD L. PARSHALL, Sub-Deputy

There were only seven Affiliates present. One Affiliate, not yet having received her 1945 Affiliation Card, graciously returned home.

Affirmation Of Affiliation was read by Emil Erben, the newly appointed Deputy, by Gertrude Parshall and repeated verbatim by Emil Erben. He then took the chair and read the communication from the Medical Office and then read the Night Letter about the disastrous fire of the Institute. Every Affiliate present was heartick upon hearing this. We unanimously offer our heartfelt sympathy to the Council Of Trustees. He then read the Good Thought for January and suggested that more Affiliates acquire this worth while book of Dinshah.

Chair Reports Followed—

Walter Brisse felt tired from extra amount of work at Christmas time, so took Lemo Systemic and took "E" as a "GAD".

A case of Hemorrhage was reported. It was a miscarriage. Sent in General Advice CHART and received Free Guidance from the Principal Office. The case cleared in one week. She is feeling fine.

Article 22 on page 28 in Family Health Professor was read by the Deputy. He also defined the word KARM. It was decided to wait until the next Meeting to plan our year's study program. We send our best wishes for the rebuilding of the Institute when it is possible to do so.

EDITORIAL REMARKS

It is regretted that the November and December 1944 Reports of your Planet can not be printed, because of their destruction in the Fire. Your sympathy is warmly appreciated.

Meeting Of Thursday, February 1, 1945  
Successful Use Of Spectro-Chrome In—Pain

Reported By—GERTHURD L. PARSHALL, Sub-Deputy

Deputy Emil Erben was in the chair; 9 Affiliates were present. The communication from the Principal Office was read. The High School gave an spectacular mass evening, which may account for some of the absenteeism.

Amahl Blank was obtained and given to the Affiliates.

The Authentic Report of the Fire was read by the Deputy; also several of the newspaper of cuts. The Affiliates still wonder how such a catastrophic event have happened.

4300 Spectro-Chrome Yellow 1945

Triumph of Spectro-Chrome, Pages 413, AM, AID were read.

An Affiliate reported that her daughter age 17, complained of Pain in her Abdomen and right side when she came home from school. This evening, she took a Turquoise Systemic Tonic followed the next day with a Lemo Systemic Tonic and there was no recurrence of the pain.

Gertrude Parshall reported that a Federal Inspector interviewed her and the following conversation ensued—

Q—Have you a Spectro-Chrome? A—Yes.

Q—How long have you had it? A—About 4 or 5 years.

Q—When do you give treatments to? A—Tonic only my two children, Patricia and Dennis and myself.

Q—Does your husband use it? A—No, sir.

Q—Why not? A—Because he wouldn't do him any good. (She told him his ways of living were different. We have no arguments about Spectro-Chrome.)

Q—What do the children use it for? A—Colds, mostly.

Q—What do you use it for yourself? A—I had Low Blood Pressure and my Heart skipped every third or fourth Beat.

Q—How did you know you had Low Blood Pressure? A—Dr. Martin Karsten examined me.

Q—Did Dr. Karsten give you Medicine? A—Not a drop. I used only Spectro-Chrome.

Q—Are you a Normalator? A—No.

The Answers given were truthful.

Walter Brisse stated that he too was visited by the Federal Inspector. A series of similar questions was asked and answered. Walter stated also that he read an article in which the famous Mayo Brothers combated the sending of Tobacco to the soldiers in the foreign battlefields. Gertrude said she read an article in that effect also.

It was decided to begin the study of Volume 1 of Spectro-Chrome Mery Encyclopaedia, from next Meeting. By-Law 116, on "Unapproved Occasions" was explained.

EDITORIAL REMARKS

Mayo Brothers are right. Tobacco is defined in the American Illustrated Medical Dictionary, (published by the American Medical Association) as "the quality of a Sedative Narcotic, with those of opium." Let our Affiliates judge why in our science, we discarded that poisonous weed in every form.

SPECTRO-CHROME SAYS

Viewpoint—I am not able to dissolve my problem alone.

Suite—Four some turpentine.

Viewpoint—Baby has hot wedding.

Suite—Get him a divorce.

SYSTEMIC MEANS OVER THE WHOLE BODY

Red  
Orange Red + yellow  
Yellow  
Lemon - yellow + Green  
Green  
Turquoise Blue + Green  
Blue  
Blue + Violet  
Indigo Violet + yellow  
Purple Violet + Red  
Magenta Blue + Red  
Sapphire