

'Don't buy nylon for children's dresses'

A DEMONSTRATION showing that nylon is a dangerous material for children to wear was given to members of Slough Rotary Club this week by Mr. Clarence Suter, head of the Uxbridge and Slough firm of Messrs. Suters, drapers.

Mr. Suter produced a piece of white nylon, and asked the club President Mr. Bernard Channel to light it. When lit, the nylon vanished, and drops of hot wax fell to the floor.

So, Mr. Suter advocated that mothers should not buy nylon for their children's dresses. "It is not much use having fire precautions in the house if children are allowed to wear this stuff. Suppose a child's dress caught fire. You would never pull it off in time," he declared.

Later, Mr. Suter told a reporter that when burned, nylon turns to hot wax which sticks to the skin. He explained that natural materials like wool, cotton, and silk just smoulder, whereas nylon, which is "man-made" behaves like some other synthetic materials and burns rapidly.

"I was speaking as a Rotarian. We try to do our best to protect the public, although we are sometimes talking against ourselves," he stated.

Footnote: Mr. Suter does not think that nylon stockings for women are dangerous. If they come into contact with flame, the only result will be a hole in them, he states.

Nylon and fire

An official of the British Nylon Spinners Ltd., replying to the suggestion made by Mr. Clarence Suter (Woman's Page, January 30) that Nylon is highly inflammable, writes: "Nylon is one of the safest fabrics as regards fire risk. Nylon recedes from a flame, so that the fabric melts at the immediate point of contact but the fire does not spread over the fabric. Any burn damage is therefore localized and the dress does not "go up in flames."

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