

WHO IMITATED WHOM AND WHAT?

Your officers have been asked by Syntonists and Optometrists to clarify a certain matter before the profession in reference to claims of priority in the use of selected light frequencies both for therapeutic purposes but SPECIFICALLY as used in the eyes for Optometric purposes.

The following are statements contained in affidavits in the archives of the College of Syntonic Optometry and are being quoted that you may KNOW the FACTS. The College officers will be most happy to show you the originals and many more at any time at the college building.

Any and all claims that Dr. Spitler first learned of the use of filtered light from a certain immigrant who claims to operate an alleged laboratory are hereby proved to be without any foundation in fact. This applies both to therapeutic use of light as well as its optometric uses and applications. You would do well to correctly inform your optometric friends of the following bared facts which speak for themselves.

Now read the affidavits:

“Personally appeared before me L. L. Sanders who deposes and says that he has known Dr. Harry Riley Spitler since December 1909 and during the time he operated a sanatorium in Kentucky, and that he has seen and been in the said sanatorium and is familiar with the place wherein patients were given sun and light baths both with the bare sun and THRU CERTAIN COLORED GLASSES SET IN FRAMES IN THE SIDE AND ALONG THE EDGES OF THE WALLS OF THE LIGHT BATH, and that patients were exposed to those colored lights for the treatment of their diseases.

Signed L.L Sanders”,
and made in Kentucky.

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·Personally appeared before me Charles Martin who states that he has known Dr. Harry Riley Spitler since December 1909, and has many, many times been in the Spitler Sanatorium operated by Dr. Spitler and was and is familiar with the type and kinds of treatment given at the aforesaid sanatorium, and that one of the treatments therein given was the use of LIGHT THROUGH COLORED GLASSES in which light the patient set or reclined and that such treatment was used for the cure of certain diseases;”

Signed Charles Martin",
and made" in Kentucky.

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“The undersigned Dr. O. W. Spangler being first duly sworn deposes and says as follows:

That he first met Dr. Riley Spitler between March 1st and July 10th, 1910, at which time the said Spitler was the drugless physician-in-charge of a sanatorium in Kentucky, affiant further states that as a patient in the said sanatorium he had firsthand knowledge that the use of FILTERED LIGHTS USED AS PART OF THE TREATMENT used therein by Dr. Spitler.

Affiant further states that he practiced in Arcanum, Ohio, during the years of 1920 to May 1924, and that he and Dr. Spitler were at that time, in conjunction with Dr. F. F. Wilcox, experimenting with the use of filtered light for therapeutic purposes using Dr. Babbitt's work as a basis. And that during this time Dr. Spitler showed him a paper for presentation to an optometric association on the effects of FILTERED LIGHT IN OCULAR CONDITIONS.

Signed O. W. Spangler",
and made in Illinois.

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Personally appeared before me Frank Johnson who says that he began working for the Spitler Sanatorium on January 13, 1911, and that he was and is familiar with the treatments given at that place and that the use of SUNLIGHT AND LIGHT was a part of the treatment used for curing people and that at times the LIGHT WAS PASSED THROUGH COLORED GLASS ONTO THE PATIENT'S body to help in the cure.

Signed Frank Johnson",
and made in Kentucky.

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"Personally appeared before me Dr. Walter S. Niswonger, a registered optometrist, who deposes and says that he has known Dr. H. Riley Spitler since the Fall of 1913 and has known him as a practicing physical therapist and optometrist and has been practically in constant contact and association with him since that time.

Affiant states that in the early part of 1914 he had a patient who suffered certain distressing physical reactions following the prescription of one of the then recently released tinted ophthalmic lenses, and that he mentioned this happening to Dr. Spitler, who replied that such a result might happen from that tint in a certain type of nervous individual and suggested that if the light entering the eye must be reduced that the safest thing to use at that time was smoked glass. Dr. Spitler stated that conclusion AT THAT TIME as a result of his study and application of the USE OF COLORED LIGHT USED ON PATIENT'S BODIES FOR THERAPEUTIC PURPOSES, and to this affiant's personal knowledge such filtered lights were used

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on a patient in the city in which he then practiced same time late in 1914 in an effort by Dr. Spitler to relieve sequelae of infantile paralysis. Affiant further states that he has discussed with Dr. Spitler the use of **FILTRED LIGHT FOR OPTOMETRIC PURPOSES ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS SINCE** the date first above given.

Signed Walter S. Niswonger, O.D.",
and made in Ohio.

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“Personally appeared before me Earl Weisenbarger who deposes and says that he has known Dr. H. Riley Spitler and has been a patient of his since the autumn of 1913, and that all during the elapsed time he has been treated by the **USE OF CERTAIN COLORED LIGHTS BY THE SAID SPITLER** when their use seemed indicated.

Affiant further states that to his personal knowledge the said Spitler used colored lights in the treatment of certain symptoms following an acute illness of a neighbor in the spring of 1914.

Signed Earl Weisenbarger",
and made in Ohio.

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“Personally appeared before me W. C. Richman, M. D., who states that he has known Dr. H. Riley Spitler, of Eaton, Ohio, since the summer of 1920 when he accompanied his sister to Dr. Spitler's office.

Affiant further states that to his knowledge Dr. Spitler **WAS AND HAS BEEN USING COLOR THERAPY SINCE THAT TIME**, and that affiant has discussed various phases of animal and human reactions to colored light with Dr. Spitler at numerous times through the period of years since 1920.

Affiant further sates that on numerous occasions during these years that he and Dr. Spitler discussed **POSSIBLE OCULAR REACTIONS AS A RESULT OF THE USE OF COLORED LIGHT**.

Signed W. C. Richman, M. D.,
and made in California.

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