

## ***New Ointment Base Is Found For Cosmetics***

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—(AP)—A new ointment base with properties highly suitable for cosmetic and medicinal uses has been discovered by Stanford university scientists.

Described as non-greasy, non-sticky, safe and inexpensive, the substance is made from a powdery clay known as elkonite. Its manufacturing cost was placed at 1 cent a pound.

For medicinal purposes, it was said that the substance could be mixed with curative drugs and applied in the form of a bland, smooth paste which dries in two minutes to become a dry powder. This powder, even when containing tarry ingredients, can be washed off immediately in water.

Its use would enable physicians to apply the tarriest and oiliest chemicals without danger of staining clothes or bedding.

Discovery of the substance was announced by Dr. Maurice Tainter, Dr. George Kulchar and Dr. A. B. Stockton after two years of experimenting.

Elkonite, a naturally occurring volcanic clay, was first found in huge deposits near Elko, Nev. It is a member of the so-called bentonite group of clays found in Nevada, Wyoming and the Dakotas. Bentonites are used extensively in preparation of cosmetics, in clarification of wine and in application of concrete.

## **Elkonite (Bentonite) Certified For Cosmetic Use**

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