

The Poisoner's Handbook

Worksheet Eight: Radium

1. Visit this link about ways that radium was thought to be a cure to ailments in the 1920s.
<http://www.orau.org/ptp/collection/quackcures/quackcures.htm> Why did Radium become so popular as a cure-all?
2. Briefly state the facts of the Radium Dials and how they led to the deaths of the girls who painted them.
3. What does it take to stop each of the three main types of radiation: alpha particles, beta particles and gamma radiation?
4. What gas did the girls poisoned by Radium exhale?
5. What was Norris' role in the cover up?