

# A SHORT HISTORY OF THE BED BUG



**PESKY  
BED - BUGS  
P. D. Q.**

Try just once P. D. Q.-Pecky Devils  
Quietens a preventive or to rid Bed  
Bugs, Roaches, Fleas and Ants.  
Every family should use P.  
D. Q. house cleaning time to  
guard against the Pecky Dev-  
ils and to prevent moths. - P.  
D. Q. is not an insect powder,  
but is a new chemical that  
kills insects and their eggs.  
Each package contains free  
a patent spout to enable you  
to get to the hard-to-get-at  
places and save the juice.  
A 35 cent package makes  
one quart, enough to kill a  
million insects and their eggs.  
P. D. Q. can also be pur-  
chased in sealed bottles,  
double strength, liquid form.

Sold by Hartig Drug Co. and other leading druggists.

**GOOD NITE, SLEEP TITE,  
DON'T LET THE BED BUGS  
BITE!**

**Bed Bugs are not indigenous to North America. They were first recorded in ancient Greece about 400 B.C. They appeared in France in the 13th century, but not until 1670 in England. In North America they were first noted in the New England colonies and Canada in the 17th century. Until transmitted by European colonists, Native American villages did not have bed bugs. Ships were notorious for bed bug infestation, carried in bedding on board ships bound for the new world. In the early 20th century very few Americans had not encountered the bed bug, and at least a third of all urban households were infested. In lower income areas of cities it was more like 100%.**

By the early 1950's the bed bug had all but disappeared. It was hard for scientists to even find samples. What happened? DDT is what happened. Sprayed or powdered around beds it killed the bugs and lasted for up to a year. DDT (dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane) was banned in 1972 as a threat to wildlife, but Chlorinated Hydrocarbons were also effective.

**As we know from science, nature is a crafty enemy. Species mutate and become immune to chemical insect killers, and just so the bed bug. In the late 90's bed bugs began appearing in hotels, hospitals, apartments and movie theaters - anywhere fabric was to be found. Now they are again big news, and controlling them is very hard due to the fact that they have become immune to most insecticides. The good news is that bed bugs are not known to carry disease.**

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