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My son-in-law Jeff was a naval officer just completing a tour in Orlando Florida. They had been living in officer's quarters and, as per naval spec, the place had to be perfectly clean when they moved out. The facilities were subject to inspection by a naval team. Both Jeff and my daughter Patricia started cleaning several weeks prior to their scheduled move so they could guarantee that they would pass the inspection. They worked diligently to clean the facilities and encountered an unusual amount of fiberglass coming from the insulation in the walls. Patricia received an itch and a large rash on her arms from this exposure. It continued unabated for a few days before she went to see a doctor. The doctor prescribed some lotion and told her to come back in a week and that the problem should be gone. Not only was it not gone, it continued to spread. The doctor kept trying different medications but nothing seemed to work.

Patricia decided to try a different doctor. In fact she went through six in a period of three weeks. No one could help and indicated that it seemed to be some kind of nefarious infection or an odd case of hives. Each doctor tried a different medication or a different solution to the problem all to no avail.

Now the problem began to attack her emotionally, she could not stop the itching, and the highly visible rash was very embarrassing particularly in the summer when more of your skin is exposed. She exhausted all the naval doctors on the base and most of the local dermatologists. The last Dr. she dealt with told her that she would probably have to get used to having this condition for the rest of her life. That put her into tears for half a day.

The inspection went well and the move was scheduled. Patricia was keeping the place up to specification and was carpet sweeping the rug in the living room. She had to move a freestanding lamp so the carpet sweeper would clean under it and behind it. As she picked up the lamp, she got a tremendous shock that caused her to drop the lamp and pushed her back about two feet. She was stunned. Her whole body tingled from the event. Other than the shock of the minor electrocution, Patricia experienced no other problem. The next day when Patricia awoke she was relieved to find out there was no itch. When she looked in the mirror, she found that the entire rash associated with the Hives was gone. The malfunctioning lamp did what none of the crew of doctors could accomplish. It cleared the itch it removed the rash and she never encountered that malady again. This was truly an unusual cure.

THE END

