

NEW MATERIAL PROVES FIRE'S NOT SO HOT

Italian inventor Secondi has <sup>produced a</sup> ~~invented a~~ material he calls Secondite, after himself, which he claims is the finest heat-resisting substance ever known. ~~It~~

~~Its formula is secret, but Secondi tells us that ~~the main~~ constituent, ~~is rice husks~~. ~~Using~~ a thermometer and some butter ~~in an experiment~~ Secondi demonstrated ~~that~~ the new material just won't let any heat get past it.~~

A covering dome of Secondite was <sup>on</sup> ~~put over it~~, fires were started, the audience waited and watched. Lo and behold the thermometer hadn't gone up and the butter had only gone up in price.

Next experiment; a petrol <sup>container</sup> ~~can~~ lined with Secondite was played on to by <sup>an</sup> oxy-acetylene flame. The petrol ignited but didn't explode, as it would have done but for the Secondite.

~~Burnt~~ <sup>by</sup> petrol poured into a tank through a Secondite filter had no flame left and there was no explosion.

~~Secondite spread over <sup>rice husks</sup> ~~any flame~~ ~~put~~ ~~them~~ out at once. Milk puddings <sup>seen</sup> ~~have~~ a tremendous future. Here's rice doing wonders; we were told the Everest climbers trained on semolina; children are <sup>ferreently</sup> ~~hoping~~ there's something big in store for tapioca.~~

To show there's absolutely nothing up the inventor's sleeve Secondi put a board between the flame and his face and felt nothing at all. Now he can go home and invent something to keep the <sup>freezing</sup> ~~cold~~ but.

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