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For thousands of years, the Chinese have been using acupuncture to prevent and treat everything from the common cold to respiratory problems.

But it has only been in the last few decades that the western world has begun to see the benefits of this ancient science.

One such person is Robert McDonald.

McDonald has been helping people to discover the benefits of the alternative or complementary medicine for the past six years. His studies are extensive, training in schools in Toronto, Shanghai and Sri Lanka.

In his office on Main Street Markham, McDonald practices traditional and spectrodyne (which uses a computer to treat and analysis patients) acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine and massage therapy. By using a combination of all three sciences, McDonald is able to help treat and prevent a variety of illnesses.

The World Health Organization has identified the benefits of acupuncture in the treatment of a wide range of medical problems including gastrointestinal problems such as colitis and irritable bowel syndrome, mental emotion such as depression and insomnia, neurological and musculoskeletal problems such as fibromyalgia and



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Rob McDonald.

migraines, intolerances such as allergies, reproductive and respiratory problems, illnesses and more."

In order to help a person, an acupuncturist will insert needles into specific points in a person's body. The points are determined by the symptoms and genetic makeup of the person.

The points themselves were mapped out by monks over five thousand years ago.

Acupuncture is based on ancient Chinese theories of the flow of energy and blood through distinct meridians or pathways that cover the body.

Inserting the needles stimulates the area. This in turn will heal and help treat a problem.

For most people, acupuncture is painless – at the worse it feels like a mosquito bite. Many people discover dramatic results on the first treatment, others feel it about three treatments later.

The amount of treatments required depends on the severity of the disease.

For details call McDonald at 294-1990

or visit his website at

<http://members.home.net/rlnmc/home.html>.

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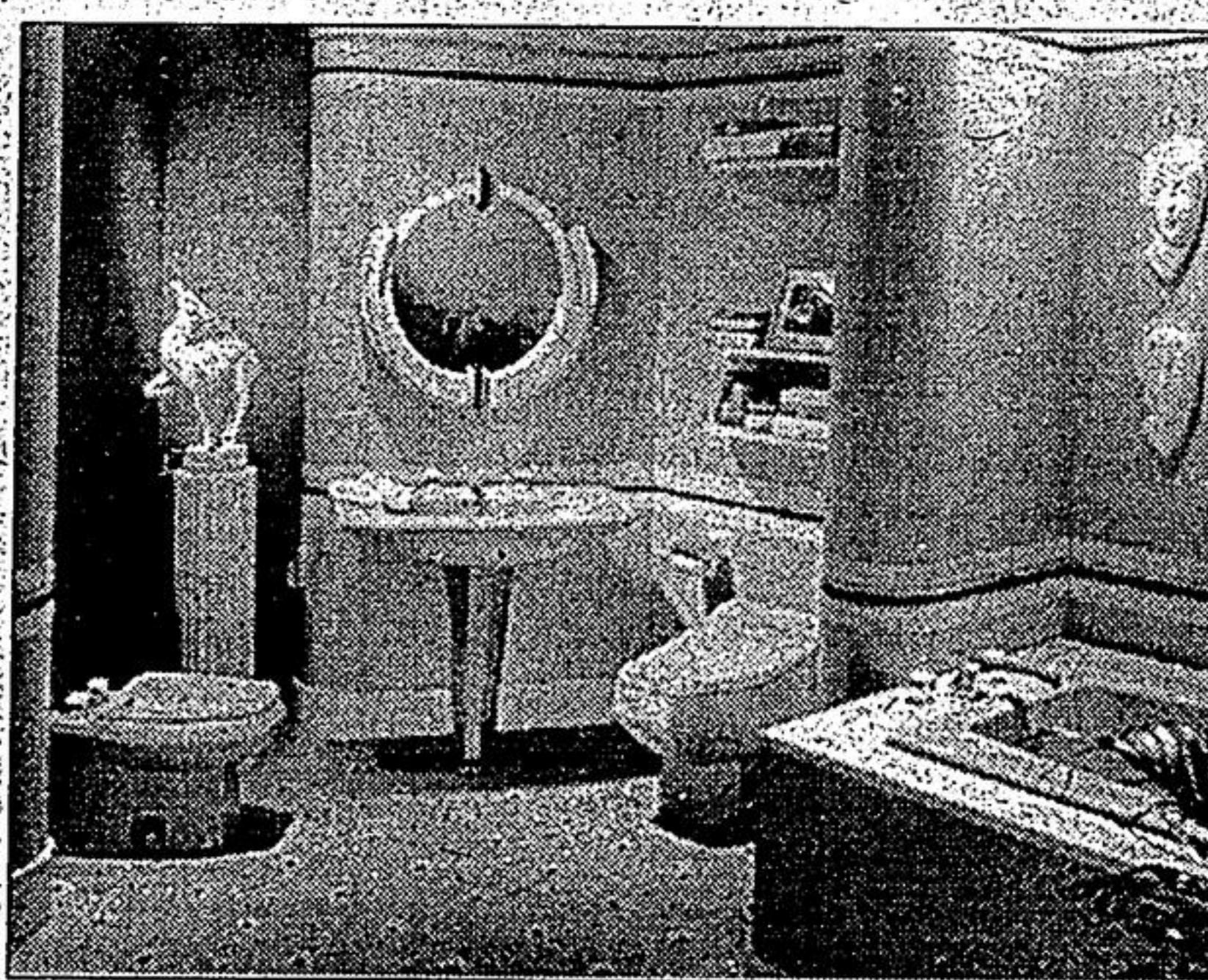
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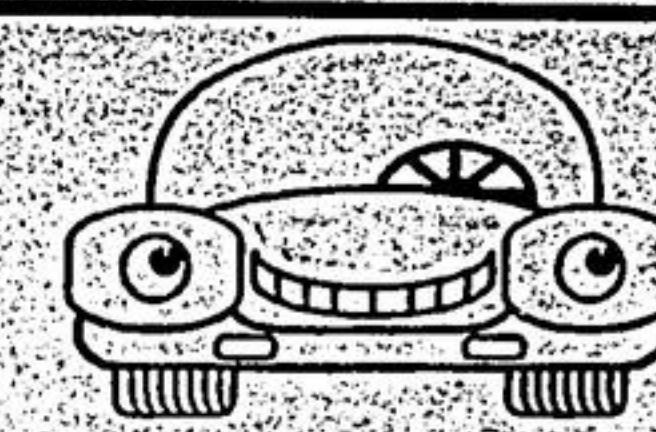
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