The Dreaded Eye-Mold 'Disease' and How to Clean it Off

(also known as Crissy Cataracts)

Now that you've been collecting dolls for awhile, you are bound to have come in contact with a Crissy family doll with a crusty white film growing on her eyes. This is actually mold and it is preferably *not* something that you should introduce to your doll-room.

When the eyes were installed into the dolls' heads, a very small amount of adhesive was placed inside the eyecup. This adhesive is barely discernable now as time and age have caused it to decay. The bad news is that white mold loves to feed on it.

There are a few things that you can do. Firstly, you might try using a soft, nearly dry, used toothbrush to brush it out of her eyes. If that does not work, try biting on the end of a toothpick to flatten it, and then use this "homemade" tool to gently scrape off the mold. Turn her face down and pat gently on the head outdoors over a trashcan to collect the powdery mold. (This simple act will keep it from wafting through your home.)

You can do this as many times as you need *or* you can stop the mold dead in its tracks. Remove as much of the nasty white stuff as you can. Follow up with a drop or two of simple rubbing alcohol to kill the remnants. Place the doll face down on some towels to allow any remaining liquid in her eyes to drain out. Unlike water, which can cause rusting and oxidation of the paint inside her irises, the alcohol will evaporate quickly but still, turn her face down to get as much alcohol as you can out of her eye sockets.

Sometimes one will have to repeat the process a time or two to kill the mold. Be diligent! It will go away eventually. After your doll is "seeing" clearly again, she can join the rest of the group in your doll-room! Enjoy!