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My childrens' school just had an infestation of lice. Both kids were sent home where they were dosed with chemical shampoos and my wife and I spent frustrating hours (each day!) combing through their hair in an attempt to find any remaining lice and nits.

Now a team of researchers at the Univ. of Utah has developed a new chemical free device that dries the nasty beasts out.

[...] University of Utah biologists invented a chemical-free, hairdryer-like device - the LouseBuster - and conducted a study showing it eradicates head lice infestations on children by exterminating the eggs or "nits" and killing enough lice to prevent them from reproducing. [...] 

"It is particularly effective because it kills louse eggs, which chemical treatments have never done very well," he says. "It also kills hatched lice well enough to eliminate entire infestations. It works in one 30-minute treatment. The chemical treatments require multiple applications one to two weeks apart." [...] 

The device blows warm air through a flexible hose, which has a rake-like hand piece on the end. It apparently kills lice and nits by drying them out, not by heating them. [...] 

The 80 percent kill rate was high enough to prevent remaining lice from breeding - possibly due to stress or sterilization - so "virtually all subjects were cured of head lice when examined one week following treatment with the LouseBuster," the scientists write. [...] 

Praise the Lord. Every school district ought to have a few of these on hand.
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