

SOURCE: *Good Toys Bad Toys* book

Page 78

- Gunpowder was played with by children in the 1800s
- Children would make their own firecrackers
- Young boys would play with jackknives—common toy

Page 79

- Machine made dolls had poison paint
- Small parts could choke
- Toy steam engines could burn
- Metal toys could fragment and cause cuts

Page 80

- Balloons filled with hydrogen could explode on street
- Soap bubbles made with gas from light fixtures were also dangerous
- Companies made toys like dolls in celluloid, which was highly flammable
- For many years parents were the only ones held responsible for child safety; no government regulations

