ALTHOUGH asbestos was known to the early Romans and other ancient peoples, it was valued by them mostly when woven into a "magic fabric" used as the funeral dress of kings. For only little more than three-quarters of a century has the true nature of this mineral been known, and even during much of this time its broad utility was not fully recognized. To scientists at work in research laboratories during the past twenty-five years is due the chief credit for the development of the many useful products for home and industry that now play such an important part in our everyday lives.

At the Johns-Manville Research Laboratories skilled scientists are daily contributing to the fund of knowledge of this "magic" mineral. New uses for it are the object of their constant search. Knowing, as they do, the valuable properties with which asbestos is endowed, the promise is bright that in the future this mineral will play an ever more important role in affording protection for both home and industry against the wasteful ravages of fire, weather, and wear.

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