

# ANTISEPTICS

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## Outdoor Maternities, &c.

PERSONALLY and on behalf of the "SANITAS" COMPANY, LIMITED, I respectfully beg to strongly protest against the rules for the use of Antiseptics which have been issued by the Committee of Management of the General Lying-in Hospital. These rules chiefly provide for the use of Corrosive Sublimate, which is one of the most dangerous poisons in the whole range of chemical substances. For that reason alone it should never be employed by other than Medical Men; but beyond that reason it has no claim to be so recommended, for it has absolutely no power as an oxidising agent, and is therefore incapable of chemically destroying ready-formed toxic poisons, which result from the development of microbes in a favourable soil.

Generally speaking, the only germs which are encountered in the ordinary practice of antiseptic surgery and midwifery practice are those microbes which originate putrefaction in well-known processes of fermentation; but even if it were otherwise, there are many preparations available, equally effective with Corrosive Sublimate, and free from the dangers attendant upon its employment. I have proved again and again that "Sanitas" Fluid is of just one-half the antiseptic strength of a five per cent. solution of Corrosive Sublimate; in other words, the antiseptic intensity of one ounce

of ordinary "Sanitas" Fluid is equal to that of half an ounce of a five per cent. solution of Corrosive Sublimate, and it has considerable power as an oxidising agent, being capable of liberating twice its own volume of nascent oxygen. Further, its germicidal power has been established beyond all doubt.

Dr. Weeks, for instance, has proved that "Sanitas" Fluid destroys the vitality of the *Staphylococcus Pyogenes Aureus* and the *Typhoid Bacillus* in exposures of four minutes, and he has classed the "Sanitas" Disinfectants very high among the most effective germicides. "Sanitas" Fluid, therefore, is not only all-sufficient as a germicide antiseptic and oxidising agent, but it is in addition absolutely non-poisonous and free from all unpleasant characters, and that being so, it is to be recommended both on scientific and general grounds as infinitely preferable to the inefficient and dangerous compound known as Corrosive Sublimate.

The craze respecting the employment of all sorts of abominable compounds as germicides is carried too far, and I sincerely hope that Medical Men, Nurses, and the public at large will ignore the recommendations to which attention is called in this advertisement.

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