

# OBSERVATIONS ON WYETH'S ANTISEPTIC SOLUTION.

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ANTISEPTICS possess the property of checking the origin and vital force of putrefactive processes—controlling those tendencies which convert organic material into deleterious products—the main uses being to protect the human body, both internally and externally, from causes which operate in manner detrimental to life. Sanitation and Hygiene have been greatly aided by the investigations of Science, and by a more exact knowledge of the operation of those agencies which are the fertile sources of contamination of air, water and food. The use of Antiseptics may be said to promote cleanliness by establishing a greater power of resistance against opposing forces. To adapt this class of agents to the needs of our every day life we must select those which are of vegetable origin, and possess no corrosive property—such as can be freely used upon the skin, upon the internal parts of the body, and for the various purposes of toilet sanitation. Whilst the properties of these substances are positive in their character, they possess the additional advantage of being absolutely harmless. We may use them also, as effective, agreeable deodorants, substituting the pleasing aroma of plants for the irritating and noxious fumes and gases of highly charged chemical disinfectants. They supply, also, balsamic and protecting lotions to wounds, sores and eruptive processes, and greatly aid minor-surgery in some of its most important operations.

OUR ANTISEPTIC SOLUTION combines all of the most valuable Antiseptics of the Vegetable Materia Medica. With Thyme, Eucalyptus, Gaultheria, Mentha Arvensis, Baptisia, we combine both Benzo-Boric Acid and Acetanilide, which are most valuable on account of their highly detergent and healing, as well as Antiseptic qualities. It will be seen that the applicability of this Antiseptic Solution extends to a multitude of useful purposes—medical and domestic; the operation of Surgery, for instance, in Obstetrics and the Gynæcological service—as an application to all mucous surfaces—in Catarrhs of the Throat, Stomach and Nasal cavities—in the discharges of Leucorrhœa and Gonorrhœa—as a deodorant in the emanations of Fever, Typhoid and other—in the ulcers and apathæ of Sore mouth—in controlling the fetor of excretions—checking Fermentative Dyspepsia—modifying Diarrhœal and Dysenteric discharge—in all the operations of Dentistry, and in the conditions which arise from ordinary and excessive caries of the teeth—in brief, in all the numerous needs which fall to the daily experience of the Physician, and to the observation of the individual. It yields its properties to the senses, and differs from many so called similars, in not being so completely enfeebled by dilution as to be almost odorless, and comparatively useless. Its use may be indicated as follows:

FOR THE SURGEON:—It may be used freely in solution or in full strength for its antiseptic and detergent properties in cases of *wounds, contusions, abscesses, open sores, indolent ulcers, etc.*, and always as a *surgical dressing*.

FOR THE PHYSICIAN:—Given in teaspoonful doses, diluted with water, this solution will be found effective in relieving the symptoms of gastric and intestinal irritation—*catarrh, indigestion, flatulency, headache, etc.* It may also be *employed as a vehicle* for the administration of other indicated remedies, and as an *inhalant* in all throat and lung affections.

FOR THE DENTIST:—Combining antiseptic with deodorant properties, and possessing an agreeable, aromatic odor, it must prove an acceptable medicament for *dental operations* and as a *mouth-wash and gargle*.

FOR THE HOUSEHOLD:—WYETH'S ANTISEPTIC SOLUTION will be found a welcome household remedy; being *perfectly harmless* and producing a fragrant odor throughout the house, it is *adapted to a multiplicity of uses*. In all cases of illness, its great value will be readily appreciated in the sick-room.

FORMULA: WYETH'S ANTISEPTIC SOLUTION represents in proportionate combination the purified active principles of Thyme, Eucalyptus, Gaultheria, Mentha Arvensis and Baptisia Tinctoria, with sixteen grains of Benzo-Boric Acid and three grains of Acetanilide in each fluid ounce.

ADMINISTRATION:—*The Dose* for an Adult is one teaspoonful, diluted with water, and this dose may be repeated at intervals of one to four hours, according to the directions of the attending physician. *For Inhalation*, one or two tablespoonfuls are placed in hot water in a suitable vessel. *For Local Use* it may be used with hot water in proportion of one to four.

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