

severest tests. It is made in two grades—the best being pressed from Japanese silk, the second grade from Sea Island cotton. It is claimed for Protexwel that it will last much longer than any other kind of protective sheeting on the market. The best quality is \$1 per square yard, and the second grade 60 cents. Protexwel Manufacturing Company, 1010 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.

SILVOL: A NOTABLE GERMICIDE.

For application to mucous surfaces as a germicide, silver nitrate has long been recognized as a distinctly meritorious agent. It has had one serious drawback, however—its use in solution frequently caused irritation. Finally, as was to have been expected, the art of the chemist has overcome this objection. The combination of silver with a proteid base robs the former of its irritating effect. At the same time there is no loss of antiseptic value.

A proteid-silver preparation that is meeting with marked favor by eye, ear, nose and throat specialists, as well as by specialists in genito-urinary diseases, is offered by Parke, Davis & Co. under the name of Silvol. That this product has a number of advantages over most of the silver salts hitherto used is evident from the numerous commendatory references to it that are finding their way into the medical press. An article in point has just come under the eye of the writer and is worth noting in this connection. It appears in the December issue of the *Journal of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology* and is from the pen of William C. White, D.D.S., Ph.G., M.D., of the University of Louisville.

Dr. White describes Silvol as “a metallic silver in colloidal combination with a proteid base, and slightly alkaloidal in reaction.” In summarizing, Dr. White names these advantages as applying to Silvol: “Quick solubility in any solution necessary for application to mucous membrane; less staining than by other proteid silver preparations; high percentage of silver content; minimum amount of irritation when applied to mucous surface; low percentage solutions necessary as compared with other similar preparations.”

Silvol is supplied in powder (ounce bottles) and in 6-grain capsules (bottles of 50). The contents of two capsules make one-fourth ounce of a 10 per cent. solution. Silvol Ointment (5 per cent.), for application to regions where the use of an aqueous antiseptic solution is not feasible, is also offered. This ointment is marketed in long-nozzled collapsible tubes—two sizes, designated as large and small.