

piration of the time limit to be exchanged for fresh product. Formerly two grades of antitoxin were marketed, each in five different sizes. The necessity for the exchange of so much serum arose from the tendency of druggists to accumulate too great a variety of packages in the two grades. Furthermore, considerable confusion existed in the minds of physicians as to the relative strength of the "X" and "XX" antitoxin, many supposing the latter to be twice as potent as the former, whereas their only difference was in the volume of fluid or the bulk of the dose employed. Apropos of this phase of the subject, Dr. E. R. Shurly, in a recent number of *Pediatrics*, makes these remarks: "A fatal error has frequently come under my observation, that of mistaking the meaning of the classification, Double X serum. Double X serum refers to twice the bulk of concentration of the product, but no increase in antitoxic value. In other words, 2,000 units single X are identical in curative value with 2,000 units double X. The majority of physicians who have used antitoxin occasionally fall into the serious and fatal error of believing one to be twice the value of the other. It would seem necessary to request the laboratories manufacturing antitoxin to make the directions and title of the product so clear that no possible confusion can arise. Under the present system the mistake is leading to fatal results."

We have decided only to reduce their losses and simplify the manufacture, marketing and therapeutic application of antitoxin in the future by making but one grade instead of two, as formerly: the new grade to be nearly, if not altogether, as concentrated as the old "XX." This has resulted in the adoption of the following schedule of prices which actually represents a reduction and not an advance, because of the concentration of the new serum.

Number of units in package.*	Price of old X Serum.†	Price of old XX Serum.‡	Price of new package.	Number of units per Cc. in new package.
500	\$0.75	\$1.15	\$1.10	300
1000	1.50	2.25	2.00	300
2000	3.00	4.00	3.50	400
3000	4.50	5.75	5.00	500
4000	(Not formerly listed)		6.50	600

In addition to the above we keep in stock, for sale on demand only, but without formal addition to our list, a 500-unit

\*With the new package either one of two injecting devices is supplied the purchaser, at his option, by Parke, Davis & Co.

†Old "Standard" or X serum tested 200 units to the Cc.

‡Old "Special" or XX serum tested 500 units to the Cc.