

infection; further, as the infections are prone to be of a composite form a composite serum must be used, which would be a return to the old 'shot-gun' mixture. The future undoubtedly will furnish us with a reliable preparation of serum for each of the usual germs found in infections of the lying-in period, the use of each being dependent upon the bacteriological findings of the lochia."

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**Earache:** Dr. G. Bjorkman, Milwaukee, prescribes the following for earache (*Merck's Archives*):

R Acidi Carbolicī ..... ℥xl.  
 Alcohol..... ℥xliv.  
 Glycerini ad..... ℥i.

M.

Sig: One-half a dropperful warmed, to be instilled into the ear, for adults; less for a child.

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**Synovitis:** Used in acute conditions. This solution may be employed hot, and joint surrounded with hot water bags; or, if more agreeable to patient, may be employed in cold, and joint surrounded with ice-bags. The rubber bandage firmly applied frequently relieves pain and swelling.

R Liquoris plumbi subacetatis..... f ℥ii.  
 Tinc. opii. .... f ℥ii.  
 Aquæ bullientis ..... q.s. ad. f ℥xxxii.

M.

Sig.: Apply upon soft cloths saturated with solution, and place joint at rest.—*The Medical News*.

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**Carbolic Acid Poisoning:** Bufalini recommends Persodine, which is a mixture of sodium and ammonium persulphates, as an antidote in carbolic acid poisoning. *N. Y. M. J.* states that the soluble sulphates are the most efficient antidotes to this poison, but the persulphates are more energetic and more quickly effective.