

child. Laboratory tests have shown the vapor of Cresolene to be destructive to diphtheria bacilli.

PLATT'S CHLORIDES AND THEIR USES.

To remove objectionable odors where sprinkling is inadvisable a cloth, wrung out of a solution of one (1) part of Platt's Chlorides and ten (10) parts of water, should be placed over, or near, the offensive article or place.

While lecturing recently, a Chicago physician and member of the School Board, declared the prevailing method of dry sweeping a prolific source of disease, due to the spreading of germ-laden dust.

Dust, dirt and germs are best removed from floors by first sweeping with a cloth-covered broom, moistened with water containing just a little Platt's Chlorides.

THE VALUE OF ECTHOL IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

The Journal of the American Medical Association is perfectly correct when it states editorially in its issue of April 8, 1905, that its own observation of medical literature indicates that echinacea is being used far more than formerly, as Ecthol (Formula:—Each fluid drachm contains 28 grains echinacea augustifolia and 3 grains thuja occidentalis) has grown into almost universal use among physicians of all countries since it was first introduced to the profession some 5 years ago. Discussing echinacea in a recent issue of the *Louisville Monthly Journal of Medicine and Surgery*, Dr. C. S. Chamberlin, of Cincinnati, writes as follows: "In my own experience, the results attending the use of echinacea have convinced me that there is no remedy of so great value in the treatment of cases of septic infection, and I have repeatedly used it in the cases of septicemia following wounds of the extremities, which I am confident, by any other means of treatment, would have resulted in the loss of the limb and possibly of the life of the patient." He further recommends it to eliminate toxins and to alter conditions which favor suppuration and inflammation, as in the case of abscesses, ulcers, gangrene, bites of venomous insects and reptiles, tonsillitis, the exanthemata, eczema and psoriasis.