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Criticism of: CONTRACEPTIVE TABLETS:

"BIRCON: THE EDNA PROPHYLASTIC"

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Page 1: There is an extract from the Lancet.

This gives the impression that it is an excerpt from a
scientific paper. In actual fact it is merely an
announcement stating that a sample has been
received and that (the makers) claim etc., !!

Various other points will be noted.
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We have received from the Bircon Laboratories, Elarco House, 183 Aldersgate Street, E.C., samples of anticonceptive tablets which have been distributed to the medical profession through pharmacists for the last 12 years. The tablets are said to contain chinosol and zinc sulphocarbolate with a sodium bicarbonate base and other suitable antiseptics and deodorants. When moistened they generate a foam which coats the external os uteri and penetrates the recesses of the vaginal passage, killing, it is stated the spermatozoa within five seconds. A comparative test, using guinea-pig sperms, has shown Bircon to be more effective than some other chemical contraceptives on the market. Bircon is claimed to be harmless to the mucous membrane even when used regularly and it is stated that there is no need for syringing immediately after use.