

SCIENTIFIC BIRTH CONTROL



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In accordance with the most recent researches in medical science.

THE question of family limitation has never assumed such a vast importance as it does at the present day, whether from the broad view of political economy or the more restricted domestic and personal view. Comparatively few years ago this subject was enveloped in mystery; few if any scientifically authentic works were in evidence and the members of the medical profession stood aloof from the matter. The modern stress of everyday life has however brought the subject of birth control to the forefront to such an extent that it has engaged the earnest attention of eminent medical scientists both in England and abroad in the endeavour to improve on the old order of things. The post-war conditions on the one hand make family limitation necessary in a vast number of instances for reasons of domestic economy and on the other by reason of the wife's physical state, which owing to the strenuous conditions of life may not be in any way suitable for child bearing and even endanger life. Malthus, a prominent political economist at the commencement of the 19th century was the pioneer of the birth-control movement in this country which came to be known as "Malthusianism." He wrote extensively on the subject but was much more engaged with the social than the scientific side of the question. Any practical medical work to enlighten the lay mind on the subject of family limitation was almost unknown for many decades, so that those who were desirous of limiting their families—whether for financial or health reasons—were obliged to resort to the use of some of the various (mostly rubber) appliances such as pessaries, sheaths, sponges, etc. These act mechanically and are intended to prevent the entrance of the semen into the womb. Later on "soluble pessaries" were manufactured.

These are small cones generally composed of cocoa butter containing either quinine or Chinosol, the idea being that this cone introduced into the female passage shall dissolve and that the liberated quinine or Chinosol will then destroy the semen. This placed broadly speaking two classes of contraceptives (conception preventatives) at our disposal from which to choose—the mechanical and the chemical. This choice of a contraceptive which should at least be reliable for its purpose and non-injurious to the health

of either the wife or husband, was by no means an easy one until in quite recent years the medical profession throughout the greater part of the civilised world took a keen interest in the question and made scientific investigations on the subject.

The mechanical appliances are condemned by most doctors, not only on account of unreliability but also because of their serious effects on health. The greasy soluble-pessary containing quinine or Chinosol was proved by the experiments of eminent medico-scientific authorities (Drs. Baker, Michael Fielding, Braun, Winterburg, Prof. Kionka, etc.) to have little or no action at all in preventing conception.

The medical profession demanded an "Ideal Contraceptive" which should :—

1. Permit natural intercourse.
2. Immediately destroy the semen.
3. Be absolutely harmless to health.
4. Dissolve easily after introduction.
5. Penetrate readily to the necessary parts.

In order to meet all these requirements, The Temmler Chemical Works, Berlin, as a result of exhaustive research work based on the experiments of eminent medical scientists (chemists, bacteriologists, etc.), brought out

SPETON-TABLETS.

These contraceptives are made in the form of a small compressed tablet which is intended for female use by introduction into the vaginal canal where it immediately dissolves. During dissolution of the tablet it effervesces and in this way reaches every part necessary for its efficient action. The active chemical agent is so powerful in killing the semen that it occupies only a one-hundredth part of the tablet and then one-tenth of a Speton tablet is more effective than a whole quinine pessary. In spite of this intensely powerful semen-killing property of Speton, it is *absolutely harmless* to the delicate lining membrane of the passage.

The above-named authorities amply proved these statements to be absolutely correct and confirmed the overwhelming superiority of

SPETON over the usual soluble pessary. In practice SPETON-TABLETS answer every requirement made by the medical authorities for an IDEAL CONTRACEPTIVE which is :—

Thoroughly efficient and reliable.

Most simple in use.

Absolutely harmless. As a matter of fact Speton keeps the parts in a healthy condition.

Inexpensive.

Inoffensive in use and not in the least disagreeable to the susceptibilities of husband or wife.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE.

1. Three minutes before intercourse a Speton-tablet is introduced into the vagina as far as possible with the finger.
2. The " safety " period lasts for 50-60 minutes.
3. Douching should be delayed at least one hour after intercourse.

PACKING AND PRICES.

" SPETON " is put up only in original tubes containing 12 tablets at 3/6 per tube U.K., plus an additional 3d. when ordering by post. They should always be kept in the glass tube, well sealed and in a dry place.

BEWARE OF WORTHLESS IMITATIONS.

The SPETON trade mark is registered in all civilized countries and SPETON-TABLETS are obtainable through all pharmacies.

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MEDICAL AND NURSES' TESTIMONIALS

Ref. No. 1—MEDICAL.

I have great pleasure in recommending Speton to patients and friends owing to the success in operation of the Tablets.

Ref. No. 2—MEDICAL.

I am obliged for your letter this afternoon and also thank you for samples of Speton received recently. Personal trial has convinced me that there is nothing to equal them and I do not hesitate to pass on my knowledge of them whenever possible. I can pass on whatever samples you care to send, they and the literature with them often do more to convince people than ten minutes or so of talking.

Ref. No. 3—MEDICAL.

I have prescribed Speton in a good many cases during the last year and find that the results are perfectly satisfactory. It is certainly the best contraceptive I have met as there are none of the usual disadvantages. I should be glad of some more samples as I often have a chance of giving them to patients.

Ref. No. 4—MEDICAL.

Will you please send me two tubes of Speton tablets and a goodly supply of sample tubes. I am anxious not to be without them in my surgery as I am constantly recommending them to patients, and it is so much easier to hand them a small sample tube of say half a dozen as they can take the empty tube along to the chemist when they want a fresh supply. I may say that I have never known a failure with your Speton tablets when properly used, and some hundreds of patients all over London are now using them. They are far superior to all other similar preparations on the market, are easy and not the least bit disagreeable or irritating. I would not be without them.

Ref. No. 5—MEDICAL.

I am recommending your Speton Tablets to my patients as I think they cause less irritation than any other preparation I have used. If you could let me have some samples with this object in view I should be pleased.

Ref. No. 6—MEDICAL.

I gave Speton to a patient who is abnormally pregnable. Using those and nothing else she has since had two periods without misfortune. This is a very encouraging start and I should be glad if you could let me have another sample.

Ref. No. 7—WOMEN'S CLINIC.

We have been employing your Speton Tablets for some years and they appear to do all that the manufacturers claim of them. We are enclosing you our usual order for immediate attention.

Ref. No. 8—NURSE.

The sample of Speton you have sent me have been handed out to my clients with complete satisfaction and many say they prefer same to the Quinine pessaries and other greasy compounds. I shall be glad of a supply of further leaflets.

Ref. No. 9—NURSE.

I am glad to say I have found no difficulty in obtaining Speton in this country (India), they are really excellent and much safer and more reliable for countries of this description.

Ref. No. 10—NURSE.

I first came in contact with Speton at the Nursing Exhibition. With my type of practice I often am asked for information on Birth Control and I am always pleased to recommend Speton.