

ETHYL AND WOMEN.

MEDICAL REPORT ON ITS DANGERS.

The third instalment of the medical report on ethyl petrol, prepared on behalf of *The Daily Mail* by Dr. Myer Coplans, D.S.O., which appears in Page 17, is of special importance to women.

The report is based on the results of personal experiments and the valuable data provided by the investigations carried out for *The Daily Mail* by the Research Association of British Motor and Allied Manufacturers.

Points in to-day's section are:

- I.—That ethyl petrol is to be regarded as particularly dangerous to women by reason of the ready absorption through the skin of the lead tetra-ethyl present is to be inferred from experiments carried out with animals to determine this point.
- II.—It should also be borne in mind that once ethyl petrol has dried upon the human skin, washing the contaminated surface with kerosene is the reverse of being dependable for the purpose of removing the deposited lead tetra-ethyl.
- III.—There is every reason for including in Part I. of the Poisons Schedule lead tetra-ethyl, which is obtainable by any member of the public from a retail druggist without question or warning.

At the express request of *The Daily Mail* no experiments on animals were carried out by Dr. Coplans during his investigations. His references are to tests carried out by other authorities.