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5. Of the total samples showing a positive presumptive test 100 per cent were confirmed for the new medium whereas only 68.7 per cent were confirmed for standard lactose broth.

6. The new Dominick-Lawter medium was found to be far superior to standard lactose broth for the detection of *B. coli* in water.

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Chronic Lead Poisoning in Infancy and Early Childhood

THE Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, as a result of a recent inquiry among prominent pediatricists, calls attention to the large number of cases of lead poisoning occurring among infants and children. The brief note points out that a Boston physician reports 50 cases of lead poisoning among children at a Boston hospital during the past 6 years. In these cases the diagnosis was proved beyond doubt, the source of lead being the paint on cribs, woodwork and toys.

It seems obvious that the simple precaution of using zinc paints in these cases should be resorted to. Lead poisoning due to the use of nipple shields and of lead ointments on the breasts of mothers was also considered a source of poisoning by the physicians interviewed.—*Seaf. Bull.*, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, 11, 10: 4 (Oct.), 1930. L. G.

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