

gical standpoint plastic surgery and operations through the vagina are main features of the book, being fully described, and each successive step is amply illustrated. Surgical complications of the intestines, and especially of the appendix, are omitted, a weak point, in that the gynecologist of to-day must be prepared to meet emergencies, or, in other words, must be an abdominal surgeon. The book can scarcely be said to be in any way adapted to student minds, but is an excellent reference work for the gynecologist, and general surgeon and practitioner.

A TEXT BOOK OF DISEASES OF WOMEN. By Barton Cooke Hirst, M.D. Professor of Obstetrics in the University of Pennsylvania. Second Edition. W. B. Saunders & Co. 1905.

This work also has been universally popular, a reprint being necessary within a very short time. The book is a companion work of the author's treatise on obstetrics, and is treated in the same masterly way.

PRACTICAL GYNECOLOGY. By E. C. Montgomery, M.D., Professor of Gynecology in the Jefferson Medical College. Second Edition. P. Blakiston, Son & Co. 1905.

This is also one of many of the excellent works on Diseases of Women that have appeared in print within the last few years. Space will not permit a critical review of this and the previous mentioned work, but it is hoped to be permitted to do so at a later date.

PRACTICAL DIETETICS. By Alida Frances Pattee, Special Lecturer in Dietetics, Bellevue Training School for Nurses. New York. 2nd Edition. 1905.

There are many books on Food and Dietetics for nurse and doctor, but none seems to reach the actual requirements, in a practical way, as thoroughly as the present work. The preparation of the food for the sick, as well as for the convalescent, is a science, and if we are to get results, should be as accurate as the science of chemistry or of the compounding of medicines. Miss Pattee's qualifications are the ones peculiarly fitted for accomplishing such a task, and she has done it in a thorough manner. Not only is the dietary for various diseases accurately mapped out, but much detail is given for the preparation and serving.

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