

Another very interesting paper is one by Dr. Rufus B. Hall, of Cincinnati, entitled, "What cases should be drained after abdominal section. He points out that the great danger after this operation is the absorption of septic serum or lymph. He says the amount of bloody serum removed from the peritoneal cavity after many of the simplest of the pelvic and abdominal operations is incredible to anyone not accustomed to draining after such simple operations. He says that he has drained in every case of abdominal section since September, 1886, with but one exception, and then the patient died; he believes that she would have been saved by drainage. In the discussion that followed, the sense of the meeting was strongly in favor of drainage. Another interesting paper is on the operative treatment of uterine cancer, by Dr. Todd Gilliam, of Columbus. It was a strong plea for the total extirpation of the uterus. There are also many other papers of great interest, but our space prevents us from referring to them at length.

PHYSIOLOGY. A Manual for Students and Practitioners. By Frederick A. Manning, M.D., Attending Surgeon, Manhattan Hospital, New York. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co. Price, \$1.00.

This number of the Students' Series is a condensed form of Kirk's Standard Text-book, although it also contains much from Dalton and Foster, while the cuts are mostly from Dalton's Physiology. On looking over the book it seems wonderful to find so much information in such comparatively small space. This result is obtained by avoiding verbiage or useless discussions on doubtful points.

LANGUAGE OF ANIMALS.

The chatter of monkeys can be made intelligible to the human mind (*Times and Reg.*). Among these animals themselves it is, according to Professor Garner, not only intelligible, but understood. Their utterances indicate a purposive character. Simian speech is associated with a form of delivery or address exciting responsive actions. The sounds uttered by monkeys in one quarter of the globe, when reproduced by the phonograph, were recognized by animals of the same species in another. If Professor Garner's researches indicate anything, it is the probability that the songs of birds, the hissing of reptiles, and the whole and varied catalogue of sounds among the lower creation represent so many stages in the development of language.

A GENERAL COMPLAINT.

An Eastern contemporary says: Practice remains dull over the city as far as reported. In fact, the general practitioner has found unusual opportunity for side pursuits this summer. By some this slackness in medical work is ascribed in part to the more elegantly equipped dispensaries in which hundreds of well-to-do citizens obtain free treatment.

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