

uses of electricity, and another on the clinical uses of electricity, and an appendix in which is described the requirements of an electrical room. We have perused this little book with much interest and can heartily recommend it for its practical value. Not only will the reader, in its pages ascertain what diseases or conditions of the system are benefitted by the use of electricity, but he will here see what form of electricity will be most advantageously employed.

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*A Clinical History of the Medical and Surgical Diseases of Women.* By ROBERT BARNES, M.D., London. Fellow & Lumleian lecturer (1873), Royal College of Physicians; Examiner in Obstetrics and the diseases of women at the University of London and the Royal College of Surgeons: Obstetric Physician and Lecturer on Obstetrics and the diseases of women to St. Thomas's Hospital. With one hundred and sixty-nine illustrations, 8 vo. pp., 791. Philadelphia, Henry C. Lea, 1874.

This subject, as Dr. Barnes remarks, is indeed wide and important, not only in its direct application to the relief of the special diseases it embraces, but also in its endless and interesting relations to the physiological and pathological history of women. "A physician cannot possibly understand many of the disorders of the organs of assimilation, of respiration, of circulation, and especially of the nervous system, without a careful investigation of the condition of the reproductive organs." How very frequently, indeed, do we see disturbances in remote parts treated as arising from a variety of suspected local disorders, when in fact they are entirely originated from some trouble, either functional or organic in the generative organs. Admitting this, as we think every one must do, we recognize the paramount importance to the practical physician of possessing a sufficient and satisfactory knowledge of the various affections to which these organs are liable, in order to be