

A Compend of Gynecology. By WILLIAM H. WELLS, M.D., Adjunct Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Infancy in the Philadelphia Polyclinic, etc. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston & Co., 1899. Price, 80c.

One of the Quiz-compend series, much information is given in a short space. In speaking of antisepsis in gynecology we do not consider it correct to speak of stitching up the anus to prevent an unforeseen action of the bowel during an operation; neither do we take it as a matter of course that gloves are to be worn by the operator.

The preparation of ligatures, sutures, dressings, etc., is well given. The paragraphs on gynecological positions and methods of examination are practical and valuable, and the illustrations are good.

The body of the work contains a good synopsis of the diseases of women and their treatment. The injurious effects of compression are, we think, evident in many places. We do not, for example, think that students are sufficiently warned about the danger of the use of branched steel dilators; nor of the danger of the after effects of ventro-fixation; or of the use of the sharp curette. Under pelvic hematocoele no attempt is made to differentiate between the etiology and symptoms of intra- and extra-peritoneal hemorrhage.

The index is good and makes the work a handy book of reference.

Extra-uterine Pregnancy.

The differential diagnosis in the early months must be from:

1. Simple abortion.
2. Intra-uterine pregnancy complicated with pelvic tumour.
3. Retroflexion of a gravid uterus.
4. Antelexion of a gravid uterus.
5. Pyo salpinx.
6. Myoma.
7. Twisted pedicle tumours: (a) Of the tube; (b) of the ovary.

Ointment of Yellow Oxide of Mercury.

Schanz (*Lyon Médical*) recommends the following formula:

R.	Yellow oxide of mercury, recently prepared, from.....	15 to 30 grains;
	Lanolin.....	15 "
	Distilled water.....	15 "
	American vaseline.....	150 "

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