

The work on Hare Lip and Cleft Palate still needs some amendment. Why should a mother be compelled to gaze at her babe with an uncomplicated hare lip daily and hourly for from three to six months when the lip might be repaired within an hour after birth, and be all ready for nursing a few days after the milk comes into the breasts? Why should a child struggle to learn to talk with a cleft palate until it is two years old, when it might be learning to speak with a sound palate as soon as it begins to coo and prattle?

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*Myomata of the Uterus.* By HOWARD A. KELLY, M.D., Professor of Gynecologic Surgery at Johns Hopkins University, and THOMAS S. CULLEN, M.B., Associate in Gynecology at Johns Hopkins University. Large 8vo.; 700 pages, with 388 superb illustrations by August Horn and Herman Becker. 1909. W. B. Saunders Company: New York and London. Toronto: J. F. Hartz Co., Limited.

This regal volume is the outcome of a study of 1674 cases of uterine myomata submitted to operation by its author between the opening of Johns Hopkins Hospital, in 1889, and January 1st, 1909. In the series every possible variety found in this class of tumor is represented. Every complication and degeneration illustrated, and the methods of treatment as well as the results of treatment are fully made known. With such a wealth of material at their disposal, the authors have thought best to leave to others a study of the literature of the subject. The evolution of modern technique in the operative procedure has been taken up so recently and in such a comprehensive and masterly manner by Dr. Chas. P. Noble that the authors content themselves with describing only such methods as they have personally made use of. Incidentally the very large part taken by Dr. Kelly in simplifying these procedures and in lessening the dangers of operation becomes an outstanding feature. The deaths are given in full on the principle that more can be learned from failures than from successes. In the earlier periods the mortality reached 5 or 6 per cent., but in the last 300 operations it fell below 1 per cent. To earlier diagnoses and surgical relief, as well as increased experience and improved technique, must be accorded the credit of this brilliant result. With few exceptions, the illustrations are original. To say that