

ing an all too brief rest after the labors of the day have been concluded, and, we might add, before the labors of the night begin. Then we see the doctor at the dinner table with a couple of medical friends beside him, while the doctor's wife has to listen patiently while they are talking "shop." In the latter, however, she soon becomes very proficient, so that in her husband's absence she is often able to tell an anxious patient what to do until the doctor comes. The country doctor will especially appreciate her descriptions of the difficulties of collecting a little ready cash, and of being so often paid with a load of pumpkins or turnips; and will sympathize with her when she tries in vain to obtain the assistance of some recalcitrant debtor who when ill expects to receive the best of care and medicine, but when well begrudges the doctor a day's work on his potato patch or flower garden. The doctor's wife sees human nature very often from behind the scenes, and she has in the volume before us described what she has seen with an amusing but not unkindly pen. While it will be most enjoyed by those for whom it was written, the doctors' wives, it will not be without value to the doctor himself, who, after reading it, will be ready to admit, if he has not done so before, that much of what he is or hopes to be he owes to the tender care and companionship of his better half. Many a young doctor will be induced to risk the unknown troubles of a country doctor's life when he learns that they are so much lightened by the assistance of a country doctor's wife.

BOOK NOTICES.

ANNUAL OF THE UNIVERSAL MEDICAL SCIENCES, a yearly report of the progress of the general sanitary sciences throughout the world. Edited by Charles E. Sajous, M.D., and seventy associate editors, assisted by over two hundred corresponding editors, collaborators, and correspondents. Illustrated with chromo-lithographs, engravings, and maps. In five volumes. Philadelphia, 1893. The F. A. Davis Company, Publishers. Annual Subscription, \$15.

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With the appearance of each new series our admiration increases. As we have said before, we hardly know which to admire most, the financial courage of the publishers or the unremitting toil of the editors. These thousands of pages come direct from the pen of the leading men in Europe and America, each in his speciality; how they manage to find the time to do it has puzzled us more than once. Those of our readers who have purchased this work have told us that they were more than satisfied with it; for those who have not seen it we may mention that it contains the gist of the thousands of articles which have appeared in the medical journals throughout the world during the past year, so that there is hardly a subject one can think of that has not been fully noticed in the volume before us. We hope that it will receive such strong support from the profession as to justify the publishers in undertaking such a marvelous work.

HOW TO USE THE FORCEPS, with an introductory account of the female pelvis and of the mechanism of delivery. By Henry G. Landers, A.M., M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children in Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio. Revised and enlarged by Charles Buchong, M.D., Assistant Gynecologist and Pathologist to Demilt Dispensary, New York. Illustrated. New York: G. B. Treat, publisher, 5 Cooper Union, 1894. Price, \$1.75.

In our experience the forceps are used much too often; only in exceptional cases is the other extreme met with in which they are not used when they clearly should be. The work endeavors to show when and how they should be used so as to do the least damage.

VENEREAL MEMORANDA. A Manual for the Student and Practitioner. By P. A. Morrow, A.M., M.D., Clinical Professor of Venereal Diseases in the University of the City of New York. New York: William Wood & Company, 1894.

It must be the experience of most practitioners that a great deal of time is lost while driving along the country roads in summer days, or while waiting at a confinement case during the night. That time might be well employed if one