

**PRACTICE OF GYNECOLOGY.** By W. Easterly Ashton, M.D., Professor of Gynecology in the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, Pa. Second Edition. W. B. Saunders & Co. 1906.

A second edition of this work, following but a few months upon the first, speaks for itself. Few changes have been made in the text, and may, accordingly, be said to be a reprint of the first edition, the result of the latter being almost instantly absorbed on its appearance. It is, undoubtedly, *the* text-book of the specialist, the general practitioner and the student. I do not know of any work that contains so much for all. While the description of plastic and minor surgery is masterly, and can be read with profit by the gynecologist, the author has not lost sight of the fact that all who practice medicine are not gynecologists, and that the student requires to become acquainted with little points, and become master of detail, before he can acquire a correct knowledge of the subject. Accordingly neither of the two have been forgotten, and in his descriptions the author takes nothing for granted, but states exactly what should be done in each case, giving directions and illustrations so explicit as to be easily and intelligently followed. As an example reference might be made to the chapters on "General Technique of Gynecological Examinations", "Microscopic Examination of Tissues", "The Blood in Relation to Surgery", "General and Local Examinations", "Hydrotherapy", "Dietary", "Post-Operative Treatment". To be convinced of the author's descriptive and illustrative powers all one has to do is to read the article on the removal of broad ligament tumors of the uterus. At its close one almost feels as if he had just successfully performed the operation.

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As designated, this work is made up of contributions from various authors, and forms one of three companion volumes dealing respectively with Gynecology, Obstetrics and Pediatrics, "covering", as the author says, "the whole cognate domain in the light of the best and latest knowledge". Each contributor seems to have fully treated the subjects allotted to him, and the material is accordingly up to date. From a sur-