

opinions compared, and of these only such as were regarded as the latest and the best have been retained. The purpose of this Compend is simply to present a summary of the diseases of Children, and it is trusted that the student and practitioner will fully appreciate that its use is recommended only after a careful reading of the standard books from which its subject matter has been taken.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE GÉNÉRALE DE MÉDECINE. DR. A. A. CANCALON, L'HYGIÈNE NOUVELLE dans la famille. Préface du Dr. Dujardin-Beaumetz Membre de l'Académie de Médecine, Médecin de l'hôpital Cochin. Prix: 3 francs 50c. Paris: Société d'Éditions Scientifiques; 4, rue Antoine-Dubois, 1892.

Under the form of a series of letters to an elderly lady of the old school, the author gently and clearly breaks down one by one the old ideas of disease, and replaces them by the most modern ones. In the simplest language he explains the most marvellous of the discoveries of modern bacteriology so that anyone can understand them. For the first time we have ever seen it in print outside of the editorials of this journal, the author lays down the fermentation of the yeast plant as the type of all microbe diseases, and shows how the growth of this and similar minute vegetables exhausts certain materials from the liquid in which it grows, and throws off excreta which finally put an end to its own life. His letter on heredity is one of the most philosophical we have ever seen. But it is on the subject of the prevention of tuberculosis that the author makes his greatest point; and no matter how the lady to whom the letters are addressed has been prejudiced by the old ideas on its transmission by heredity, she could hardly read this letter without becoming convinced that the disease is the most infectious one known, and that the only hope of stamping it out lies in the universal knowledge of its transmission by bacilli after birth only. For any of our readers who understand French, a rich scientific and literary treat is in store when they procure this little work.

DR. JACQUES NATTUS. HYGIÈNE DES FIANCÉS, Paris: Société d'Éditions Scientifiques, Place de l'École-de-Médecine; 4, Rue Antoine-Dubois, 1893.

To those about to choose a wife on scientific principles this little work will prove of great service, for the author not only gives all the tests for beauty of form and character but also tells what kind of a father-in-law and mother-in-law one should select. Unfortunately very few people do make their choice of a life companion in that way, and it is fortunate

that they do not. The old fashioned way of choosing the one they fall in love with and continue to love for a reasonable length of time, has given, on the whole, very satisfactory results.

The author's advice on the subject of honeymoons, which he severely condemns, is very good, and the reasons for doing so are well worth reading. As medical men are often consulted on a question of so much interest to the life-long happiness of their patients it would be well to obtain this small book for consultation.

THE USE OF THE CURETTE IN UTERINE SURGERY. By A. VANDER VEER, M.D., Professor of Didactic, Abdominal and Clinical Surgery, Albany Medical College, Albany, N.Y. Read at the meeting of the Vermont State Medical Society, Thursday, October 13, 1892, and Medical Society, County of Albany, November 2, 1892.

INTRA-CRANIAL NEURECTOMY OF SECOND AND THIRD DIVISIONS OF FIFTH NERVE. By JOHN B. ROBERTS, M.D., Philadelphia. Reprinted from the transactions of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, 1892.

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AMBYLOPIATRICS. By GEORGE M. GOULD, A.M., M.D., Ophthalmologist to the Philadelphia Hospital. From the Medical News, December 31, 1892.

EXTERNAL HEMORRHOIDS. — Anæsthetize the skin and mucous membrane with cocaine, applied on cotton. Pass a finger into the rectum, and inject six times half a syringeful of cocaine solution, 2 per cent., between the mucosa and the cellular tissue around the rectum, avoiding the veins. When complete anesthesia has been produced, introduce a speculum and dilate the sphincter. — *Reclus.*

RECTAL CANCER. — In certain forms, when the cancer progresses very slowly, and does not completely obliterate the lumen of the bowel, administer purgatives, prescribe lavages of the intestine, and a vegetarian diet. In these cases, the antiseptic medication is applicable, and permits the patient even to grow fat, and to live relatively very well, considering the lesions present. — *Dujardin-Beaumetz.*