

DR. LAPTHORN-SMITH, the well known Professor of Gynecology, of Montreal, will shortly begin his private course on Gynecology for practitioners, which he has been giving every spring for several years. The class is limited to three, so that pupils have a good opportunity for perfecting themselves in diagnosis and treatment.

THE Toronto Clinical Society held its annual banquet at the Albany Club, on the evening of the 6th of May. Dr. Herbert J. Hamilton presided, whilst Dr. Adam Wright occupied the vice-chair. Between forty and fifty of the Fellows and members were present, and the gathering was one of the very best in the history of these annual functions of the Clinical Society. The feature event of the gathering was the presentation of a loving-cup to Dr. Charles O'Reilly.

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CHICAGO is the healthiest big city in the world.

THE display of meats in front of butchers' and market dealers' shops in Chicago was prohibited after May 1st, 1905.

DRS. WILLIAM H. WELCH, William S. Halsted, Howard A. Kelly and William Osler, all of the original Faculty of Johns Hopkins University, will meet in London during June, and will then sit for a group portrait, to be painted by Mr. John S. Sa'gent.

The American Journal of Surgery is the new title of *The American Journal of Surgery and Gynecology*, of St. Louis. The publication office will be in future in New York, and the new publisher is Dr. Joseph MacDonald, jr., formerly managing editor of the *International Journal of Surgery*.

THE New York courts have disclosed a dreadful tale of fakery, and put the blush of shame upon many newspapers of that city which freely advertised the fake. A poor, hard-working carpenter who had saved, after many years of labor, \$10,000 for his old age, and who was afflicted with a purely psychic disease, fell into the hands of a "specialistic cure-all," who would and could cure him by the means of radium, a very valuable medicinal agent. The poor man was literally fleeced, as it was established beyond a doubt that no radium had been used, but a decoction of ginseng, ordinary tonics and coloring matter. What a pity the carpenter could not recover from the accomplices in this crime—the newspapers.