

TO DESTROY ROACHES.—The *Med. and Surg. Rep.* gives the following: Roaches may be exterminated if the following powder is liberally sprinkled in the cracks and corners of their rendezvous:

Borax, . . . . .	37 parts.
Starch, . . . . .	9 "
Cocoa, . . . . .	4 " —M.

MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL.—The following gentlemen have been appointed for the 1890-91: Drs. T. S. Cullen, L. F. Barker, C. F. McGillivray, R. M. Hillary, and R. J. Hill, and A. McCarthy.

TO DETECT A MORPHINE EATER.—An exchange gives a very simple means of detecting a morphia fiend. By adding a few drops of tinct. fer. perchlor. to the patient's urine a characteristic blue tinge appears if he is habitually using the drug.

FOR FALLING HAIR.—The *Lancet* recommends a little of the following, to be rubbed in every night:

R—Tinct. jaborandi, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$ ss.
Lanolin, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$ ij.
Glycerini, . . . . .	$\frac{3}{4}$ ij.

Mix by the aid of a little soft soap.

BRITISH DIPLOMAS.—Dr. J. F. Campbell has recently passed the L. R. C. P. and S., Ed. and Glasgow.

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### Books and Pamphlets.

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A MANUAL OF OBSTETRICS. By A. F. A. King, A.M., M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children in the Columbian University, Washington, D.C., etc., with one hundred and fifty-one illustrations. Fourth edition. Philadelphia, Lea Brothers & Co.: Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1889.

The fourth edition of this useful work of reference is before us. The author has added two new chapters on Intercurrent Diseases of Pregnancy and Resuscitation of Still-born Children. We have consulted the work in a few instances, when time for the perusal of more pretentious volumes was not available, and have been much pleased with the concise and clear manner in which all neces-

sary information on any given obstetrical subject is conveyed. The work should be quite as popular as in the past, the author having brought it fully up to the times. We can conscientiously recommend it to all students of medicine and to busy practitioners.

A NEW MEDICAL DICTIONARY, including all the Words and Phrases used in Medicine, with their proper Pronunciation and Definitions, based on Recent Medical Literature. By George M. Gould, B.A., M.D., Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Philadelphia Hospital, etc. With Tables of the Bacilli, Micrococci, Leucomaines, etc., of the Arteries, Muscles, Nerves, Ganglia and Plexuses; Mineral Springs of U. S., Vital Statistics, etc. Small Octavo, 520 pages. Half Dark Leather, \$3.25; Half Morocco, Thumb Index, \$4.25. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co.; Toronto: Carveth & Co.

This is an excellent work. It is compact, easy to handle, complete and cheap. It is one of the best, every-day, working dictionaries published, containing, we believe, all the new words, and omitting none of the old ones that are not obsolete. We heartily recommend the work both to practitioners and students.

THE DOCTOR IN CANADA; his Whereabouts and the Laws which Govern Him. By Robert Wynyard Powell, M.D., Ottawa, Ont.

In the work of Dr. Powell just to hand, we have a very useful and much needed work to the medical man and to the public; herein is concisely and clearly set forth the various Provincial Acts governing the practice of medicine in Canada, as well as the various health acts and measures of sanitary legislation now operative in the Dominion. Every hospital existing in the Dominion of Canada is carefully described and reliable data furnished of its equipments, staff and details. The medical teaching institutions of Canada, the laws relating to coroners, etc., the medical press and all matters whatsoever relating to the doctor and his profession are to be found within the covers of Dr. Powell's carefully prepared manual. We do not hesitate to express our highest praise and best congratulations of the doctor's work, and if the book were carefully read by every doctor and lawyer in this country there would be a clearer comprehension of the physician's privileges and duties that at present obtain in many quarters