

Atlas and Epitome of Labor and Operative Obstetrics. By Dr. O. Shaeffer, of Heidelberg. From the Fifth Revised German Edition. Edited by J. Clifton Edgar, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Clinical Midwifery, Cornell University Medical School. With 14 lithographic plates, in colors, and 139 other illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co., 1901. Cloth, \$2.00 net. Canadian Agents, J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto.

This volume is a recent addition to the well-known series—Saunders' Medical Hand-Atlases—which are popular with the profession as convenient works of reference owing to the excellence of their illustrations. The author does not offer it as a text-book of Obstetrics, nor to replace descriptive works on this branch of medical science and art, but rather to accompany such with graphic representations of the various conditions and operations described. The demonstrator and clinician will find it of great value for its exhaustive classification—though this differs slightly from that adopted by American and English writers, while the student will find the plates and figures valuable for reference in his reading, and the general practitioner when hurriedly seeking information for the management of a difficult case.

The work is divided into Part A, treating of the Act of Parturition considered from the standpoint of the practical obstetrician, and Part B, of Obstetric Operations. There are fourteen lithographic plates of beautiful workmanship, and a series of one hundred and twenty-two figures illustrating in succession every stage in the progress of parturition, and the manipulations required in the various positions and presentations.

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When we consider how few other than eye specialists use the ophthalmoscope (with any degree of satisfaction) and how important an instrument it is for diagnosis and to know the extent of some diseases even outside of the many affections of the eye itself, such as brain lesions, kidney trouble, and affections of the circulatory system which endanger life, one wonders how few make any effort to become accustomed to its use. Possibly one of the reasons is that but few general practitioners meet with many typical cases to examine at any one time, and until recently atlases of ophthalmoscopic work were not many, and those that were good were of high price. Recently, 1901, a new and enlarged edition of Prof. Dr. O. Haab's work, translated by Dr. G. E. De Schweinitz, has been published by W. B. Saunders & Co. at the very moderate price of \$3. J. A. Carveth & Co. are the Canadian agents.

As the Professor very aptly states, "mere verbal descriptions are even more unsatisfactory than they are in other similarly complicated domains of medicine, especially if the student is imperfectly acquainted