

issue. At the meeting above referred to such men as Jacobi, A. W. Smith, Janeway and Prudden took part. All the speakers were unanimous in declaring that consumption was a contagious disease and should be stamped out accordingly, the first steps being to educate the public as to the great danger of the practice of promiscuous spitting. The president, Dr. A. L. Loomis, in closing the discussion said "that it was the imperative duty of the Academy to instruct the public concerning the contagiousness of tuberculosis and particularly in regard to the degree of contagiousness. * * * In his opinion it was the nasty American habit of expectoration that was largely responsible for the terrible ravages of the disease among us."

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BOOK NOTICES.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN EYE, EAR AND THROAT HOSPITAL, No. 1007 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, 1891.

THE TREATMENT OF SOME FORMS OF SEXUAL DEBILITY BY ELECTRICITY. Read before the American Electro-Therapeutic Association at the first annual meeting, held at Philadelphia, September, 1891, by M. J. Grier, M. D. Reprinted from *The Times and Register*, November 21, 1891. Philadelphia: The Medical Press Co., (Ltd.)

OBSTETRIC PROBLEMS. Being an inquiry into the nature of the forces determining head presentation, internal rotation, and also development of the amnion. By D. T. Smith, M. D., Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Louisville; author of "The Philosophy of Memory," "The Gathering of the Waters," "The Philosophy of Emphasis," etc. With illustrations. Louisville: Printed by John P. Morton & Co., 1892.

PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

"Some Suggestions as to the Mode of Action of the Galvanic Current in Gynecological Practice," by Thomas W. Poole, M. D., Lindsay, Ontario, Canada.

NEWS ITEMS.

"Ingluvin; W. R. Warner & Co. desire to send to any physician a sample of this remedy wherever they have a patient resisting all other treatment in sickness in Gestation, Marasmus, Cholera Infantum for which it has been found to be almost a specific.,,

With kind regards,

Yours truly,

William R. Warner & Co.

He clip the following from a New York paper. Our Health Office there has evidently to contend with the difficulties which druggists here and elsewhere experience in their endeavors to decipher the hieroglyphics of the percriber.

The trouble of deciphering the mysterious Latin phrases of city physicians as to the cause of death, inserted in death certificates in their usual wretched chirography, is a work at the Health Office that makes a reporter's life a burden to him. This is especially true of the German scribes. The result of their efforts is frequently not only amusing but ludicrous, and Permit Clerk Jacks and his assistants have treasured up a number of them for the edification of visitors when business is dull. One reporter is said to have struggled with the term 'strangular hernia' till at last he made the lucid translation, 'man hung himself,' another was bewildered by 'mitral regurataion,' but, undaunted, wrote 'died of military regulations.' Recently the disease, 'cirrhosis of liver,' was a corker to a German scribe till the happy idea struck him that deceased was 'a circus rider, died of injuries to his liver.'