

monia, and saline injections given intravenously or subcutaneously, are favorably noticed. The use of oxygen in cyanosis is mentioned as a respiratory stimulant. Hydrotherapy also comes in for a deservedly favorable notice. As the author says: "Fortunately internal antipyretics, for the purpose of combating high temperatures, are not so largely used at the present day as formerly."

It is a source of satisfaction to a physician, conversant with modern views on the etiology, diagnosis and treatment of diphtheria, to peruse the chapter treating of that disease. The necessity of obtaining a bacteriological diagnosis is strongly affirmed. The farrago of drugs, that used to be recommended by medical writers, is conspicuous by its absence, alcohol and strychnine being the only drugs whose use is advised in the medical treatment of this disease after the early employment of serum. The article on Influenza (La Grippe) is readable and suggestive. The author believes firmly in the advantages to be derived from strychnine and alcohol in the severer forms of that affection.

Several formulæ, such as the author's experience has shown to be of therapeutic value, have been advantageously introduced into the text. Particular stress is laid on the differential diagnosis of diseases, a characteristic of the work which, of course, increases its practical value.

The author writes with precision and clearness, and is evidently a practitioner of wide and varied knowledge. We do not admire the new spelling, and prefer to write quinine and strychnine, instead of "quinin" and "strychnin." A number of errors in Latinity are observable: e.g., at page 23, under the head of Experimental Typhoid, and at page 54, last line. The illustrations add to the value of the work.

The volume is well printed on thin paper, stays open when opened, and, altogether, is a credit to the publisher. J. J. C.

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Among the many good points in Dr. Montgomery's "Practical Gynecology," the most significant is that, instead of dividing the book into chapters, as almost all works are arranged, the author has subdivided his into sections. After considering the introduction, he devotes a section to Diagnosis; then the succeeding ones to Pelvic Examination, Abdominal Examination, Therapeutics, Medical Treatment, Local Therapeutics, Electricity, Anatomy, Physiology, Malformations, Inflammation, Inflammation of the Cervix and Body of the Uterus, Deviations of the Pelvic Organs, Genito-Urinary Hemorrhage and Ectopic Gestation, Genital Tumors, e.g., of the vulva, uterus, Fallopian tubes, broad ligaments, the last section of all being devoted to Ovarian Tumors. It will thus be seen that each subject is "considered with reference to its influence upon the entire genital tract." We are strongly of the opinion that the value of a book is decidedly increased by the adoption of this method, and feel sure that prospective authors will see fit to "do likewise." A subject treated in this manner can be studied with much greater ease, and is much more apt to be borne in mind and put to practical use later on. It was with considerable pleasure that we read, amongst others, the section on Malformations. The subject is treated in a thoroughly practical and up-to-date manner, and the illustrations in half-tone and the drawings are among the finest in the book. Those, especially, illustrating Outerbridge's suture, Cleveland's suture, Dudley's operation, Denudation for Martin's operation, Edebohl's operation, are perfect. The author, also the publishers, are both to be congratulated upon the work. It is exceptionally good.