

The issuance of the volume on Surgery marks the completion of the Students' Quiz Series. Like its twelve companion volumes, it is the product of well-known teachers and specialists in New York. The advantages of careful editorial supervision are manifest in the uniformly excellent presentation of the matter and in the compactness attained by skillful assignment of subjects in the original plan of the Series. The volume on Surgery is largely from the pen of the able editor, Dr. Bern B. Galaudet, though many of its sections were contributed by Dr. Charles N. Dixon-Jones. It is not to be classed with "compendes" or "summaries," but is on the contrary an *explanation* of the principles and practice of surgery in an exceedingly terse style. Its tables group a large amount of information in a very compact and convenient form. The volume is richly illustrated, about 150 engravings being printed in its three hundred pages. The exceedingly reasonable price indicates the expectation of a large demand, which is well merited. The book is remarkably well written throughout, but the subjects of Inflammation, Tumors and Cysts, Brain Surgery and Abdominal Surgery have received especial attention. By avoiding discussion on all mooted points, the size of the volume has been kept down to comparatively narrow limits, and yet an immense amount of information has been introduced. Even the old practitioner might study it with advantage, for in the most concise manner it brings the old and often erroneous views of twenty years ago thoroughly up to date. This volume, though the last, is certainly not the least of the series; indeed, it is one of the most valuable of them all.

FEBRUARY "COSMOPOLITAN." The secret of the great success of *The Cosmopolitan* is not so hard to find, if one looks carefully over the number for February. A story by Valdés, the famous Spanish novelist, the first from his pen to appear in any American magazine, is begun in this number. Arthur Sherburne Hardy's story, "A Rejected Manuscript," is charmingly illustrated by L. Marold, who, we believe, makes his first appearance in the magazines on this side of the water. A profusely illustrated article on the designing and building of a war-ship appeals to the interest taken by all in the new navy, and a thrilling description of a naval combat, under the significant title: "The Meloban and the Pantheroy," describes, after the manner of the Battle of Dorking, a possible sea-fight, the outcome of which is watched by the entire naval world. "Gliding Flight" is an interesting contribution to the problem of aerial navigation by one who has studied the flight of soaring birds

in the East for twenty years. Elaine Goodale, who married a member of the Sioux nation, has some interesting information of Indian Wars and Warriors. T. C. Crawford, the Washington correspondent, gives the first half of a startling story, under the title of "The Disappearance Syndicate." The poetry in this number by Sir Edwin Arnold, Graham R. Tomson and William Young is unusually good. The departments "In the World of Art and Letters" and the "Progress of Science," continue to have as contributors men famous in both continents.

AN AMERICAN TEXT-BOOK OF GYNECOLOGY, MEDICAL AND SURGICAL. For the use of Students and Practitioners. By Henry T. Byford, M.D., John M. Baldy, M.D., Edwin Cragin, M.D., J. H. Etheridge, M.D., William Goodell, M.D., Howard A. Kelly, M.D., Florian Krug, M.D., E. E. Montgomery, M.D., William R. Pryor, M.D., George M. Tuttle, M.D. Edited by J. M. Baldy, M.D. Forming a handsome royal 8vo volume, with 360 illustrations in text and 37 colored and half-tone plates. Price, Cloth, \$6.00; Sheep, \$7.00; Half Russia, \$8.00. W. B. Saunders, Publisher, 925 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

In this volume all anatomical descriptions, excepting what is essential to a clear understanding of the text have been omitted, illustrations being largely depended upon to elucidate this point. It will be found thoroughly practical in its teachings, and is intended, as its title implies, to be a working text-book for physicians and students. A clear line of treatment has been laid down in every case, and, although no attempt has been made to discuss mooted points, still the most important of these have been noted and explained; and the operations recommended are fully illustrated, so that the reader may have a picture of the procedure described in the text under his eye and cannot fail to grasp the idea.

All extraneous matter and discussions have been carefully excluded, and the attempt made to allow nothing unnecessary to cumber the text.

The subject matter has been brought fully up to date at every point, and the work is as nearly as possible the combined opinion of the ten specialists who figure as the authors.

The work is well illustrated throughout with wood-cuts, half-tone and colored plates, mostly original and selected from the author's private collections.

The chapter on "Technique of Gynecological Examination" is especially good. This chapter contains the most recent and approved methods of preparation of the operator, assis-