

displacements. 4th. Careful balancing of the relative indications for gynaecologic operations. He also finds that much less attention is being paid to plastic work, which formerly held the first place in gynaecology, and a very great deal more to abdominal surgery. Of this the reader can judge for himself. His text is made still more interesting by the introduction of a large number of illustrations. There is also an exceedingly well arranged index, enabling us to find the opinions of leading writers on the various subjects.

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Essai de Semiologie Urinaire. Méthode d'interprétation de l'analyse urologique. L'urine dans les divers états morbides, par Camille Vieillard, Pharmacien-Chimiste, Lauréat du Concours Brassac, Membre de la Société Chimique de Paris, Elève de l'Institut Pasteur (1898). Préface par Albert Robin, de l'Académie de Médecine. Paris, Société d'Editions Scientifiques, 4 Rue Antoine Dubois, 1902.

The author points out that a thorough knowledge of the urine is becoming every year more important, and at the same time so easily obtained that the practitioner is no longer satisfied with knowing the density, quantity of urea, uric acid, chlorides, phosphoric acid and the presence of albumen and sugar. The difficulty now is to master the interpretation of the analysis. So far the books have been chemical rather than clinical. What we want to know is the significance of a few more grains or less of urea; that the amount of it represents the quantity of albumenoids which have accomplished the complete cycle of vital changes and their maximum of utilization; that the relation of sulphur incompletely oxidized to the total amount of sulphuric acid, is an indication of the activity of the liver. It increases or diminishes with hepatic efficiency or deficiency. The symptoms derivable from the urine are so important that the diagnosis in many cases can only be made after the urine has been scientifically analyzed. Those who can read French will derive a vast amount of information which we have not hitherto seen in any text book.

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Dr. T. Buret, Secrétaire General de la Société de Médecine de Paris. Traitement des maladies contagieuses de l'appareil générateur, Guide Pratique. Bases fondamentales du traitement, examen critique des formules les plus usuelles; injection massive de sels hydrogéniques insolubles, simplifiés et rendue pratique; manuel opératoire très détaillé de ces injections; grands lavages au permanganate de potasse; nombreuses observations et anecdotes médicales. Paris, Société d'Editions Scientifiques, 4 Rue Antoine Dubois, 1902.

Paris being probably the centre of the universe, as far as the treatment of syphilis is concerned, this work, which is fully up-to-date, contains many valuable points in the management of venereal and syphilitic diseases. The chapter on gonorrhoea and syphilis