

fyng to its good effects. Among the gynecologists the most ardent advocate of electricity is certainly Augustin N. Gœlet the able editor of the Archives of Gynecology. We are indebted to him for many valuable additions to our armament of electrodes and rheostates, most of which are figured in the catalogue of Messrs. Wait & Bartlett. He has devoted a great deal of attention to the influence of the length and fineness of the wire in the faradic coil upon its anæsthetic effects. He has measured and tested a great number of secondary coils made by different firms and found them all alike, varying from 100 up to 1000 yards. Small wonder, therefore, that the results have been so contradictory. Messrs. Wait & Bartlett have arranged to manufacture coils of the following standards, namely, No. 32 wire and 1500 yards in length. Were every doctor to use this identically same coil I have no hesitation in saying that the result would be equally uniform in the hands of all, and that fine wire faradism with fine interruptions must prove as I have found it to be, the most satisfactory remedy that we have ever possessed for pelvic pain not due to organic disease; for such cases for instance as those in whom the ovaries and tubes have so often been removed without affording the slightest relief.

At the Women's Hospital a department has been established for electrical treatment which has been placed in the charge of Dr. McGinnis, in whose hands it is giving the utmost satisfaction. Dr. McGinnis is such an ardent admirer of Apostoli that he has gone over to Paris every year for three months to study under him. I cannot close without mentioning two very pleasant evenings which I spent at the Academy of Medicine, one being the meeting of the New York Gynecological Society, and the other the Obstretical branch of the Academy. The former was presided over by Dr. Cleveland and the other by Dr. Grandin. A great deal of work was transacted in the time owing to the sharp and decisive man-

ner in which the president controls the discussion. The slightest deviation from the by-laws being immediately stopped until a motion was passed by the society authorizing the president to break them. After the meeting of the Gynecological Society an adjournment was made to the supper hall where an elegant repast was served before a roaring log fire. After the obstetrical meeting I was entertained at the Manhattan Club by Dr. McGinnis. This club has a membership of 3000, of which 600 are physicians. It is well worth a visit by any of your readers when in New York.

If I had been able to stay a little longer, I would have had the pleasure of seeing Dr. Bache Emmet employ his new clamp forceps for controlling the broad ligaments in vaginal hysterectomy, and Dr. Boldt removing a fibroid which had already been essayed by another operator, but my two weeks' holidays was at an end and I had to forego that pleasure.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all those gentlemen who showed me so much kindness which I accept, not as shown to me personally, but as a representative of the Canadian profession.

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CANNABIS INDICA AS AN ANODYNE AND HYPNOTIC.

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Indian hemp is not a poison. This statement is made, just here, because the writer thinks a fear of its toxic power is one reason why this drug is not more largely used. This mistaken idea lessens its value, because it is not pushed to the point of securing a full therapeutic effect. This is a fact. One of the best pharmacologists in this country not long since expressed a very touching solicitude lest the writer's advocating robust doses of this valued drug might cause a decrease in the census that would seriously im-