

We have in this volume one of the best text books for students published this year. While on the one hand it is not so profound as to be useless to the student, on the other it contains all the needful information for students going up for examination. It is very methodical, and the manner in which Dr. Dorland draws his distinctions in making his diagnosis between different conditions or diseases in parallel columns is one that every student can easily grasp and remember. It is modern in its teaching, the plates most excellent, a large number being new, and all measurements being given in both the English and decimal systems. Dr. Dorland divides obstetrics into physiologic and pathologic. Under physiologic obstetrics there are eight chapters. These include from the physiology of the generative organs of the woman to even the outing required for the new born. Pathologic obstetrics is considered in six chapters with a large number of divisions in each chapter, making altogether a very complete work, and one which should be in every practitioner's library, as well as in the hand of every student. We can heartily recommend it to everyone who desires an up-to-date work on midwifery.

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LITHIA WATER TABLETS VS. LITHIA WATER.

The "Monthly Retrospect" in its July number prefers Lithia Water Tablets to the natural Lithia Water, and says: We would recommend the using of the tablet for various reasons, viz: They admit an accuracy of dosage not otherwise obtainable, and unless the physician knows what quantity of Lithia he is administering, how can he expect definite results? If an antiseptic solution, say 2 per cent. carbolic acid, is desired at the clinic, what surgeon would accept a solution of carbolic acid, the percentage of which he was entirely ignorant? Do not the fundamental rules of therapeutics demand an intelligent knowledge of the quantity of a drug administered? What physician would think of prescribing a mixture containing strychnine unless he knew the amount of strychnine in the compound?

The knowledge that it contains strychnine is not sufficient. It is how much. Why then do with Lithia what you avoid with any other drug?

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Another salient feature of the Lithia Tablet is the convenience of administration, avoiding the "bulkiness" which is connected with Lithia waters. The cost is less, no doubt due to the fact that the transportation charges of the tablet are fractional compared with that of cases of bottled water; you also avoid the cost of unnecessary and useless containers, cost of bottling, etc.

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