

## Book Reviews.

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**Manton's Obstetrics.** A Manual of Obstetrics for Students and Practitioners. By W. P. MANTON, M.D., Adjunct-Professor of Obstetrics and Professor of Clinical Gynecology, Detroit College of Medicine. In one 12mo volume of 265 pages, with 82 illustrations. Cloth, \$1.00. Lea Brothers & Co., Publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1903.

This, the fourth volume of Lea's Series of Medical Epitomes, presents a good summary of the essentials of modern obstetrics. For convenience in quizzing, a series of questions are given at the ends of the various chapters.

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**Constipation.** By G. SHERMAN BIGG, F.R.C.S.E.; late Surgeon-Captain Army Medical Staff; Sanitary Medical Officer, Thorncliffe Camp; Surgeon-in-Charge Native Followers' Hospital, and the Women's Hospital, Allahabad. London: Bailliere, Tindall & Cox, 8 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, 1902. Price 2s 6d net.

It is quite unnecessary to point out the importance of the proper treatment of Constipation. We agree with the author in the statement that Constipation is the most frequent ailment to which mankind is subject, and affects all classes of men, women, and children, from the youngest to the oldest. Not only is it very common, but it is frequently difficult to cure. This excellent treatise will be found very useful for one who desires to learn as much as possible about a "complicated problem."

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**Progressive Medicine, Vol. IV, December, 1902.** A Quarterly Digest of Advances, Discoveries and Improvements in the Medical and Surgical Sciences. Edited by HOBART AMORY HARE, M.D., Professor of Therapeutics and Materia Medica in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. Octavo, handsomely bound in cloth, 412 pages, 54 illustrations. Per volume, \$2.50, by express prepaid. Per annum, in four cloth-bound volumes, \$10.00. Lea Brothers & Co., Publishers, Philadelphia and New York.

The concluding volume of 1902 begins with a remarkably thorough consideration of the most recent advances in the diagnosis and the treatment of Diseases of the Digestive Tract, including the liver, pancreas and peritoneum, by Dr. Einhorn. His discussion of affections of the gall bladder and pancreas will be found of especial value to the general practitioner. The study of these subjects has recently received an enormous impetus, and many hitherto obscure clinical manifestations are now found to be connected with pathological conditions of these organs. Dr. Bloodgood's section on Anesthetics, Fractures, Dislocations, Amputations, Surgery of the Extremities and Orthopedics is a thorough discussion of all these important topics, accompanied by a large number of valuable illustrations. Dr. William T. Belfield writes upon Genito-Urinary Diseases.