

the mechanism of labor under some special condition, or an obstetric operation. These are good.

On the whole, we should say that the books are of value to the specialist, and especially to the teacher of obstetrics rather than to the general practitioner or student. K. C. M.

A Practical Treatise on the Sexual Disorders of the Male and Female. New (second) edition. By ROBERT W. TAYLOR, M.D., Clinical Professor of Venereal Diseases in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York. In one handsome octavo volume of 435 pages, with 91 illustrations and 13 plates in color and monochrome. Cloth, \$3.00 net Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co.

The second edition of this most excellent work is exactly what one would expect from the distinguished author, being improved by the addition of all the advancements made since its first appearance. The style is free and conversational, yet clear, concise and thorough. The early chapters review the anatomy and physiology of the sexual organs in the male and female with a completeness that enables the reader to grasp the subject matter in its entirety. The illustrations are up-to-date, and materially aid the text. The illustrations of abnormal and pathological conditions are largely original, and are far beyond the average, because they are drawn by an artist who is acquainted with medical and surgical diseases, and only passed by the author when they clearly represent the disease under discussion. Anyone reading Taylor can refer to the illustrations and depend on them representing typical and authentic conditions.

The subject of seminal vesiculitis has received much more attention in this volume than in the previous one. It is right that it should, because, in the reviewer's opinion, this subject involves the solution of many distressing conditions, the relief of which can never be accomplished while the vesiculitis remains uncured. In giving directions for examining the vesicles, we would like to see the author include the knee-chest position for examination, as it will enable the examiner to reach at least an inch higher than any other method. The subject of enlarged prostate is only dealt with as a factor in sexual disorders. We are also of the opinion that the treatment by massage of the enlarged and engorged prostate in these cases will also be of great advantage.

We can heartily recommend the work, and are satisfied that it should be in the possession of all practitioners. The typography and illustrations are far superior to the average medical work, and the publishers can be congratulated on the success of their share of this admirable volume.