

and incomplete, when compared with the elaborate ones generally used in sanatoriums on this side of the Atlantic.

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La Cure Radicale de la Hernie Inguinale, leçons professées à l'Hôtel-Dieu, par le DOCTEUR LUCAS-CHAMPIONNIERE, Chirurgien Honoraire de l'Hôtel-Dieu; Member de l'Académie de Médecine; Président de la Société Internationale de Chirurgie. Avec 53 figures dans le texte. Paris: G. Steinheil. Editeur, 2 Rue Casimir-Delavigne, 2. 1909.

This volume of 192 pages is devoted to the consideration of the radical cure of inguinal hernia by operative means. The author is one of the best-known French surgeons, and has been an outstanding figure in the medical profession for many years. He is best known, perhaps, for the work he has done in connection with the treatment of fractures by mobilization. The present treatise is written with great care and logical argument, and he advocates his special method of dealing with inguinal hernia on excellent theoretical grounds, and backs up his argument by quoting statistics showing the good results of treatment along the lines indicated. The neck of the sac is transfixed, ligated, and the sac removed, whilst the suture constricting the neck is fixed through the abdominal parietes by being carried through the muscular wall. The subsequent steps of the operation are somewhat similar in principle to those of Bassini, using, however, an imbricating method by interrupted mattress sutures in the closure of the incision in the external oblique aponeurosis.

This monograph will be found interesting and useful, and an admirable guide.

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Dose-Book and Prescription-Writing. By E. Q. THORNTON, M.D., Assistant Professor of Materia Medica, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Fourth Edition, revised. 12mo. of 410 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1909. Flexible leather, \$2.00 net. Canadian agents, The J. F. Hartz Co., Ltd., Toronto.

This little manual of prescription-writing and dose-book has reached its fourth edition in a very short space of time.

It deals with weights and measures, both English and metric