

Reynolds' & Newell's Practical Midwifery. A Manual of Obstetrics for Students and Physicians, by Edward Reynolds, M. D., Assistant in Obstetrics, etc., and Franklin S. Newell, M. D., Assistant in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Harvard University Medical School, Boston. In one octavo volume of 531 pages, with 253 engravings, and 3 full-page coloured plates. Cloth, \$3.75, net.—Lea Brothers & Co., publishers, Philadelphia and New York, 1902.

The authors in the preface state that this work is written in a dogmatic style so as to be more useful to students and for teaching purposes. There would only be one ground possible for writing a work like this in such a manner and we feel that they have thoroughly justified their assertion—"Of all the books on the subject lately printed we have come across no book so well calculated to teach the student modern obstetrics." It must be highly commended. All who desire to learn obstetrics should have a copy of it.

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Disease of the Anus, Rectum and Pelvic Colon. By James P. Tuttle, A. M., M. D., Professor of Rectal Surgery in the New York Polyclinic Medical School and Hospital, Visiting Surgeon to the almshouse and workhouse hospitals. D. Appleton & Co., New York, 1902.

The volume is of convenient size, printed on good paper, with eight coloured plates and three hundred and thirty-eight illustrations. Credit is due the publishers. The subjects treated have been dealt with in a thorough and systematic manner. The author has had a wide experience in rectal diseases and has set forth his views and methods in such a way as to be both pleasant reading and of real value to the general practitioner when he is called upon to treat diseased conditions in this field of surgery. The book shows that many advances have been made within the past few years in this field of surgery. Both improved methods of examinations and treatment have been clearly presented. Chapter 1 deals with embryology, anatomy and physiology. Chapter 2 discusses malformations of the anus and rectum. Chapter 3 is devoted to methods of examination and diagnosis. We were interested in reading the article on hemorrhoids and glad to find the clamp and cautery advocated as the operation of choice in the radical cure. It is claimed that where the operation is properly performed hemorrhage is practically never met with. This has been our own experience. Stricture, too, may be said to never occur. Throughout the book treatment of the various diseased conditions has been gone into in detail, a character of the work which is sure to be appreciated.

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