

methods in Von Bergmann's clinics, and we can assure our readers that the work before us leaves no questions unanswered concerning asepsis upon which in modern surgery almost everything depends. The preparation of silk, catgut, instruments and dressings is fully described, and, as Bergmann says in the preface that he does not have time to give these details during his clinic, he recommends his pupils to learn them from this book prepared by his assistant. We have derived the greatest pleasure in reading this small book, and strongly recommend it to everyone who does any surgery at all. The mechanical features, such as fine paper, good type and pretty binding, make the volume very attractive.

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A WOMAN'S MIDSUMMER MAGAZINE.

The safeguards of marriage are treated of by Dr. Parkhurst in the July *Ladies' Home Journal* in a way that will strike many as particularly direct and to the point. Never, perhaps, has the marriage question been so well dealt with. The romantic life of the widow of Octave Feuillet is charmingly treated by Madame Blanc, under her pseudonym of "Th. Bentzon," while Hezekiah Butterworth tells "The Story of Brook Farm," that unique New England experiment which is unknown to a large part of the present generation. The illustrations show "Brook Farm" as it is to-day. The musical features of this issue are many, the most valuable probably being an article on "The Voice of Highest Range," by Frederic Peakes, one of the best known authorities on voice culture, and Mrs. Garrett Webster's carefully-prepared article on "The Pay of Women Musicians." Instrumentalists are remembered in a set of very melodious waltzes called the "American Girl Waltzes," by Mr. Richard Stahl, the well-known composer. Ella McKenna Friend writes of the home life and personality of Rosa Bonheur, the celebrated animal painter, and a recent portrait is given of "The Recluse of Fontainebleau." Caroline Leslie Field's short story, "Miss Teele, of Gilbury Green," is a delightful bit of simple New England fiction. The editor discusses "The Blot on Our American Life," which he claims is the disrespect shown everywhere for persons in authority both in political and civil life. Robert J. Burdette furnishes an inimitable article entitled "A Woman in a Raspberry Patch," and John Kendrick Bangs is irresistibly funny in his report of the eighth meeting of "The Paradise Club." Dainty housekeepers will be charmed with Mrs. Barnes-Bruce's "A Violet Table Set." Mrs. Mallon's illustrated page tells of "Underwear for the Summer." "Amusing Children in Summer" is the title of a page devoted to outdoor and indoor summer parties for children, and serves to add attractiveness to an issue which goes out to its hundreds of thousands of readers in a dainty cover exquisitely illustrated by W. L. Taylor. *The Ladies' Home Journal* is published by The Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia, for ten cents per number and one dollar per year.

DISTURBANCES OF INNERVATION.

Robert B. McCall, M.D., Medical College of Ohio, Cincinnati, now residing at Hamersville, Ohio, writes:—
"My confidence in antikamnia is so well established that I have only words of praise. Independently of

other observers I have proved to my satisfaction its certain value as a promoter of parturition, whether typical, delayed or complicated, and its effectiveness in controlling the vomiting of pregnancy. In cases marked by unusual suffering in second stage, pains of nagging sort, frequent or separated by prolonged intervals, accompanied by nervous rigors and mental forebodings, one or two doses, three to five grains each, of antikamnia promptly changes all this.

"If there is a 'sleepy uterus,' antikamnia and quinine awake every energy, muscular and nervous, and push labor to an early safe conclusion. Indeed, in any case of labor small doses are helpful, confirming efforts of nature and shortening duration of process.

"I have just finished treatment of an obstinate case of vomiting in pregnancy. A week ago the first dose of antikamnia was given, nervous excitement, mental worry and gastric intolerance rapidly yielded. This case was a typical one, and the result is clearly attributable to the masterful influence of your preparation.

"If there is any one drug or preparation that can be made to answer every need of the physician, for the correction of the multitudinous disturbances of innervation that occur in the various diseases he is called upon to treat, that one is antikamnia."

LITERARY NOTE.

A new book on Canada, by Dr. Bourinot, will shortly be issued. It is entitled "How Canada is Governed," and gives in plain, simple language a short account of the Executive, Legislative, Judicial and Municipal Institutions of the Country, together with a sketch of their origin and development. The book will be illustrated with numerous engravings and autographs, and being the work of so eminent an authority as Dr. Bourinot, will be indispensable to those who wish to be well informed about the affairs of the Dominion.

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The weekly issues of *Littell's Living Age* are delightful companions at all seasons of the year. The reader can always depend on them to contain just the right thing to suit the present mood. There is so much variety—the range of subjects is so wide, as will be seen from the following partial table of contents of the July number.

"Walter Savage Landor," by John Fyvie; "Italian Disunion," by Jos. Crooklands; "A Journey to Scotland in the Year 1435," by J. J. Jusserand; "The Home-Life of the Verneys," by L. B. Lang; "Napoleon at St. Helena. A Reminiscence"; "International Law in the War between Japan and China," by T. E. Holland; "England and France on the Niger. The Race for Borgu," by Captain F. D. Lugard; "The After Careers of University-Educated Women," by Alice M. Gordon; "The Poetry of Keble," by Arthur Christopher Benson; "Advertising as a Trespass on the Public," by Richardson Evans; "Concerning Duppies," by Alice Spinner; "Montaigne's Adopted Daughter," by F. J. Hudleston; "Napoleon on Board H. M. S. Bellerophon"; "The Campaign of Flodden," by C. Stein; "The Attack on Tibet," by D. Gath Whitley; "Of Cabbages and Kings"; "Isandhlwana, Zululand, 1894," by E. A. Hirst; "Killed by the Baltic Canal," by Poultney Bigelow, besides several short stories by the best writers, and poetry.