

dren as to justify insistence upon them." In the second chapter will be found valuable hints for the young practitioner on the diet of children in health, as also in the third chapter for the treatment of derangements arising from faulty diet. The fourth treats on acute and chronic diarrhoea. The author impresses on the reader the importance of never missing an opportunity of examining the alvine evacuations, as the appearances will give valuable suggestions for treatment. The fifth treats on stomatitis, thrush, cancrum oris. The sixth on diseases of the digestive tract. The remaining chapters, forty-eight in all, deal with the various diseases of infancy and childhood in a manner at once interesting and instructive. Unqualified admiration must be expressed for the ability exhibited in arrangement, and for the clear and attractive form in which the author has placed his views before the reader.

THE ANNUAL AND SEASONAL MAPS OF THE UNITED STATES, by Prof. C. Denison, M.D., Denver, Colorado. Chicago: Rand, McNally & Co. Size of map 58 x 41. Price, mounted on muslin, \$5 00: on thick paper, \$3.00.

These maps illustrate the climate, temperature, humidity, cloudings, direction of winds, and physical features of the country. They will be found invaluable to physicians and others who have occasion to recommend or take advantage of change of climate. All the mineral springs and health stations in the United States are also referred to in the tables. We recommend these maps to the attention of the profession in Canada.

MEDICAL BOTANY OF NORTH AMERICA. By Lawrence Johnson, A.M., M.D. New York: Wm. Wood & Co. Toronto. Hart & Co.

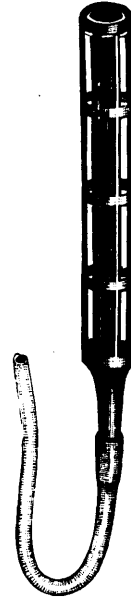
The above-named work is a valuable addition to Wood's Standard Library of Medical Authors. As the title indicates the book treats principally of the botany of the plants whose therapeutic activity has placed them in the various text-books on *Materia Medica*. The work is illustrated with well executed coloured plates and wood cuts, and supplies a hitherto existing want, viz., a good manual on medical botany.

New Instruments.

COMBINED RECTAL AND INTRA-UTERINE IRRIGATOR.

Dr. J. S. Coleman, of Augusta, Geo., describes the following instrument in the *Brit. Med. Journal*, April 18th, '85:—In the *Medical Record* of New York, for May 10th, 1879, I presented to the medical profession the "Metro-clyst." I now desire

to call attention to a modification of this instrument, which makes it available for the diseases of the rectum and surrounding pelvic structures. The instrument is of hard rubber, and consists of a cylindrical frame or cage traversed by a central tube. This arrangement insures the easy exit of the injected fluid. Any ordinary syringe can, by means of rubber tubing, be attached to it. My preference in the use of hot water is for the siphon. Thanks to the genius of Dr. T. A. Emmett, we all now appreciate the indispensable value of hot water, in inflammation and as an hæmostatic. Though I have not yet had an opportunity of test-



ing the merits of this instrument in ovaritis, pelvic cellulitis, or peritonitis, I feel confident that we will find it one of our most efficient measures in combating these serious and obstinate forms of disease. So far as I am informed, Dr. J. R. Chadwick was the first to advocate the rectal use of hot water in the treatment of pelvic inflammations (*vide* his able and interesting paper in the *Transactions* of the American Gynæcological Society for 1880). To me it promises much in acute prostatitis, inflammation of the rectum, and internal hæmorrhoidal troubles. I have had most gratifying success from its use in a case of puerperal endometritis, and in one of rectal ulcers.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

On April 30th, H. K. Kerr, M. D., to Anna E., eldest daughter of F. Franklin, Esq., both of Hammond, N. Y.