

cable, period for operating, considerations in, summary, preliminaries, position, introductions, special rules for different positions, dangers, caution; and all this within five pages. Here a few bold strokes have dexterously portrayed the figures, and it would have been well, for the uniformity of the picture, if Dr. C. had always observed the same practice, instead of breaking it by occasional excess of shading. Thus, under chlorosis, we find, "when the tongue is clearer and bowels are free, conjoin iron with aloes, tinc. fer. mur., vin fer., mist. fer co., carb., iod., sulph., acet., lactate, citrate, persesquinit. pulv. fer., or "Quevenne's metallic iron," Vallet's mass, iron with myrrh, carb. fer, pulv. myrrh et pulv. zinjib, sulph. fer with sulph. quin. ferri et port. tart." A few more, and the list of martial preparations, officinal and magistral, would be complete. The situation of the pelvis is so important, that it is given first "positively," next "relatively," and then "usually." In such a work, the phraseology is necessarily peculiar, and if not carefully minded, makes strange sense, as "*number of bones composing (pelvis): in adult four; in early life more; for obstetrical purposes four principal.*" The strangeness here lies in the concluding part, which leads one to enquire what other bones there are for obstetrical purposes than the principal—whether the four principal are the same as, or different to, the four in the adult; and what are the peculiarities of bones adapted for obstetrical purposes?

The fullness of detail noticeable here and there is really pleasing. For instance, we find the terms for the period of the final cessation of the catamenia to be "change of life," "term of life," "critical time or age," "dodging period," "meno-pause." The coupling together of means subservient to a common end is now and then so surprising, that it cannot fail to leave a durable impression on the memory. Among the measures for the cure of chronic leucorrhœa are, "shower bath to loins and pickled towels."

The same may be said of such amusing sequences as this, met with among observations on menstruation. "Instances of 9 months, 18 months, 2 years, 3 years, &c., (query, should girls ever marry until menstruated,)" so that if you say no, you virtually admit that some may be mated at uncommonly tender periods.

It is more important, however, to notice that the explanations of occurrences are sometimes defective, as the cause of quickening, which is thus stated, "while uterus is in pelvis, which has not nerves of sensation, motion is not perceived; rising into abdomen, motion is appreciated." Here a fact—the rise of the uterus—is stated, and its expression so run into that of a falsehood—no sensory nerves in pelvis—as to be passed off for a rationale of the fact itself. The more astonishing, because, even if admitted for argument's sake, it does not unravel the intermission and rare accident of quickening.