

"Little Lady," by Ida Burwash, probably the prettiest story in the book.

"Senor the Engineer," by Edmund E. Sheppard.

All these stories are magnificently and copiously illustrated by the best artists in New York and London. Mr. Sheppard's story is being specially illustrated by Mr. F. A. Feraud of New York, from photographs and studies made by the author while in Mexico, and, artistically at least, this will be one of the most prettily illustrated tales that has ever appeared in America. It can be well understood that the well known names in the above list cost a great deal of money to procure for a Christmas magazine, but Christmas is the one time when *Toronto Saturday Night* advertises itself and in its Christmas number it does it well. *The Newsdealer, Publisher and Stationer's Bulletin*, the Canadian correspondent of which has seen advance copies of all that is promised by *Saturday Night* this year, says that "It will doubtless be the most beautiful publication ever attempted in America, and compares more than favorably with *Figaro* and the most expensive Old Country Christmas numbers." It is something for Canadians to boast of, for while much of the work requiring the greatest possible artistic skill has to be done abroad, the enterprise is purely Canadian and will rebound to the credit of Canada.

OBSTETRICS, by Charles W. Hayt, M.D., House Physician Nursery and Children's Hospital, New York. Being volume 11 of The STUDENTS QUIZ SERIES. Pocket size, 190 pages, \$1.00. Philadelphia, Lea Brothers & Co., 1892.

In the preface the author says, in the writing of this Compend the object sought has been to place before the student the most important matter in the subject of Obstetrics in as condensed a manner as possible. Much has been omitted in the way of theories and obscure or disputed points, which are appropriate only in an extended text-book.

Brief manuals have a position of unquestionable value to the student and practitioner, provided the text is clear, accurate, and well proportioned to the importance of the many subjects necessary to a practical comprehension of the whole. These requisites have been borne in mind in the preparation of the present volume.

In its compilation the following works have been consulted, as well as notes taken at the lectures of Dr. James W. McLane of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City: Charpentier's *Cyclopædia of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, Hirst's *System of Obstetrics*, Playfair, Winckel, Lusk and King.

The illustrations are taken from Playfair and King.

It is surprising what a large amount of well arranged information can be obtained from this small work. We can heartily recommend it.

PRINCIPLES OF THEORETICAL CHEMISTRY, with special reference to the Constitution of Chemical Compounds. By Ira Remsen, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry in the John Hopkins University, Baltimore. Fourth and thoroughly revised edition. In one handsome royal 12mo. volume of 325 pages. Cloth, \$2.00. Just ready. Philadelphia, Lea Brothers & Co., 1892.

The author says: In preparing this new edition I have been tempted to change the book fundamentally, and give it a character more in keeping with the recent tendencies of work in the field of Physical or General Chemistry. But, taking everything into consideration, I have concluded to resist the temptation, and remain true to the original title and character of the book. Accordingly, it is essentially what it has been—a brief treatise on those facts and speculations that have to deal especially with the problem of the constitution of chemical compounds. My object has been and is to help students to get clear ideas in regard to the foundations of chemistry. That the treatment has been regarded with favor is shown by the fact that four editions of the book have been demanded in a comparatively short time; and further, by the fact that, since the appearance of the last American edition, it has been translated into German and into Italian. I believe that all changes called for by the advance of the science have been made, and that this edition will be found abreast of the times. The chief addition is a short Chapter on Solutions.

It is not a book that we can recommend to any but the most advanced students of chemistry. It is of little use to students or practitioners of medicine.

MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS, by L. F. Warner, M.D., Attending Physician St. Bartholomew's Dispensary, New York. Being volume 5 of the students quiz series. Pocket size, 224 pages, \$1.00. Philadelphia, Lea Brothers & Co., 1892.

There are some who are entirely opposed to the Quiz series of books for students, but we do not agree with them. The number of subjects has increased so much and the mass of knowledge pertaining to each department has become so large, that it is utterly impossible for the student to read all the large text-books, some of them comprising over two thousand pages of closely printed matter. We therefore think that these books fill a want; and if they are carefully prepared, as the one under notice undoubtedly is, they prove of real service to the overburdened student and busy practitioner who want to get at the facts without wading through a mass of conflicting theories.