

PREFACE.

THE aim of the author in writing this "pocket text-book" has been to supply a short, concentrated treatise on the science and art of obstetrics, a work that the student and junior practitioner may find of use in attendance on lectures or in every-day practice.

The physiology of pregnancy, of labor, and of the puerperium has been dealt with rather fully, before the consideration of their pathology.

Normal labor and the more frequent difficulties have been dwelt on at some length, while the rarer conditions and more complicated operations have been described more in outline.

In order to condense the work as far as possible the consideration of the physiology and pathology of the *newborn* has been dispensed with, these subjects being discussed fully in the volume on "Pediatrics" belonging to this series.

To increase the practical usefulness of the book, a special effort has been made to combine conciseness with clearness, and to keep it within a convenient number of pages.

The standard works on obstetrics have been largely drawn from, particularly those of Jewett, Hirst, Playfair, etc.

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