

Book Reviews.

Diets for Infants and Children in Health and in Disease.

By Louis Starr, M.D., editor "American Text Book of the Diseases of Children." Published by W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut street, Philadelphia.

This volume contains in book form, convenient for the pocket, diet lists for children in health for different ages. The quantities to be added by the physician. There are spaces for general directions, and for direction as to clothing, bathing, sleep and exercise. The second half contains forms for diet in the commoner affections of childhood, such as the various gastric intestinal disorders, scurvy, rickets, lithaemia, tuberculosis, chorea.

At the end is a list of directions for preparing various diluents and foods.

These are easily detached at a perforated line, and, besides saving the physician the time required in giving verbal directions, which are difficult to remember, valuable suggestions as to the proper food to order are also made in the comprehensive lists.

These useful forms should be in the hands of every busy practitioner, as the resulting economy of time and labor which their employment secures will repay him manifoldly for the small outlay.

Obstetric Accidents—Emergencies and Operations.

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Such is the title of one of the latest treatises on practical work. The idea is an exceedingly good one to collect together in a concise and practical form the difficulties which an obstetrical practitioner is likely to meet with, and one that would naturally suggest itself to a practical man. The late Dr. Boisliniere had a very large obstetrical practice, and as a teacher both knew the wants of the profession and how to place it before them. It is divided into three parts: Part I.—Accidents to the woman. Part II.—Obstetric operations. Part III.—Accidents to the child.

Part I. has fourteen chapters devoted to every accident possible to happen to the woman, and full of good common sense, although here and there exception may be taken to certain statements, such as under the head of Abortion, the recommendation to "wait for bad symptoms" before acting