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It would be unpardonable not to take special notice here of the above mentioned *Handbook and Souvenir of Canada*. This handsome and artistic volume, in very truth an *edition de luxe*, by "Polymetis," is at once a history, a guide book, an illustrated album, and a bibliography of the sturdy and vigorous Dominion. It treats of the physical conditions of the various sections of this great Dominion of 3,575,000 square miles, an area "somewhat larger than the United States (including Alaska, but not Hawaii and the Philippines), and not quite as large as Europe;" of Nova Scotia, the "Land of Evangeline," an "inspiration to poets;" of Newfoundland; the St. Lawrence; the "Habitants"; quaint Quebec and lively Montreal; of Kingston and Toronto; of the political conditions, banking and business methods, the religions, the arts and institutions of learning, the hospitals, the social conditions, immigration, police and military systems, and of the more remote (in space) and recent (in time) territories, as far as the Yukon. Besides numerous half-tone illustrations the book is embellished also with thumb-nail sketches in monochrome on nearly every page. It will, I am sure, be treasured permanently by all persons of taste who received it.—*St. Louis Medical Review*.

SURGICAL HINTS.

In the early stage of acute gonorrhoeal endometritis it is important to abstain from applications to the uterine mucosa and to restrict treatment to simple measures of cleanliness, as vaginal douches and sitz-baths.

Men of healthy and vigorous appearance have not rarely been found to suffer from azoospermia, so that examination of the spermatic fluid of the husband in cases of sterility in the wife will often save the latter from much useless treatment and discomfort.

After operations for hemorrhoids bleeding sometimes recurs after a time. This is not always attributable to the incomplete removal of the piles or to the formation of others. It may be due to hemorrhoids which are seated high up above the sphincter and which often can only be discovered by rectoscopic examination.

Every case of retropharyngeal abscess demands prompt incision, as an attack of asphyxia may arise at any time and terminate fatally before the physician can be summoned, or should the abscess burst spontaneously, the contents may be drawn into the air passages and cause death immediately or from secondary pneumonia.—*International Journal of Surgery*.