

Medical Association which is to be held in San Francisco, June 5th. Hotels and lodging houses are quoting special rates, prices ranging from 50 cents to \$5 per day.

**EFFECT OF RHUBARB ON THE URINE.**—According to Jung if the urine of a healthy person who has been taking rhubarb be tested with bismuth, *Druggists' Circ.*, the same brown coloration will be produced as if sugar were present. Inquiry should be therefore made respecting the use of the first named drug, in cases where it might otherwise lead to a wrong diagnosis. This is of special interest to medical examiners of life insurance.

**THE DOCTOR.**—

“The paths of pain are thine. Go forth  
With patience, trust, and hope;  
The sufferings of a sin-sick earth  
Shall give thee ample scope.  
Beside the unveiled mysteries  
Of life and death go stand,  
With guarded lip and reverent eyes,  
And pure of heart and hand.”—*Whittier.*

CONCEPTIONS just previous to the menstrual period result in boys; Dr. George Abbott, *Med. Rec.*, those just after, in girls. Such is the conclusion from many observed, notably among the last.

DR. BOARDMAN REED, says, *N. Y. Med. Times*, that ten to thirty drops of extract of cimicifuga after meals, rarely fail to effect a cure of seminal emissions.

SIGNIFICANCE OF INGUINAL PAIN.—Doctor Montgomery declares, *Med. Age*, that pain in the inguinal region occurring before menstruation is evidence of a diseased condition of the ovaries.

### Books and Pamphlets.

VENEREAL MEMORANDA; a Manual for the Student and Practitioner. By P. A. Morrow, A.M., M.D. New York: William Wood & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1894.

This, the second edition, has been modified by the additions which have been made to our knowledge of venereal diseases under the rôle played by micro-organism, in these, as in so many other diseases. A handy little book for reference.

THE OFFICE AND DUTIES OF CORONERS IN ONTARIO and the other Provinces and the Territories of Canada and in Newfoundland. Third edition. By W. F. A. Boys, LL.B., Junior Judge, Co. of Simcoe. Published by the Carswell Co., Toronto. 1893.

As the second edition of this standard work has long been out of print, the appearance of a new and greatly extended one will be welcomed both by the medical and by the legal profession of this country. It will be found to be a reliable guide for those who are charged with the responsible duty of investigating sudden and suspicious deaths, and its study by physicians, who at any time may be called upon to give medical evidence, can be safely advised. The press work and binding are creditable to the publishers, and the work is sold at a reasonable price.

LECTURES ON SURGICAL DISORDERS OF THE URINARY ORGANS. By Reginald Harrison, F.R.C.S. Fourth edition. London: J. & A. Churchill. 1893. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

The author's name is a sufficient guarantee as to the value of this work. As is well-known, the original work was made up of successive courses of lectures, given at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary and at Victoria University.

The present edition has been thoroughly revised and brought up to date. It includes the substance of the Lettsomian lectures of 1888, as well as the Hunterian lectures at the Royal College of Surgeons of 1891. The book is beautifully printed. From a careful perusal of this work, we can safely say that it is a classic on the subjects treated. The style of the author is simple, clear and concise.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF PHILADELPHIA. Third series. Vol. XV. 1893.

MANUAL FOR BOARDS OF HEALTH AND HEALTH OFFICERS. By Lewis Balch, M.D., Ph.D. Albany: Banks & Bros.

PUBLIC SCHOOL PHYSIOLOGY AND TEMPERANCE. By William Nattress, M.D., M.R.C.S. Eng. Toronto: William Briggs. 1894.

MECHANICAL AIDS IN THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC FORMS OF DISEASE. By Geo. H. Taylor, M.D. New York: Geo. W. Rogers. 1893.

REPORTS OF THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS OF LABOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. Parts I. and II. 1891; Part I. 1892. Albany: James B. Lyon, State Printer.