

the profession. In the hurry of the general practitioner's life, it will also fill a place, in this respect, and will no doubt be met with a warm appreciation.

Notes on the Modern Treatment of Fractures. By JOHN B. ROBERTS, A.M., M.D., Professor of Surgery in the Philadelphia Polyclinic, Mütter Lecturer on Surgical Pathology of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. With thirty-nine illustrations. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price, \$1.50.

This work is certainly iconoclastic. The time-honored and classic methods of treating many fractures are attacked, and new and simpler methods which have proven successful at the hands of the author, and also by others in the wards of the Philadelphia hospitals, are submitted for trial by the profession generally. While we cannot fail but be struck with the really simple methods of treating some fractures, such as that of the lower end of the radius, conservatism holds such sway in this particular branch of surgery, and the many malpractice suits over this identical fracture haunting the profession, that unless we had the opportunity of studying the effects of the simplified treatment clinically we are afraid we would lack the temerity of treating this fracture with a round or two of adhesive plaster. Certainly, the treatment of many fractures seems too elaborate, and if simpler methods can accomplish as good results, with at the same time more comfort and convenience to the patient and no risk to the surgeon, those methods ought to receive careful trial and consideration at our hands. The work is certainly most interesting and refreshing, and we are forced to admit that the respective plans seem feasible; we also acknowledge a feeling of desire to put some of the methods to a practical test on the very first opportunity.

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A Pocket Text-Book of Diseases of Women, by MONTGOMERY A. CROCKETT, A.B., M.D., Adjunct Professor of Obstetrics and Clinical Gynecology, Medical Department of the University of Buffalo, N.Y. In one handsome 12mo. volume of 368 pages, with 107 illustrations. Cloth, \$1.50 net. Flexible red leather, \$2.00 net. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co. February, 1900.

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