

*Minor and Operative Surgery, Including Bandaging.* By HENRY R. WHARTON, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery in the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, Surgeon to the Presbyterian Hospital and the Children's Hospital, Consulting Surgeon to St. Christopher's Hospital, the Bryn Mawr Hospital, and Girard College, Fellow of the American Surgical Association. Sixth edition, enlarged and thoroughly revised. With 532 illustrations. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co. 1905.

The advantageous features of this manual are: A concise description of the various bandages, surgical dressings, the preparation and use of aseptic and antiseptic dressings, X-rays, anesthetics, trusses for hernia, catheters and bougies, sutures and ligatures, etc. These portions of the surgeon's armamentarium, which are in constant use in practice, are photographically illustrated. The author also gives, in brief treatises, details on fractures, dislocations, ligation of arteries, amputations, excisions, resections, and special operations, viz., intubation of the larynx, lithotomy, the operation for appendicitis, the operation for strangulated hernia, etc. It is a clearly written, compendious work, and will be useful to student and practitioner, enabling one and the other to obtain in a few moments useful information not so readily discovered in the pages of more elaborate books.

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*A Manual of Organic Materia Medica and Pharmacognosy.* An Introduction to the Study of the Vegetable Kingdom and the Vegetable and Animal Drugs. Comprising the botanical and physical characteristics, source, pharmacopoeial preparations, insects injurious to drugs, and pharmacal botany. By LUCRUS E. SAYRE, B.S., PH.M., Dean of the School of Pharmacy, Professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacy in the University of Kansas; Member of the Committee of Revision of the United States Pharmacopeia. Third edition, revised, with Histology and Microtechnique, by William C. Stevens, Professor of Botany in the University of Kansas. With 377 illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street. 1905.

Owing to the wonderful advancement in researches into the materia medica world it has been found necessary by the author to make many additions to this last issue. To the chapter on organic chemicals much has been added, and former articles much reduced in length, and present facts in materia medica and pharmacology placed in as concise a form as possible. The section written on the microscope and microtechnique will be found very useful to both practitioner and student.

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