

The advance in our knowledge of Obstetrics has been very completely covered by Dr. Davis. Among the topics in his contribution, which possesses more than ordinary interest, may be mentioned changes in the various organs of the body produced by pregnancy, eclampsia, ectopic gestation, face presentation, narcosis during labor, pubiotomy and the management of the third stage of labor.

The department of Nervous Diseases concludes the volume. The author, Dr. William G. Spiller, has produced a very complete and lucid review of the advances in this rather abstruse department of medicine, as is especially apparent in his treatment of the subject of brain tumors and locomotor ataxia.

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Most of the advances in medicine are of course first announced in periodicals as the quickest means of publicity. Many of them are lost to the man who does not read a half-dozen languages, and this vital knowledge would moreover be limited to very small circles were it not for the existence of this medium for universal diffusion.

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CATARRHAL DISEASES OF THE NASO-PHARYNX.

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As the season is now fast approaching when this class of diseases take up most of the physician's time, and is the cause of more suffering among more people than almost all other diseases combined, I wish to say something in regard to a simple and effective treatment of this class of diseases. In this climate this is the commonest of all diseases, there being very few who do not suffer from it in some of its various forms. Chronic nasal catarrh is in most cases a result of repeated attacks of acute catarrh or "common colds." In this short article it is not necessary to go into details or take up time or space with causes and symptoms; everyone is familiar with them. My object here is to simply give my plan of treatment plain and simple, yet eminently successful. In the treatment of these cases every physician is well aware of the fact that cleanliness is in most cases all that is necessary for a cure. Every physician also knows that in order to have a perfect cleansing agent it must be both alkaline