

towards establishing on a scientific basis the practical work of the surgeon. He describes and figures the principal micro-organisms which concern us in our work, and especially the progenic bacteria.

The practical details of sterilizing, both the field of operation and instruments, dressings, etc., are clearly dealt with, and should be carefully considered by all. Aseptic sutures, ligatures and carriers are treated of in a masterly way. We cannot agree with his remark that, "as a rule, it is better not to make a complete knot when employing silk-worm gut, but to use instead only the first stroke of the surgeon's knot." We have known such "first-stroke-only" knots to slip, producing disastrous results. There is so much of value in this whole chapter that it seems hard to find a fault.

Chapter III.—"Gynæcological Therapeutics." In this chapter Bach. McE. Emmett gives careful attention to the latest improvements in treatment, and his directions for massage, both pelvic and general, are clear, and the contra-indications are stated in a concise way.

Chapter IV.—Barton Cooke Hirst gives a good idea of the anomalies of development of the genital tract, with copious illustrations and full directions for the most modern treatment.

Dr. P. F. Mundé gives an excellent chapter on uterine displacements, though undue prominence seems to be given to the operation of shortening the round ligaments for the cure of retro displacement. This system, in common with others of the present day, bristles with operations named after the men who invented or brought them into prominence. It seems a pity that in a work so scientific and of such excellence, a more rational method of nomenclature had not been adopted.

In a short review it is impossible even to mention all the various authors and their work. The treatise gives evidence of care and thought by everyone who has been engaged upon it. The publishers have given us the benefit of good paper, clear type and profuse illustration. The editor has shown great discrimination and good judgment, which, coupled with his acknowledged ability, have produced a book which is easily of the foremost rank and indispensable to those engaged in the study of gynæcology.

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