

coligist to the Methodist Episcopal Hospital and to the Philadelphia Hospital; Consulting Gynecologist to the Southeastern Dispensary and Hospital for Women and Children; Lecturer on Clinical and Operative Obstetrics, Medical Department University of Pennsylvania, with 207 colored illustrations on 90 plates and 62 illustrations in the text. Philadelphia, W. B. Saunders & Company, 1900. Price, \$3.50 nett. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto.

The value of this "Atlas" to medical students and to the general practitioner will be found, not only in the concise explanatory text, but in the illustrations. It occupies a position midway between the quiz compend and the more pretentious works on gynecology. The large number of illustrations and colored plates, reproducing the appearance of fresh specimens, will give the student an accurate mental picture and a knowledge of the pathologic changes induced by disease of the pelvic organs that can not be obtained from mere description. Next to the study of specimens, which for evident reasons are not available outside of large clinics, well-chosen illustrations must be utilized. The "Atlas" serves that purpose well. The text is divided into two parts. The continuous text is written from a practical standpoint; the text of the plates on the contrary contains the purely theoretic, scientific, anatomic, microscopic and chemic notes, and facts of general significance (concerning sounds, pesaries, etc.) so that, in referring to the work, the one text will not have a disturbing influence on the other. While the text is both interesting and instructive, the plates and drawings are by far the most striking feature of the book. We have hardly ever seen them equalled, and certainly never excelled, and both author and publisher deserve the highest praise for having gone to so much trouble and expense as they evidently must have done. The careful observation of one of these plates will give one a better idea of the subject than the reading of many pages of description. The therapeutic table near the end of the book is a new departure, and one of great value. Altogether, the book is a remarkable one, and must be seen to be appreciated.

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**Fractures.**—By Carl Beck, M.D., Visiting Surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital and to the New York German Poliklinik, formerly Professor of Surgery, New York School of Clinical Medicine, Consulting Surgeon Sheltering Guardian Orphan Asylum, New York. Octavo, 225 pages, 170 illustrations. W. B. Saunders & Co., Philadelphia. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto, Price \$3.50.

The author has dedicated this work to "William Conrad Roentgen, without whose work much of this book could not have been written," and this statement shows that this volume owes its existence to the increase in the understanding of fractures, which has resulted from the frequent use of the X-ray in their diagnosis.

Before Roentgen's discovery, it was, of course, not possible