

of the medical profession, could yet have found time to compile almost single-handed "a general index to the literature of Great Britain and Ireland, ancient and modern, including such foreign works as have been translated into English, with a copious selection from the writings of the most distinguished authors of all ages and nations"? Even this stupendous work did not exhaust his energies, for he wrote important papers, some of which have an interest lasting to our own times.

A CORRECTION.

We regret that by the error of a clerk, the price and number of pages of *The Practice of Medicine* by Drs. H. C. Wood and R. H. Fitz, and published by the J. B. Lippincott Company, was incorrectly given in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of March 13th. The correct price is 2rs. and the number of pages 1098.

NOTES ON BOOKS.

International Clinics: A Quarterly Collection of Clinical Lectures and Specially-prepared Articles on Treatment. Edited by JUDSON DALAND, M.D. Philadelphia; J. MITCHELL BRUCE, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P. Lond.; and DAVID W. FINLAY, M.D., F.R.C.P. Lond. Volumes I, II, III. Sixth Series. London: T. Lewin and Co. 1896-97. (Royal 8vo, with numerous Illustrations. 12s. 6d. net per volume).—In the present issue of this serial the clinical papers which it contains are classified under general headings, such as treatment, medicine, neurology, surgery, gynaecology and obstetrics, ophthalmology. As each volume is supplied also with an index, the work is very convenient for reference. It would be impossible to review in detail a collection of essays such as this, and it would perhaps be invidious to select some one or two articles for special analysis. Suffice it to say that the articles all deal with points of practical clinical importance, that they are written by physicians and surgeons of experience, that they are sufficiently illustrated, and that the selection of writers is such as fully to justify the title of international.

Dental Surgery for Medical Practitioners and Students of Medicine. By A. B. BARRETT, M.B. Lond., M.R.C.S., L.D.S. Third edition. (London: H. K. Lewis. 1897. Pp. 166; 86 illustrations. 3s. 6d.)—We must congratulate the author upon having by corrections and alterations made a considerable improvement in his book. The facts are more correctly stated, and the chapter on caries materially improved. Some of the chapters appear to be redundant, and there is a large amount of material available on the borderland between surgery and dentistry which would be of great practical use to medical practitioners and students if the author could make room for it in a future edition.

Ambulance Lectures on Home Nursing and Hygiene. By SAMUEL OSBORN, F.R.C.S. Third Edition. (London: H. K. Lewis. 1896. Fcap. 8vo, pp. 176, 25 illustrations. 2s.)—This little volume having passed in a short time through two editions has evidently proved valuable to those for whom it was intended, and we have little doubt that the third edition will meet with a ready sale. It is essentially practical, the author not being satisfied by saying what should be done, but he clearly explaining how it is to be done, and that too by a method that can be carried out by anyone. For instance, he improvises a bronchitis kettle with an ordinary tea kettle and peashooters, and in the absence of a hot bottle suggests a flat tile, heated, and wrapped in flannel, as a substitute. He gives reasons for most of the recommendations he makes, which renders it much easier for the learner to remember what he is told. The illustrations, which are chiefly confined to the chapter on bandaging, will be found useful for those who have to teach themselves.

LADY DOCTORS IN GREECE.—Two young Greek ladies, the sisters Angelica and Alexandra Panagiotatos, recently took their degrees as doctors of medicine in the University of Athens. The elder is aged 22, the younger 20. They are natives of Corfu, where they began their studies, continuing them later in the French School at Athens, and afterwards in the University of that classic city.

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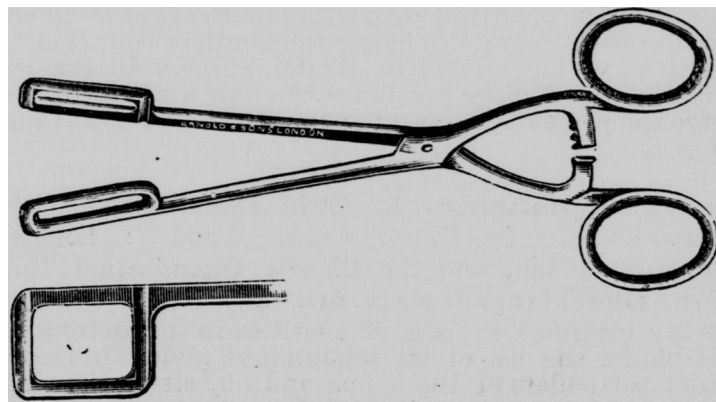
DESCRIPTIONS OF NEW INVENTIONS

IN MEDICINE, SURGERY, DIETETICS, AND THE ALLIED SCIENCES.

BEEF JUICE: EXTRACT OF RED BONE MARROW. MESSRS. ARMOUR AND CO., of 59, Tooley Street, have submitted to us samples of beef juice and glycerine extract of red bone marrow. The beef juice is very pleasant in flavour, and according to our analysis it contains 23.8 per cent. extractives (including ash), of which nearly one-fourth is coagulable when the beef juice is heated. It is therefore a high-class preparation of meat juice. The use of bone marrow in certain cases of anæmia has suggested to Messrs. Armour and Co. the preparation of a glycerine extract which would contain all the active ingredients of red bone marrow, and at the same time would be palatable and not become rancid. The use of this glycerine extract is said to have been very successful in America in promoting the development of the red blood corpuscles. It is a very pleasant preparation, and is worthy of a trial in cases where the red bone marrow is likely to be beneficial.

TONSIL FORCEPS.

MR. G. KIRKMAN FINLAY, M.B. (Littleborough, near Manchester), has devised a pattern of tonsil forceps with parallel movement of blades, which is illustrated in the accompanying drawing. The following advantages are claimed for it—that it is (1) impossible to wound the carotid, as the blades of the forceps seize the tonsil in a plane at right angles to the line of the artery; (2) that it is easy of application; (3) that when the forceps is applied it is retained in position by the catch, thus enabling the operator to dispense with assistance; (4) it can be applied to either side with equal facility;



and (5) the grooves on the blades of the forceps obviate any tendency on the part of the tonsil to slip from the grasp of the instrument. The opposed surfaces of the blades are serrated, and by means of a catch in the handle can be fixed at varying distances from each other. One of the blades carries a chisel-shaped blade $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch broad; it works on a flat rod, as shown in the drawing. When the blade is pushed, by means of the rod attached to it, the edge is stopped at a distance of a quarter of an inch from the end of the instrument. A needle is mounted on the rod to transfix the excised portion of the tonsil. The forceps are made by Messrs. Arnold and Sons.

FRENCH OTOLOGICAL AND LARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The French Otological and Laryngological Society will hold its annual meeting this year in Paris on May 3rd. The questions proposed for discussion are: 1. The Treatment of Ozæna. 2. Recurrent Paralysis. 3. The Ear, the Nose, and the Larynx from the Medico-Legal Point of View.

FRENCH OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the French Ophthalmological Society will be held this year in Paris from May 3rd to 6th. The question proposed for discussion is the Part played by Auto-infection in Ocular Affections.