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a very close resemblance to the Senn article, as may be seen on comparison.

In the article on hypertrophy of the breast two cases are mentioned, presumably on account of their exceptional size, neither of which approached in size the case reported by Professor Hamilton in this JOURNAL March 9, 1895, Vol. xxiv, p. 358, in which the glands after removal weighed respectively 27½ and 24½ pounds. Before removal, one of these breasts measured 42 inches in circumference at the nipple and the other 39 inches. The quotation from Williams also appears in Hamilton's article, but in the book there is a grammatical error in copying.

We notice in the excellent article on surgery of the thyroid gland, p. 830, that the old director of Kocher is figured. The one at present used by that distinguished operator has a fenestra near the end.

The chapter on the surgery of the alimentary canal from the ileo-cecal valve to the anus, by Dr. Lewis S. Pilcher, is one of the most satisfactory in the book.

The last chapter, by Prof. W. W. Keen of Philadelphia, "On the Use of the Roentgen X Rays in Surgery," presents in a condensed form the salient points of the subject, and gives this book the credit of being the first work on surgery in the English language to contain any reference to it. We can not close this notice without complimenting the editor on the happy conclusion of his arduous task, and the publishers on having produced a work with such uniformly excellent illustrations, and such splendid appearance. No general surgeon or general practitioner can consider his library complete without a copy of Dennis' System.

Treatise on Appendicitis. By JOHN B. DEEVER, M.D. Containing 32 full-page plates and other illustrations. 80, cl. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co. 1896. Chicago: W. T. Keener & Co.

This monograph contains an account of the history, anatomy, etiology, pathology, symptoms, diagnosis, differential diagnosis, prognosis, treatment, complications and sequelæ and after-treatment of appendicitis.

Dr. Deaver's work will be found in all respects satisfactory, the illustrations are accurate and clear and the author's advice is sound.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee Meeting.—The Tri-State Medical Society of Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee will hold its eighth annual meeting at Chattanooga, Tenn., October 13-15. The prospects are favorable for a large attendance.

Lehigh Valley Medical Association.—The sixteenth annual meeting of this association took place in Wilkesbarre, Pa., August 6. Dr. George M. Gould, by request, read a paper on "Some Curiosities of Medical and Surgical Practice," in which he cited a number of instances of children having been born at railway stations, theaters and in street cars, and gave an explanation of the cause of the incidents that came under his practice within the past few years. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. J. R. Bucher, Lebanon; vice-presidents, Dr. Mary Greenwalt, Stroudsburg; Dr. G. T. Fox, Allentown; Dr. O. F. Harvey, Wilkesbarre; Dr. C. J. Leaver, Reading; secretary, Dr. Charles McIntyre; assistant secretary, Dr. W. S. Stewart, Wilkesbarre; treasurer, Dr. A. Stout, Bethlehem.

The American Electro-Therapeutic Association.—The sixth annual meeting of the American Electro-Therapeutic Association will be held Sept. 29-30, and Oct. 1, 1896, in Boston, Mass. Prof. A. E. Dolbear, Tufts' College, Mass., is the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements. Dr. W. H. White, 222 Marlborough Street, Boston, Mass., is the Vice-Chairman of the Com-

mittee of Arrangements. Dr. Frederick H. Morse, Melrose, Mass., is the Chairman of the Committee of Exhibition.

The next annual meeting promises to be a greater success than any former one. Great interest is shown in all quarters; a large attendance is promised. Many candidates of national reputation are proposed for membership, so that the amendment to increase the limit of members becomes a necessity. The best talent has already announced papers, a larger number than ever before, at this early date; material almost sufficient to make a program for the session of unusual interest. There will be two discussions of importance in electro-therapeutics, interesting reports of all standing committees, several scientific lectures on the first evening, with demonstrations and stereoscopic views (including Roentgen X Rays, and electric principles in the treatment of diseases), given by eminent talent. The Committee of Arrangements has surprises in store for the social element in receptions and excursions. The exhibition promises to be a good feature and of more than usual interest. The fifth annual volume of the Transactions of the American Electro-Therapeutic Association is now on press, and will be ready for delivery about the end of July, 1896; illustrated, cloth bound, gilt lettering, octavo, about three hundred pages.

EMIL HEUEL, M.D., Secretary.

The American Academy of Railway Surgeons.—The third annual meeting of this Association will be held in Chicago, Sept. 23-25, 1896. The officers are: President, John E. Owens, M.D., Chicago; first vice-president, L. E. Lemen, M.D., Denver, Colo.; second vice-president, F. L. Peck, M.D., Clinton, N. Y.; secretary, Webb J. Kelly, M.D., Galion, Ohio; treasurer, C. B. Kibler, M.D., Corry, Pa.; editor, R. Harvey Reed, M.D., Columbus, Ohio.

The following papers will be presented and discussed:

- President's Address, J. E. Owens, M.D., Chicago.
- Use and Abuse of Expert Testimony, with some Recommendations for its Improvement. An Attorney.
- Diseases of Railway Men, caused by their Occupation. J. F. Pritchard, M.D., Manitowoc, Wis.
- The Personal Equation among Train-men; its Importance Equal or Greater than the Color Sense. Illustrated by an automatic machine which records both. Robert Tilley, M.D., Chicago.
- Penetrating Wounds of the Eye Ball. Archibald G. Thompson, M.D., Philadelphia, Pa.
- Penetrating Wounds of the Eye Ball. G. A. Wall, M.D., Topeka, Kan.
- Penetrating Wounds of the Eye Ball. T. J. Redelings, M.D., Marinette, Wis.
- Penetrating Wounds of the Eye Ball, with Special Reference to Differential Diagnosis. D. C. Bryant, M.D., Omaha, Neb.
- Remote Effects of Bone Trauma. D. S. Fairchild, M.D., Clinton, Iowa.
- Medico-Legal Aspects of Floating Kidney. R. Harvey Reed, M.D., Columbus, Ohio.
- Railway Surgery. Jessie Hawes, M.D., Greeley, Colo.
- Emergency Surgical Practice. C. K. Cole, M.D., Helena, Mont.
- First Aid in Railway Emergencies. James E. Pilcher, M.D., Columbus, Ohio.
- Experimental Research into Shock in Abdominal Operations and Injuries. Geo. W. Crile, M.D., Cleveland, Ohio.
- Shock and Collapse, with Special Reference to Amputations. Webb J. Kelly, M.D., Galion, Ohio.
- The Delirium of Shock. R. S. Harnden, M.D., Waverly, N. Y.
- Injuries of the Hands and Fingers. John McLean, M.D., Pullman, Ill.
- An Experimental Study of Colles' and Pott's Fractures on the Cadaver. A. D. Bevan, M.D., Chicago.
- The Cause and Mechanical Treatment of Subluxation of the Knee-Joint. S. L. McCurdy, M.D., Pittsburg, Pa.
- Compound Comminuted Fractures at the Knee, with Report of a Case. W. A. Ward, M.D., Conneaut, Ohio.
- Relation of Tuberculosis of the Knee to Injuries of said Joint. H. Reineking, M.D., Sheboygan, Wis.
- Fractures of the Femur. E. M. Dooley, M.D., Buffalo, N. Y.
- Past and Present Obstacles to the Radical Cure of Hernia. E. Wyllis Andrews, M.D., Chicago.
- Treatment of Tramps and Trespassers. H. J. Williams, M.D., Macon, Ga.
- Roentgen Ray Demonstration.