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AMERICAN PREFACE.

No greater misfortune can, generally speaking, be entailed upon a married couple, than that of *Sterility*. The absence of offspring seems, at once, to defeat the ends and aim of the matrimonial compact, and often embitters a connection, which, if attended with a family of children, would be one of great happiness. The subject is a cause of constant and mutual re- crimination between the husband and wife. Under these circumstances, the confidential medical adviser of the family is consulted; but as this is a subject to which little attention has usually been paid, and as there is no professional treatise upon it, but little light can be thrown by him upon the causes, nature, and treatment, of this malady.

Under these circumstances, it has been deemed expedient to publish a translation of the work of the distinguished Chevalier V. Mondat, who has received marks of distinction from several of the learned societies of France, as an extremely eminent and scientific practitioner; for the last twenty years, he has devoted the best energies of a highly cultivated mind

to deep research upon this obscure and difficult subject, and with immense success. His book has passed through *five* large editions ; and the translation of it, now first presented to the medical profession, will justify any expectations which may have been formed in regard to its merits. It is, in fact, a complete work on Sterility, examined in all its bearings. It likewise introduces to the notice of the profession a new instrument, the *Congester*, which is founded on highly scientific principles, and has produced valuable results.

We bespeak for the book as favorable a reception in America, as it has received in France.

P R E F A C E
TO THE
F I F T H F R E N C H E D I T I O N .

THE interest manifested by the public in the early editions of this work, and its unexpected success, have imposed new obligations on me. Medical science has advanced so rapidly, that I have made unusual efforts to bring this book up to the level of the present state of our knowledge, and to adduce, in this present edition, the results of my late observations, and of the remedies used in these latter times.

The additions and alterations made in this fifth edition, are to be found principally in the chapters devoted to the causes and treatment of sterility, more particularly in regard to the new instruments and medicines, which experience has proved to be very efficient in the treatment of this malady. The difficulties attending the subject leave much to be desired ; but we have attempted to fulfil our task conscientiously, and, we hope, to the farther satisfaction of the public.

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Paris, 1843.

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