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*whose unstudied precept always
embraced true wisdom*

Foreword to Fourth Edition

IN THREE EDITIONS since the original publication of this book in 1942, the publishers have been more than generous in sponsoring an almost complete rewriting for each new edition. This is fortunate because information in this field, once vague and obscure, has evolved into accurate and precise knowledge. Therefore, it has been a pleasant task to replace some of the elementary views with more specialized aspects, and particularly to introduce a more enlightened, almost philosophic, approach to the various facets of this subject. Thus, the reader will find—we trust to his satisfaction—a vastly different presentation of the entire material.

Included in this edition are a completely new section on the intersexes and female pseudohermaphroditism; thoroughly revised concepts of vulvar and vaginal conditions resulting from the anestrogenic status of childhood (vulvovaginitis); adhesions of the labia; kraurosis vulvae; masturbation is, at last, given monographic consideration—a more conscientious and detailed discussion is not, to our knowledge, available elsewhere; congenital absence of the vagina is more completely presented; a new section discusses—from a new point of view—genital bleeding prior to the menarche, the discussion of disorders of the onset of menstruation has been completely re-evaluated, rewritten and greatly enlarged; the gynecologic surgical aspects have been reconsidered and substantial new material added relative especially to new growths and neoplasms; there is a completely new section on menstrual hygiene for girls and the psychosomatic aspects throughout have been considered in greater detail.

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