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Biographical Note: Dr. John Hill Brinton was born May 21, 1832 in Philadelphia, PA. He received his A.B. from University of Pennsylvania before earning an M.D. degree from Jefferson Medical College in 1852. His military service began in 1861, as a Brigade Surgeon for the U.S. Volunteers, Commissioned by President Lincoln. He was assigned to the Surgeon General's Office to prepare the *Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion*, and to direct the Army Medical Museum, as its first curator. Brinton helped organize the Medical Museum, collected material for the Museum and for what became the *Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion*, and wrote a section on "Gunshot Wounds" for the same volume. He went on to become Professor of the Practice of Surgery and Surgeon at Jefferson and Philadelphia Hospitals (1867-1882), Mutter Lecturer on Surgery and Pathology (1869), Chairman of the Committee on the Mutter Museum at the College of Physicians, Philadelphia, and Professor of Bacteriology and Clinical Surgery at Jefferson Medical College (1882-1906). Brinton contributed greatly to the fields of medicine and surgery by numerous lectures and publications. He died of a cerebral hemorrhage on March 18, 1907 in Philadelphia.

Series/Scope and Content Note: The collection includes reprints and original lectures and papers of John H. Brinton, the Army Medical Museum's first curator. Additional item of note is a target used in his gunshot experiments from 1902.

BOX AND CONTENT LIST

Box 001:

00001: Biographical Data

00002: Collected Papers, Vol. I



1. Microscopical Observations of Tumors (1851)
2. On a New Method of Preserving Anatomical and Pathological Specimens (1854)
3. Account of the Campaign of the Army of Tennessee, From Feb to June, 1862, including the Capture of Forts Henry and Donelson, and the Battles of Shiloh and Corinth (1863)
4. On Luxation of the Body of the Sternum, With Remarks on the Anatomical Structure of the Superior Sternal Articulation (1867)
5. On Amputation of the Knee Joint at the Knee (1868)
6. On Instantaneous Rigor, as the Occasional Accompaniment of Sudden and Violent Death (1870)
7. Gunshot Wound of Lung (1870)
8. Complete Simple Luxation of the Astragalus Forwards and Inwards—Excision of the Bone—Recovery With a Useful Limb (1870)
9. The Faculty of 1841 (1880)
10. Report of the Trustees of the Jefferson Medical College (1881)
11. Diseases of the Breast (1856)
12. Ambulances (1868)
13. Recollections of an Ambulance Surgeon (1871)
14. Operative Surgery in General (n.d.)
15. The March of Surgery (1882)
16. Hospital Reports (1871)
17. Philadelphia Hospital—Surgical Service of Dr. John H. Brinton (1872)
18. Lecture on Clinical Surgery (1873)
19. Clinical Lecture on Venereal Affections (1873)
20. Hospital Reports—Philadelphia Hospital—Service of John H. Brinton (1873-79)
21. The Transfusion of Blood and the Intravenous Injection of Milk (1878)
22. Clinical Lectures—On Urethral Stricture (1879)
23. Surgical Traditions (1884)
24. Valedictory Address: To the Graduating Class of Jefferson Medical College (1884)
25. Handwritten Table of Contents

00003: Collected Papers, Vol. II (hard cover orig. included items 00004-00019)

00004: Lecture Notes (1870s)



- 00005: Introductory Lecture: Jefferson Medical College (1868)
- 00006: On the Horny Growth of the Penis (1887)
- 00007: Remarks on the Use of Whalebone Bougies in the Treatment of Urethral Stricture (1887)
- 00008: The Nature and Treatment of Organic Stricture of the Urethra in the Male (1991)
- 00009: Observations on Treatment of Uterine Tumors (1891)
- 00010: Two Cases of Excision of Head of Humerus, for Subspinous Dislocation; Amputation at Knee Joint, Two Cases; Lumbar Drainage
- 00011: Jefferson Medical College Commencement Program (1892)
- 00012: Valedictory Address to the Graduating Class of Jefferson Medical College (1892)
- 00013: On the Use of Teucrium Scordium in Pruritus Ani (1892)
- 00014: Army Medical School Address (1890s)
- 00015: On the Choice of Operation of Stone (1899)
- 00016: Irritable Senile Urination and its Treatment (1901)
- 00017: Targets for Powder Cartridge Test (1902)
- 00018: Remarks on Effects of Firearms at Short Range, With Experimental Illustrations (1902)
- 00019: In Memoriam: William Smith Forbes (1905)