

A PORTER'S FOOT-RACE.—Jean Labasse, a French porter, recently carried a bag of sand weighing 220 pounds (*Med. News*) a distance of nineteen miles in fourteen hours, beating his competitors by several hours' time.

Five minims of creosote and five grains of boric acid in an ounce of the distilled extract hamamelis, is said to be a most valuable injection in gonorrhoea.

APPENDICITIS, IF SEEN EARLY.—Absolute rest, fomentations, salines every half hour until four or six fluid stools are produced.—*Jonas*.

Ten grain doses of phenacetine at bedtime is said to fully control frequent nocturnal micturitions in the aged.

Books and Pamphlets.

A HAND-BOOK OF LOCAL THERAPEUTICS. By Allen, Harte, Harlan & Van Harlingen. Edited by Harrison Allan, M.D. Octavo, 500 pages; price, \$4. Philadelphia: P. Blackiston, Son & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1893.

The need for a book of this character has long been apparent, for there has been no text available in which the local action of drugs was not subordinated to their general actions, while the average text-book omits altogether mention of many agents, that in the hands of a specialist become valuable aids to cure.

Diseases which require chiefly local treatment are those of the respiratory passages, eye, ear and skin, together with certain general surgical affections, including the diseases of women; it is therefore to the great advantage of the work that each remedy has been thoroughly set forth by different authors who have had large practical experience in these various branches.

Each remedy has been taken up in alphabetical order, and after a description of its pharmaceutical properties, is considered in reference to its physiological effect and value in local treatment.

The demands for thorough revision of local medicaments made by the advance of theories of asepsis, have been fully considered, and a succinct account has been presented of the source and properties of the very numerous new agents which affect tissues locally.

Some drugs have been excluded which have been highly praised; on the other hand great care has been taken not to endorse imperfectly attested novelties.

This hand-book embodies the results obtained by experienced teachers, and will prove a very valuable work to the general practitioner. Two carefully made indexes make it a book of ready reference.

THE YEAR BOOK OF TREATMENT FOR 1893. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

In the ninth edition of the "Year Book of Treatment" there are two new articles. Dr. Dudley Buxton has a separate article on "Anæsthesia," and Prof. W. H. Corfield, M.D., on "Public Health and Hygiene," the increasing importance of which branch is evident to every one who reads even the daily papers. Among the contributors may be mentioned, J. Mitchell Bruce, Reginald Harrison, Edmund Owen, and many other men equally and favorably known. Our readers cannot go wrong in ordering a copy.

HAND BOOK OF THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF DISEASES OF THE SKIN. By Arthur Van Harlingen, M.D., Professor of Diseases of the Skin in the Philadelphia Polyclinic, etc. Second edition, revised and enlarged: with eight full sized plates and other illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blackiston, Son & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

The especial feature of this new edition of Van Harlingen's well known work, is the introduction of a number of illustrations, some original and others taken from special journals and monographs. The work is too well known as good, to need any further recommendation.

ANATOMY OF THE BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD. By J. Ryland Whittaker, Senior Demonstrator of Anatomy, School of Medicine, Minto House, Edinburgh. Second edition, p.p. 173. 1892. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

This is one of the most admirable books we have seen. It bears on every page the imprint not only of the anatomist, but what is of great importance, the teacher. It contains 40 beautifully executed plates, some colored, and all wonderfully good. We have nothing but commendation for the work, whether to physician, surgeon or student.