

# The Physician's Library.

## BOOK REVIEWS.

*A Text-Book of Practical Therapeutics, with especial reference to the application of remedial measures to disease and their employment upon a rational basis.* By HOBART AMORY HARE, M.D., B.Sc., Professor of Therapeutics and Materia Medica in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia; Physician to the Jefferson Medical College Hospital; One-time Clinical Professor of Diseases of Children in the University of Pennsylvania; Laureate of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Belgium; of the Medical Society of London; Corresponding Fellow of the Sociedad Espanola de Higiene of Madrid; Author of "A Text-Book of Practical Diagnosis," etc. Eighth edition, enlarged, thoroughly revised, and largely re-written. Illustrated with thirty-seven engravings and three colored plates. Lea Brothers & Co., Philadelphia and New York.

We would call the attention of practitioners and students to this work. The first edition was published just ten years ago, and, wonderful to relate, this is now the eighth edition. The sale has been phenomenal. Each edition has been larger than the preceding one, and now, as this is the closing year of the nineteenth century, the author has given us a revised edition which no student or practitioner should be without. This work has already pleased us as no other work on Therapeutics has done. Its arrangement is so complete that little improvement could be suggested in that line. The author has eliminated all drugs that have a doubtful reputation in the treatment of a given disease, recommending only those where the action has been undoubtedly favorable. He tells you exactly what to use in a disease and how to use it, and in what combinations with other drugs it is most suitable. For instance, in the treatment of pneumonia he says *first and foremost* stands Chloride of Ammonium, and then he gives the exact prescription he would use, viz.:

R. Ammonii chloridi.....	ʒii
Extract glycyrrhizæ fl.....	ʒii
Aquæ dest .....	ʒiii

S. Teaspoonful in water every 4 hours during the day.

Then he says, if the cough be in excess of the expectoration—that is, if the cough often fails to bring up the phlegm and is due to tickling or irritation—it may be relieved by adding a little morphine to this mixture as follows (here he gives the exact prescription he would use). Then he goes on to say that if Chloride of Ammonium fail to act, the Carbonate of Ammonium or the Bromide of Ammonium may be added, and gives the exact prescription. This is an invaluable aid to the physician, and, as we have written often before, too many authors neglect to state exactly the prescription they would use in a given disease. Many of them would write thusly: Ammonium Chloride or Carbonate has been found useful in this disease, or Morphine if the cough is irritative and the expectoration scanty." Another redeeming feature of this work is the arrangement of diseases in alphabetical order with the appropriate treatment for each, so that all the practitioner has to do is to turn directly to the disease he wishes information upon. The work is thoroughly up-to-date,