

he will doubtless be greatly surprised at the wide range of diseases in which electricity may be employed with benefit.

To the surgeon in general the chapters on the cataphoric destruction and sterilization of cancer may especially be commended as worthy of the most careful and serious consideration by every thoughtful man.

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A *Text-Book on the Practice of Medicine for Students and Practitioners*. By JAMES MAGOFFEN FRENCH, A.M., M.D., formerly lecturer on the Theory and Practice of Medicine, Medical College of Ohio. Second revised edition. Illustrated by eleven full-page plates and fifty wood engravings. New York: William Wood & Company. 1905.

The first edition of this excellent work appeared in September, 1903, and we had the privilege of reviewing it in this journal in December of the same year. The second edition of the work appeared in May of the current year.

The author says: "Very few of the original statements have had to be modified or retracted, but quite a number of additions have been made in order to bring the subject matter fully up-to-date. As in the original edition, no attempt is made to record all the theories that have been advanced in the literature; but only those that are generally accepted or the truth of which is attested by the best authority."

We heartily approve of the author's laconic style and selective method—a most effective combination of forces in presenting to students the various subjects included in a work on the practice of medicine. An American author may be privileged to use the word "hobo" for tramp, but he is not entitled to write *Pediculus vestimentorum*. (Vide p. 288).

The wrong spelling of *vestimentorum*, which appears in both editions, is mentioned here to assist the author in correcting trifling errata what might otherwise appear in the third edition of his work.

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