

does not give us very much information, as to the significance of the different odors one meets while practising our profession, except the smell of pyæmia, and another smell which he does not quite understand, in the breath of persons who looked sick and anæmic. We can, we think, add a few points for the use of physicians, and which we would recommend especially the young members of the profession to carefully note.

First. There is the odor of tobacco which should be noticed especially on male patients, and which will put one on the track of palpitation of the heart, vertigo, constipation, torpidity of the liver, with one of its reflex consequences—asthma. Then there is the fæcal odor of the breath, which may be noticed in both males and females suffering from absolute or relative constipation; in other words, in whom there is a greater or less amount of decomposed material in the digestive tract, the gases from which are reabsorbed into the blood and eliminated by the breath. There is also the sour breath from the mouth of patients suffering from dyspepsia. Then there is the dead bone smell of decaying teeth, and there is the delicious odor of new milk which is characteristic of health in women. Then there is an odor perceived, alas, too often, of partially burned alcohol, which in the habitual user, acquires a horrible perfume of a mixture of coal oil, methylated spirits, fusil oil and turpentine. It is also not unlike the smell of naphtha. This is very different from the pleasant odor of alcohol before it is drunk. It seems to acquire by partial combustion, this totally different and disgusting odor. There is also an odor with which we are not very familiar, of diabetes, and the most horrible odor of all comes from gangrene of the lungs.

We often say to our students, let no patient pass them without at least feeling the pulse, looking at the tongue, and taking the temperature. If these three are all right, the patient will not be very sick; but we will add in future, the smelling of the breath, to the three other means of diagnosis.

BOOK NOTICES.

ESSENTIALS OF ANATOMY AND MANUAL OF PRACTICAL DISSECTION. By C. B. Nancrede, M.D. Third edition, revised and enlarged. Colored plates and wood cuts: Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 1890. Price, Cloth or Oil Cloth, \$2.00.

The third edition of Nancrede's Anatomy which has just appeared, is a manual of usefulness and value. The publisher has greatly added to the book by the introduction of a large number of beautifully executed plates, which were selected by Dr. Edward Martin, owing to the author's absence from Philadelphia. We have never before seen a book which contained so much in a small space, and yet served as an atlas, quiz-compend, and text-book at one and the same time, which was not so far removed from the grasp of the ordinary student by its cost as to be useless as an aid to general anatomical study. Three editions in less than two years is a success to be envied, and we doubt not that the sales will be doubled during the next year for as a Dissector's manual we know of no superior.

A PRACTICAL TEXT-BOOK OF THE DISEASES OF WOMEN, by Arthur H. N. Lewers, M.D., Lond. M.R.C.P. Lond., Assistant Obstetric Physician to the London Hospital, &c., &c. Second edition, with 146 Illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street, 1890.

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ESSENTIALS OF GYNÆCOLOGY. Arranged in the form of Questions and Answers, prepared especially for Students of Medicine. By Edwin B. Cragin, M.D., Attending Gynecologist to the Roosevelt Hospital, Out-patient Department, Assistant Surgeon to the New York Cancer Hospital, &c. With 58 Illustrations. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 913 Walnut Street. London: Henry Renshaw. Melbourne: George Robertson & Co., 1890.

After a careful perusal of this little work we can heartily endorse the following preface:

No one appreciates more fully than the Author