

from Vienna, too, the recognized centre for advanced medical research of the whole world; that it is attracting the respectful attention of learned societies everywhere; that the *British Medical Journal* dignifies it with a lengthy review, tantamount to the endorsement of the profession in England; while the aristocracy of the Austrian capital, says a well-known correspondent, accepts the theory, and belief in it spreads with marvellous rapidity. Every day, he adds, the little street in which Prof. Schenk lives is crowded with elegant carriages from which ladies alight eager to consult the doctor. Its simplicity cannot be accepted as an argument against the soundness of his theory. History teaches us over and over again that the so-called secrets of nature all lie near to the surface. According to Dr. Schenk, it is an easy matter to determine the sex of children. The rules laid down are explicit and easily followed.

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*An American Text-Book of Genito-Urinary Diseases and Syphilis, and Diseases of the Skin.* Edited by L. BOLTON BANGS, and W. A. HARD-AWAY. Illustrated with 300 engravings and 20 full-page colored plates. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut St. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co., 1898.

The object in making this book was to furnish the physician and student with a modern one-volume treatise covering the same ground that heretofore has required the possession of three or four costly works. A glance at the list of contributors will convince you of the talent engaged on the work, and even a cursory examination of the contents will disclose many points of excellence and superiority. Every care has been taken to present all that is latest and best on these closely related subjects, and the need and importance of such a book can hardly be disputed. A careful and judicious condensation has

enabled the authors to cover an extremely wide range of subject, and has also increased the value of the book to the user by rendering the matter practical and accessible, as well as modern and authoritative. The chief points of excellence may be summed up as follows: 1. Thoroughness, accuracy, and modernness from the number of authoritative contributors. 2. Practical utility from careful insistence on the importance of diagnosis and treatment. 3. Convenience of arrangement for reference and consultation. 4. Fulness and excellence of illustration and general typographical beauty. 5. It covers in a single volume ground that heretofore has required three or four costly volumes.

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The picturesque but rapidly decreasing Indians of Southern Alaska present probably the most fertile field in America for the student of Indian life. Prof. George A. Dorsey, of the Field Columbian Museum, will describe a recent visit to this region in search of anthropological material, in *Appleton's Popular Science Monthly* for June. Numerous illustrations will add value and interest to his article

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