

Wood first deals with the remedies used in eye diseases, taking them up in alphabetical order; later on he treats of eye diseases with the remedies used for each disease.

This plan has, even though prolix, the advantage that but little of value can escape consideration, for a work of this type a complete and comprehensive index is essential. Sixty-seven pages are given up to the index.

As a work of reference, and as a monument of industry and thoroughness, this book will always be held in high esteem.

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*Soured Milk and Pure Cultures of Lactic Acid Bacilli in the Treatment of Disease.* By GEORGE HERSHEL, M.D. Second Edition. London: Henry J. Glaiser. Chicago: Chicago Medical Book Co., 1909.

This volume of seventy-two pages, in its second edition, deals in a concise fashion with certain clinical and bacteriological aspects of the soured-milk question. It has been said recently that since the slight abatement of the psycho-therapeutic craze the soured-milk problem, or the Metchinoff treatment (as it is popularly designated) has come to the fore, especially in the minds of the laity, thanks to judicious advertising. This being taken as true, it is well to have a review of the exact status of affairs. This the author does very well. The clinical aspect gleaned from the work of Combe, Arbuthnot, Lane, Charrin, Schridt, and Strassburger, and his own experience, is well presented. The most recent bacteriological literature, including a comprehensive study by Heinemann and Hefferan is also referred to and the salient points elucidated. The conditions or symptoms likely to be benefited by treatment with soured-milk are given and one is impressed with the honest endeavor on the part of the writer to point out that the lactic acid bacillus is not a panacea but that it has a distinct field of usefulness.

In conclusion the reviewer can cheerfully recommend this little work to the medical man who is desirous of becoming au fait with the situation in this particular therapeutic field. Certain improvements in a later edition will add to the value of the book. For instance, illustration B, under figure 8 is blurred and of little value. A typographical error on page 9 in the foot-