

children," valuable chapters on the commoner surgical affections of children. The surgical portion is from the pen of Prof. Stephen Smith, of New York. In this portion of the work diseases of the joints, spine, and osseous system are fully considered, also malformations and deformities. The final section of the book is devoted to diseases of the skin. A useful addition to this section is an indexed formulary.

Altogether, the book is much improved, and can be highly recommended, as it presents, in fairly concise form, a vast amount of information and the most recent ideas concerning affections peculiar to childhood, whether within the domain of medicine or surgery. The illustrations and style of the book leave nothing to be desired.

THE FUNCTIONAL EXAMINATION OF THE EYE. By John Herbert Claiborne, Jr., M.D., Adjunct Professor of Ophthalmology, New York Poly-clinic; Instructor in Ophthalmology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, etc.

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The whole book is carefully written, and though, of course, strictly technical terms are used, still it can be followed easily enough by the general practitioner. This is as interesting a work on this rather tedious subject of refraction as has yet appeared, and we think it should be well received by practitioners at large.

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