

pathology. The chapter is headed *Bacteria and Diseases due to Bacteria*. It opens with a short history, and the credit of first demonstrative micro-organisms is given to Leeuwenhoek. Then follows an account of their morphology, demonstration, biology, and a brief account of their products. The first portion of this chapter deals with diseases definitely bacteriological; these include separative diseases, gonorrhœa, pneumonia, rhino-scleroma, diphtheria, typhoid fever, cholera, tuberculosis, leprosy, glanders, malignant edema, anthrax, infectious emphysemia, tetanus, actinomycosis, mycetoma, relapsing fever, influenza, bubonic plague. Among the diseases upon the bacteriology of which we cannot yet speak definitely, are set down syphilis, chancroid, yellow fever, measles, scarlet fever, mumps, whooping-cough, typhus rabies, rheumatism, Malta fever and beriberi. Part II, dealing with special pathology, is very well done. The portion on the nervous system is not as strong as the rest. In it we have and little reference to the newer pathology based upon the important discoveries of Golgi and Ramon y Cajal. While the neuron theory is not sufficiently advanced to furnish a system of classification, yet we feel that some reference to it should be found in the latest work on pathology.

Essentials of Materia Medica, Therapeutics, and Prescription Writing.
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This volume forms No. 7 of Saunders' question-compend. We are informed on the first page of this volume that over 160,000 copies of this series have been sold. This to the publisher is indisputable evidence of the value of these helps to students

and physicians. Like its predecessors it is arranged in the form of questions and answers. The author follows a classification based almost wholly upon therapeutic grounds, an arrangement which in former editions has been severely criticized. We fully agree with him that no classification which can be adopted at the present time will be anywhere near perfect. We are also of the opinion that any classification is better than none, and will certainly prove a help to the student. A mere alphabetical arrangement is of no value, except to facilitate reference, and this is readily supplied by an index, of which the present volume contains an excellent one.

The Care of the Baby.—A manual of mothers and nurses, containing practical directions for the management of infancy and childhood in health and in disease, by J. P. CROZER GRIFFITH, M.D., Clinical Professor of Diseases of Children in the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania; Physician to the Children's Hospital, to the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, and to St. Agnes' Hospital, Philadelphia; Member of the American Pediatric Society and of the Association of American Physicians. Second Edition Revised. Price \$1.50. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders. Toronto: J. A. Carveth, & Co.

The object of the work, as stated in the original Preface is to make the author's statement "plain and easily understood, yet scientifically accurate, in the hope that the volume may be of service not only to mothers and nurses, but also to medical students and to those practitioners whose opportunities for observing children have been limited." This object should be thoroughly fulfilled, to judge from the exhaustive treatment of the questions discussed in this interesting volume. To mothers, especially those