

human nature, especially civilized human nature, has to contend. In the last chapter of the book there are several good prescriptions for constipation, which will be appreciated, particularly by people who love to dose themselves. J. J. C.

LITERARY NOTES.

"Clinical Examination of the Gastric Contents."—We are in receipt of a most interesting pamphlet issued quite recently by the New York Pharmacal Co., of Yonkers, N.Y. It is entitled "Clinical Examination of the Gastric Contents." This is the third of a series of scientific monographs published by this house, the first two being "Essentials of Hematology" and "Syllabus of Bacteriology," each one being distributed among the profession all over the United States and Canada. The New York Pharmacal Co. are to be congratulated upon these monographs, as they are in every sense of the word scientific and not merely advertising matter, as so many somewhat similar pamphlets are. The publishers deserve credit for this class of work, there being nothing that is tawdry and cheap about anything they send out. Any physician sending his card to the New York Pharmacal Co., Yonkers, N.Y., with the request for a copy, will receive one or a full set of these monographs.

The 1903 Standard Medical Directory.—That the publication of a high-class Medical Directory—correct, comprehensive, attractive and influential—is appreciated by the profession is proven by the cordial reception given the 1902 Edition of the Standard Medical Directory of North America and the promising auspices attending the 1903 edition now in active preparation with the aid, so the publishers state from actual computation, of nearly twenty-five thousand correspondents representing every State, province, county, city, and town of any size in North America. The new volume will consist of about 1,300 pages, comprising complete directories respectively of the physicians of all North America, colleges, societies, hospitals, sanitariums, mineral springs, publications, and, in fact, everything related to medicine. The new features (including an Alphabetical Index of Physicians with Post Office Addresses and Rosters of Practitioners of the Specialties) will, it is stated, add about one-third to the volume of the work.

The March Cosmopolitan.—The Cosmopolitan Magazine for March contains a number of noteworthy articles. "The Police Systems of Europe," by Avery D. Andrews, formerly Police Commissioner of New York, embodies many of the results of the