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As the author puts it, it certainly is a vexed question as to how much medical knowledge should be imparted to nurses; and without being captious in our criticism, we almost think there is material to be found here that might well have been left out entirely. The book, as a whole, however, we deem an excellent one for the field it is to cover, aptly arranged and written in a style which will readily appeal to the beginner in this branch. We conceive it to be the vocation of the nurse to be the instrument in the hands of the physician to intelligently carry out his orders and wishes; we know that many, however, go farther than that, and attempt to be a sort of "extra" in an endeavor to bring the patient back