

author in this particular field, the department devoted to Röntgenography may be regarded as leaving little to be desired. This is made possible by allotting almost one-half of the volume to its consideration. Phototherapy, a most important subject, unfortunately receives little attention, possibly because it is a comparatively recent claimant for therapeutic favor. For those unfamiliar with the progress of the branches of physiotherapy to which this volume is devoted, a perusal of its contents must prove somewhat of a surprise and revelation, and to such, if any there be in this enlightened age, it should be most helpful and suggestive.

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*Text-Book of Diseases of the Skin.* By ARTHUR VAN HARLINGEN, Ph.B. (Yale), M.D., Emeritus Professor of Dermatology in the Philadelphia Polyclinic, Dermatologist to the Children's Hospital, etc. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street.

This book is now in its fourth edition, which shows how highly it has been appreciated by the profession.

The work should prove very useful to the student, as the various diseases are dealt with in a concise manner, and many of the rare diseases are left out, and stress is laid upon the commoner affections. The book is exceedingly well illustrated, many of the plates being exceptionally good.

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