

leading teachers of the United States on subjects of special interest at the present day.

Nearly one-third of the volume is taken up by a monograph on the etiology and morbid anatomy of various diseases by the editor, Henry W. Cattell. Here the author gives a list of diseases in alphabetical order, with the etiology and pathology condensed into a few lines. This is too much condensed to serve any purpose but that of a dictionary, and it seems altogether out of place here. As a sample of the incorrect information it would give to the student to whom it is more especially addressed, we clip the following under the heading of "Smallpox," Etiology—(a) Overcrowding. (b) Improper food. (c) Season, fall or winter." There is not a word to indicate that smallpox is an infectious disease, and one looks in vain for any disease under the heading of Variola. It is to be regretted that the editor had not seen fit, even at the expense of having issued a somewhat smaller volume than usual, to be satisfied with publishing the above mentioned clinical lectures, many of which are of a high order.

MANUAL OF THE DISEASES OF THE EYE FOR STUDENTS AND PRACTITIONERS. With 243 Original Illustrations including 12 coloured figures. By Charles H. May, M.D., New York, William Wood & Co., 1900.

This small work might be termed a "compend;" and the author in his preface states that he desires "not to say too much" in the book, and he certainly has succeeded. The material is wonderfully condensed, and in many cases much previous knowledge of the subject on the part of the reader would have to be taken for granted if he were to understand the text thoroughly.

A very free use of italics has been made to emphasize the salient facts, and this occurring in a book already greatly abbreviated gives rise to pages of little else than italics. Among the original illustrations may be mentioned one of a test lens case!

THE AMERICAN YEAR BOOK OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY FOR 1901. Arranged with critical editorial comments by eminent American Specialists.—Edited by GEORGE M. GOULD, A.M., M.D., Philadelphia. In two volumes. Vol. I., General Medicine. Vol. II., General Surgery. Philadelphia and London, W. B. Saunders & Co. Canadian Agents, J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto. Price, \$3.00 per volume.

The issue of the year book for 1900 met with such general approval that the publishers decided to follow the same plan in the present number. Either volume can be had separately, the one on medicine