

Electrolysis, cataphoresis or electric osmosis, high frequency and high potential currents in the treatment of prostatic diseases, solenoids, resonators, detonators, the sinusoidal current,—these are the play-words, so to speak, of our author; and they may very possibly represent valuable forms of treatment when applied by means of the fifteen or sixteen odd instruments which he has devised. We simply do not know. Only we hope that his electricity is better than his pathology.

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THE EXTRA PHARMACOPEIA OF MARTINDALE AND WESTCOTT. Revised by W. HARRISON MARTINDALE Ph.D., F.C.S., and W. WYNN WESTCOTT, M.B., Lond., D.P.H. Twelfth Edition. London: H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower Street, W.C., 1906. 1075 pp., 24 mo. 10 shillings net.

The eleventh edition appeared, if we mistake not, two years ago, and the present volume contains many valuable additions, so that, in fact, there are over two hundred additional pages. The book, a volume of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches, contains an amount of information that is surprisingly great, which is not by any means restricted to purely pharmacological data, but contains therapeutic knowledge in the very widest sense of the word. For example, the preparations of the different animal organs, and of antitoxins with small text references in regard of their use from the literature of the present year, are given. A part of the book is devoted to analytical memoranda, containing most useful information on the composition and use of various stains, and biochemical reactions; bacteriological examinations are dealt with in a way that appears to be brief but eminently practical. These are but some of the addenda to the previous edition, which is so well known as to require no special mention. The book is a wonderful aggregation of useful information in the smallest possible space, and we anticipate much profit from keeping it at hand for reference; it can be enthusiastically recommended.

LECTURES ON MIDWIFERY FOR MIDWIVES. By A. B. CALDER, M.B., M.R.C.S., Lecturer on Midwifery to the London County Council, etc., etc. London: Ballière, Tindall and Cox; Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co. \$1.50.

The book is composed of fifteen chapters, each containing the substance of a lecture. The first ten deal with the normal anatomy, physiology, and the hygiene of pregnancy; the mechanism and phen-