

*A Reference Hand-Book of the Medical Sciences*, embracing the entire range of scientific and practical medicine and allied science, by various writers. A new edition, completely revised and re-written. Edited by ALBERT H. BUCK, M.D., New York City. Volume II. illustrated by several chromolithographs and 765 half-tone and wood engravings. New York: Wm. Wood & Co. 1901.

The publishers of this medical work are to be congratulated upon getting out Volume II. so promptly, but a short time having elapsed since the first volume was placed in the hands of the profession. This volume is like its predecessor, in being alphabetically arranged, and comprises practically everything medical from Blastoderm to Chloralose. After perusing Volume II. we cannot but conclude that the doctor who possesses a complete set of the new edition of "Reference Hand-Book of the Medical Sciences" will, in it alone, have nothing short of a medical library. The work will be more than complete, at least judging from the first two volumes, and we think that it will be found difficult for any publisher to get out a work which will be more thorough and up-to-date in every respect than that of Dr. A. H. Buck, who is determined to leave nothing undone to have the fruit of his present labor unequalled in medical literature. Among the contributors to Volume II. we are pleased to find the names of two Canadian M.D.'s, Dr. L. F. Barker, now of Rush Medical College, Chicago, and Dr. Beaumont Small, of Ottawa. W. A. Y.

*The Acute Contagious Diseases of Childhood*. By MARCUS P. HATFIELD, A.M., M.D., Professor Emeritus of Diseases of Children, Northwestern University Medical School; Professor of Diseases of Children, Chicago Clinical School; Attending Physician, Wesley Hospital. Pages, 142. Price, \$1.00 net. Chicago: G. P. Englehard & Co., 358-362 Dearborn Street. 1901.

This compilation is devoted exclusively to the eight principal acute contagious diseases of childhood. The two sections that appear to us as being especially helpful are those dealing with scarlatina and variola. Herein the different varieties of those diseases are carefully discussed.

The volume closes with a very complete description of the now so prevalent disorder, La grippe. The author has paid particular attention to history, etiology, and pathology, and throughout has compiled the opinions of such eminent authorities as Moizard, Holt, Jaccoud, Kennan, Grandin, Bartie, Cohen, closing each subject with his own ideas. The work is replete with much that is new in bacteriological research by Burgess, Tessier, Bouchard, Pfeiffer and others, and in many ways will make a valuable addition to the physician's shelves devoted to pediatrics. We