

many, with numerous references to the French Codex. By ALFRED STILLE, M.D., LL.D., and JOHN M. MAISCH, Phar. D., second edition, thoroughly revised, with numerous additions. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea, 1879; Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

That within the short space of six months a second edition of this work is called for, is perhaps a stronger testimony than anything we can urge as to the excellence of the book. We had the pleasure of reviewing and commending it in our May number, and have only to add to what we then said, that about one hundred pages of new matter have been inserted, and all new investigations have been noticed. Some illustrations have been added and a few changed. The Therapeutical Index has been extended by the addition of 2,250 new references.

*The Summer, and Its Diseases.* By JAMES C. WILSON, M.D. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston, 1879. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

This is the fourth volume of the American Health Primer Series, edited by Dr. W. W. Keen, of Philadelphia, and is a very readable little book, intended rather for the general public than for the profession. Its seven chapters treat of "The Summer," "Sunstroke and Heat Fever," "Summer Diarrhœa and Dysentery," "Cholera Infantum," "Summer and Autumnal Fevers," "Summer Colds and Hay Asthma," and "The Skin in Summer, and its Diseases." We like the style in which the book is written; the author evidently fully understanding what sort of medical literature should be placed in the hands of the laity. Under Rules for the Management of "Infants during the Hot Season" no mention is made of the whey diet. This is, we think, an important omission; although, of course, the author does not pretend to give more than brief general directions as to the management, during the absence of a physician, of the above-mentioned maladies.

*Student's Pocket Medical Lexicon.* By ELIAS LONGLEY. Philadelphia: Lindsay and Blakiston. 1879. Toronto: Hart and Rawlinson. This little book merits no commendation.

It is neither complete nor correct. The author, who, by the way, is not a medical man, advocates the phonetic system of spelling, and the book is gotten up upon the basis of the American Phonetic Alphabet, to suit the literary attainments of those who have not been "favoured with a liberal education." The first reference we made to the book for a definition of a term proved fruitless, and the pages teem with absurdities. "*Cephalic*" is pronounced with the *c* soft. "*Ceratonyxis*" is defined as "puncturing the cornea in operating for catarrh." "*Cervical*" is pronounced with the accent on the first syllable. "*Clitoris*" is a small gland anterior to the vulva. "*Epithelium*," the thin cuticle that covers the lips, nipples, etc., that are destitute of the ordinary skin. "*Hypodermic*," application of medicines externally after the skin has been removed by blistering. "*Impetigo*," a humid running tetter. "*Jaundice*," a bilious disease attended with yellow skin and eyes. In "*Umbilical*" the accent is placed on the antipenultimate. "*Diastole*," the periodic action of the heart and arteries. "*Zymosis*," fermentation; applied to diseases resulting from miasmatic influences: and so on *ad nauseam*. We selected the above at random in turning over the pages.

*A Guide to Surgical Diagnosis.* By CHRISTOPHER HEATH. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

In this little work, surgical affections are grouped anatomically, *i.e.*, different parts of the body are taken separately, commencing with the head, and the symptoms of these affections or injuries peculiar to each region are described as clearly as the extreme brevity will allow. This arrangement is the same as that followed by the author, and other able clinical teachers, at the bedside, when the presence of the patient impresses the symptoms upon the mind of the student; and he is not apt to forget the lessons thus learned, if at the same time he faithfully studies one or more of the many valuable text-books now available.

While the general plan of the book is good, the matter is too meagre to be of much use to the young practising surgeon, or the advanced student; but we suppose it will be received