

authority it is apt to convey a wrong impression to the student, and I should be sorry to think that the labours of a Schaefer, Roux, Pasteur, Ehrlich, Koch, von Röch and others had reached their limit. A noticeable feature, which, while I do not think commendable, will be found very useful by the commencing practitioner, is the frequency with which prescriptions are met with all through the book. Under the heading Electricity—Public Supply—the author mentions two forms of current available from public mains—the arc and incandescent; this is probably a slip, as the terms refer to the style of lamp and not the current—what was meant probably was the alternating and direct current. The former is now used almost exclusively for both arc and incandescent lighting, motor work, galvano-cautery, etc. There is no mention of the sinusoidal current.

Altogether, the book is a valuable aid to the study of an intricate, intensely interesting, but much neglected subject. The printing and binding are in the Appletons' usually perfect style, but why do the ophthalmologists not rise up in their wrath and insist on a dull-finished paper with a uniform black type, instead of the polished reflecting surface with spider type that is at present ruining the eyesight of thousands of readers? R. W.

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This *Annual*, we may again inform our readers, is arranged on a plan quite different from anything heretofore issued. It will be complete only in six volumes, two of which are coming out annually. All the matter is arranged alphabetically, so that it is a work to consult on any specific point rather than for the reading of the diseases of any particular class or system. Thus, diseases of the nervous system will be found scattered all through the six volumes, and covering a period of three years before the subject will be dealt with in full. When complete it will be a valuable work of reference, as the articles are very exhaustive and well written. Among the hundred sub-editors are the names of the best writers in Europe and America, which insures reliable and authoritative treatment of the various subjects.

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