

FOR EAR-ACHE.—The *Med. Specialist* gives the following for ear-ache:—

R—Morph. mur., gr. v.
 Atropiæ sulph., gr. j.
 Ol. oliv., ʒ j.
 Glycerin. (neutral), ʒ jss.—M.

SIG.—3 to 5 drops into ear, every hour, till pain ceases. Plug with cotton-wool after each application.

DR. CARL. FRIEDLANDER, the celebrated pathologist, died of phthisis, May 13th. His name will be remembered as the discoverer of the pneumococcus, the supposed specific bacillus of pneumonia, the nature of which disease has, since his discovery, received much attention from investigators in all parts of the world.

FORMULA for the administration of iodoform and creasote in phthisis. In *Nouveaux Remèdes*, Huchord gives the following as a convenient formula for the above drugs:—

R—Creasote,
 Iodoform,
 Benzoin pulv., āā gr. ʒ.
 Balsam tolu, ℥ ʒ.

For one sugar-coated pill.

SIG.—2 to 4 pills daily.

SOOTHING MIXTURE FOR CONSUMPTION.—Dr. J. B. Johnson, in *Med. and Surg. Rep.*, speaks highly of the following:—

R—Syrup liquorice root, ʒ j.
 Aromatic syrup rhubarb, . . . ʒ ss.
 Fluid extract opium, ʒ j.
 Liquor ammon. acetat., . . . ʒ v.—M.

SIG.—Shake well. Dose.—A tablespoonful every two or three hours.

Books and Pamphlets.

A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON RENAL DISEASES AND URINARY ANALYSIS. By William Henry Porter, M.D., Prof. of Clinical Medicine and Pathology in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital; Curator to the Presbyterian Hospital. One vol. 360 pages, 100 illustrations. New York: Wm. Wood & Co.

The author of this work, unlike many of the tribe of modern book-makers, has written because he had something, a good deal indeed, of his own,

worth reading, to submit to the profession. The 1st part is devoted to the "Diseases of the Kidneys," and the 2nd, which is of equal extent, treats of "Urinary Analysis," by chemicals and microscopic research. The reader's interest will not slacken in the perusal. Dr. Porter is evidently not only at home in his subject, but he is also able to draw the reader there, and to entertain him pleasingly and profitably. The illustrations, numbering 100, are much better executed than those presented in many of the medical works at present issued by American publishers; they really do illustrate the text, instead of rendering it more obscure, as some of the perpetrations now met with, certainly cannot fail to do. Wm. Wood & Co. deserve high commendation for the respectable aspect of this book.

THE CURABILITY OF INSANITY, and the Individualized Treatment of the Insane, by John S. Butler, M.D., Hartford, late Physician and Superintendent of the Connecticut Retreat for the Insane, etc., etc., 1887. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Toronto: Williamson & Co. Pp. 59.

An interesting little book. The writer makes many strong points in the individualized treatment of insanity, which he holds is as much called for as in the treatment of acute forms of other physical disease. The book is full of illustration, and will repay a perusal to those interested in the treatment of insanity.

FACTS AND FICTIONS OF MENTAL HEALING. By Charles M. Barrows, author of "Bread Pills," etc., 1887. Boston: Carter & Karrick. Toronto: Hart & Co. Pp. 248.

This is the first volume we have seen devoted to the instruction of the uninitiated into the mysteries of what is ordinarily called mind cure. It reads in part like the tales of a magician, and in part like the ordinary jargon of spiritualistic quackery of the nineteenth century. The author seriously quotes from letters, showing how scarlet fever was instantly cured, by the prayers of the father of the affected child; how a *dyspepsia* of many years' standing, was suddenly cured by humbugging the patient, and gives many other even more improbable cures by the mental method. If we had space we should like to give a few of the instructions from "leading authorities," in mental healing for the cure of disease, but "*le jeu ne vaut pas la chandelle.*"