

Some drugs have been excluded which have been highly praised; on the other hand great care has been taken not to indorse imperfectly attested novelties.

This hand-book embodies the results obtained by experienced teachers, and will prove a very valuable work to the general practitioner. Two carefully made indexes make it a book of ready reference.

A Practical Treatise on Materia Medica and Therapeutics, with Especial Reference to the Clinical Application of Drugs. By JOHN V. SHOEMAKER, A.M., M.D., Professor of Materia Medica, Pharmacology, Therapeutics and Clinical Medicine, and Clinical Professor of Diseases of the Skin in the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia; Physician to the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital; member of the American Medical Association, of the Pennsylvania and Minnesota State Medical Societies, the American Academy of Medicine, the British Medical Association; Fellow of the Medical Society of London, etc., etc. Second Edition. Revised. In two royal octavo volumes. Volume I., 353 pages: Devoted to Pharmacy, General Pharmacology, and Therapeutics and Remedial Agents not Properly Classed with Drugs. Volume II., 680 pages: An Independent Volume upon Drugs. Volume I., in cloth, \$2.50 net; sheep, \$3.25 net. Volume II., in cloth, \$3.50 net; sheep, \$4.50 net. Philadelphia: The F. A. Davis Company, Publishers, 1914 and 1916 Cherry Street.

The first edition of this work was published some years ago, and it must be not only gratifying to the author as well as satisfactory to the publishers that they are compelled in this comparatively short time to bring out a second edition. It is again divided into two volumes. The first volume is entirely rewritten and thoroughly revised, with a view to bring the work up to date, which object they have well attained. This volume is devoted to primary consideration, classification, etc., as well as a most practical and thorough consideration of the non-pharmaceutical remedies. The chapter on electricity is the most worthy feature of this part of the work. The physical properties, modes of generation, laws regulating and application of this valuable remedial agent are briefly yet fully described. Volume II. is devoted entirely to the consideration of drugs as remedial agents. The classification is alphabetical. Many remedial agents

not considered in the former edition are considered very fully in this. Among the most noticeable of these are tuberculin, which is revised with the experience of last year; also, the use of animal extracts and juices are briefly mentioned.

Both volumes contain a carefully prepared clinical index, as well as an index to drugs and preparations, which make this work a convenient and valuable book for speedy reference.

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A Case of Hemotropic Susceptibility. By GEORGE M. GOULD, A.M., M.D. Reprint from the *Medical News*, January 21st, 1893.

The Prevention and Correction of Deformity in the Treatment of Hip Disease. By B. E. MCKENZIE, B.A., M.D., Lecturer on Surgical Anatomy and Orthopaedic Surgery in the Woman's Medical College, and Surgeon to the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

Prevention of Relapse after the Correction of Deformity in Club-Foot. By B. E. MCKENZIE, B.A., M.D., Lecturer on Orthopaedic Surgery and on Surgical Anatomy in the Woman's Medical College, and Surgeon to the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

WHY GOOD SWIMMERS DROWN. The *Northwestern Lancet* offers a new explanation of the sudden drowning of good swimmers, hitherto attributed to cramp. There is nothing in a cramp in a leg to prevent an ordinary swimmer supporting himself in the water by his hands, or on his back, nor to cause him to throw up his hands and sink once for all like a stone. The cause is attributed to perforation of the ear drum, through which the access of water-pressure occasions vertigo and unconsciousness; and a practical caution results, persons having such perforation, to protect their ears with a stopper of cotton when bathing.—*Druggist's Circular.*