

tionary there have been too few. The plodding dental student of the past ten years was to be pitied, as he dived into old editions in search of terms and technicalities belonging alone to dentistry, and of brief explanations of the many additions to our knowledge of *Materia Medica*, the researches of Millar, etc. There has, perhaps, been no one work more missed by college students than this classic dictionary, and had its industrious author thrown further light upon the bacteriology of the mouth, of which dentists know too little, and condensed the lengthy descriptions of celluloid, extraction, the gums, etc., to which nothing has been added that was not known a quarter of a century ago, it would have, perhaps, been better. However, the man who once tried to satisfy everybody not only satisfied nobody, but died prematurely of softening of the brain, and when one considers the pruning as well as the additions Dr. Gorgas has made in this fifth edition, nobody but a chronic croaker would peck at flaws where there is so much solid fruit. The work is unique in dental literature in never having had a rival. In Dr. Gorgas' hands it never needs one. To our boys, and to the old ones, too, we need only commend the work as a good old stand-by. The publishers never issue inferior works. This is "as usual."

Strange Evolution in Women's Dress—Will American Ladies Dare Adopt it?

Some predict that the great change in the fashioning of the clothes which are to be worn by women this coming season is the most wonderful victory of the nineteenth century—if fashion leaders can be induced to adopt it, and appear just once in public so arrayed.

Men will hold their breath in wonder at the marvellous change it makes in lovely woman. "Few of the fair sex can help being beautiful in these glove-fitting costumes," says a writer in a recent number of *The New York and Paris Young Ladies' Fashion Bazar*. "This magazine is the only one in Europe or America which makes a specialty of giving those inclined to stoutness an unrivalled appearance of sculptured slimness," said Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales. Madame Patti has ordered from the Paris house, four magnificent costumes, the designs of which appear in the April number of this Fashion Bazar—and in this magazine only.

Mrs. Harrison is greatly fascinated with the exquisite gem, costume No. 4, in the April number. It is expected she will give an order for an exact counterpart of it, the whole front of which will be incrustated with pin-head diamonds. This gown alone will be worth a king's ransom.