

its environment has changed it very much. The bulky shoulders and short legs have been replaced by narrower shoulders and longer legs, nature's change to allow the easy passage of the animal between the trees, and to adapt it to its changed methods of life. Mr. Fraser describes this transition from prairie to woodland of the buffalo in a delightful story, which has a moral teaching which cannot be too much praised, and I feel glad that I have read this book, and heartily commend it to the reading public.

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*A System of Physiologic Therapeutics.* A practical exposition of the methods, other than drug-giving, useful in the prevention of disease, and in the treatment of the sick. Edited by SOLOMON SOLIS COHEN, A.M., M.D., Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics in the Philadelphia Polyclinic, etc. Vol. VI., Dietotherapy and Food in Health, by Nathan S. Davis, A.M., M.D., Professor of Principles and Practice of Medicine in North-Western University Medical School. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street. 1901. Canadian Agents: Chandler & Massey, Limited, Toronto.

Frequently a medical man, in the treatment of his cases, pays too little attention to the subject of diet in disease, this being due to unintentional carelessness in many instances, but often to a certain lack of knowledge of that important department of therapeutics, dietotherapy. That the kind of food which should be allowed to be partaken of by patients during illness is just as important as the nursing or the prescription itself goes without saying; but up till comparatively recently this was often paid too little attention to, thus delaying the stage of convalescence. Dr. Davis' volume in this series gives an immense amount of information upon dietetics, and discusses under each disease the kind of food which should be given. The author also goes into the details of both "the chemical and the physiological data concerning the nutritive and other qualities of various kinds of food," which, to even the older physician, who may have become rusty in his primary studies, will be found at once interesting and most instructive. Vol. VI. of *Physiologic Therapeutics* is rather ahead of, than behind, the preceding volumes.

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*Venereal Diseases.* A Manual for Students and Practitioners. By JAMES R. HAYDEN, M.D. Third edition. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co.

This little book, which is one of the series of Pocket Text-Books, has been brought fully up-to-date. New sections on Vegetations and Herpes progenitalis have been added, and also many new illustrations. The text has been completely revised and in