

A Book of Detachable Diet Lists and a Sick-room Dietary. Compiled by JEROME B. THOMAS, A.B., M.D. Published by W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Price, \$1.50.

To the busy practitioner who has a large and varied practice, and little time to write out systems of diet for his patients, or to describe the proper preparation of foods for the sick, these lists will be most useful. The following conditions are considered: Albuminuria, Anæmia, Debility, Constipation, Diabetes, Diarrhœa, Dyspepsia, Fevers, Gout, Obesity and Tuberculosis.

Transactions of the Antiseptic Club. Reported by ALBERT ABRAMS, a member of the San Francisco medical profession. Illustrated. New York: E. B. Treat, 5 Cooper Union. San Francisco: Johnson & Ernigh. 1895.

This work is a keen satire upon the peculiarities of the medical profession, and in a humorous way shows up the weaknesses of our profession. In perusing its pages, one finds the mirror held up to reflect many of our deeply cherished fads, and to expose some peculiarity whereby we fondly hope to get ahead of our brethren and yet remain within the pale of the Ethical Code—that misty, elastic, ill-defined list of rules and regulations which is intended to guide the poor devil who has no practice into the certain way of never getting one.

This book is amusing throughout, and with the exception of a few stale jokes, is racy and fresh. We commend it to many of our friends, particularly the *posers*, and there are many such.

In view of the near approach of the time for the meeting of the Medical Association, we can, with a great deal of confidence, recommend the thoughtful study of Dr. Compressor Nasi's strictures. Dr. Nasi was incensed at the inanity of the preceding speaker's remarks. "He can talk more and say less than anyone I ever knew. His complaint," continued the speaker, "is altogether too common in medical societies. It is characterized as a 'diarrhœa of words and a constipation of ideas,' but he would be more charitable, he would call it vocal incontinence and mental sterility. He ventured the opinion that presidents of medical societies were not stringent enough in checking these vocal monstrosities. No one should be permitted to speak unless he had something original to say. He would rather bow to the superior intelligence of the man who counted the number of drops of urine expelled in a given unit of time, than to the plagiarist who, by skilful transposition of words, succeeded in presenting an original paper to the club."