

Robertson on Extracting Teeth, second edition, 188 pages, illustrated. Published by Lindsay & Blakiston, Philadelphia, 1868. (\$1.50.)

There can be no better way of developing and perfecting any science and art than by competent men devoting themselves to its study and exposition in separated specialities. While not ignoring the general connection and the relation of one part to the other, the whole is sooner made perfect, and each branch better understood, when studied in parts by concentrated minds. Such manuals as this of Dr. Robertson's, devoted exclusively to one special branch, are just the need of dentistry, and we hail it with pleasure. The list of contents comprises: introductory remarks, anatomy of the jaws and teeth, Pathology of toothache, instruments used for extracting and proper method of using them, lancing the gums, accidents and their remedies, and anaesthetics. Every subject is clearly and concisely reviewed, and excepting, perhaps, an exaggerated condemnation of lancing the gums as a rule, the general principles of the work are such as must commend it to the attention of the profession. We think, however there is much room for enlargement, as the subject is one of importance, and the operation is more practised than perfected, both as regards the form of instruments used, and the conditions of toothache which demand the *dernier resort*.

I. *Why Not?* A book for every woman. II. *Is it I?* A book for every man. III. *On Nurses and Nursing.* By Dr. Horatio R. Storer, Boston.

No better proof of Dr. Storer's abilities can be required, than that experienced graduates of medical colleges, long after they have obtained their sheep-skin, are eager to sit at his feet and pay a high fee for a short course of lectures on the Surgical Diseases of Women. His reputation as a gentleman of high moral principle and rare practical experience gives a tone to whatever he writes, and for this reason we highly commend the above productions of his pen, which he has favoured us with.

The first volume is designed for popular reading, and lays the scalpel of criticism and exposure to a sin unfortunately too prevalent in the neighbouring country—criminal abortion. So destructive has this crime been to the native American population—already by no means of average stamina—that the number of foreign births is greatly in excess of the native ones; and the possibility is, that unless it is counteracted, the pure "Yankee" will one day be a nonentity in his own country.

The second work is a comparison of the former, and relates principally