

filled with purpose, but, of course, abominably rich; the women charming. The story seems so real, so thrilling at times, that the breath comes faster as one reads, and hearts kindle in admiration for the king of the wheat-pit as he fights his great battle and "corners" for one brief spell the wheat of the world, and then Mother Nature unloads her plentiful harvest and teaches him his lesson that she alone controls and sweeps him before her abundance like a leaf on a stream and he loses his all—yet love abides. As we close this masterpiece (of its kind) of fiction, a great sorrow fills the heart of the reader as he remembers that the book of life has "closed over" for the young author with his great intellect and keen insight into the lives and motives of men. What marvellous story-weaving he might have done in the long twilight of life had he been spared. Yet, what a long day's work Frank Norris did when he gave us "The Octopus" and "The Pit."

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Atlas and Epitome of Human Histology and Microscopic Anatomy. By PRIVATDOCENT DR. J. SOBOTTA, of Wurzburg. Edited, with additions, by G. CARL HUBER, M.D., Junior Professor of Anatomy and Histology, and Director of the Histological Laboratory, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. With 214 colored figures on 80 plates, 68 text illustrations, and 248 pages of text. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto. 1903. Cloth, \$4.50 net.

It is often the case that in a series of volumes, such as Saunders' Medical Hand-Atlases, one or two are rather below par. Not so, however, in this instance, as each one seems almost to outstrip its predecessor. An atlas of human histology, including a large number of colored micro-photographs, might be open to criticism if great care were not used in the execution of the illustrations; but one has only to look over this volume to see the exactness of the work, and the absence of all distortion, to come to the conclusion that the 200 or more colored plates are, above all things, natural, and just as one would see them under the microscope. Saunders deserves great credit for this, his last effort in up-to-date printing, and the publishing of still another valuable medical publication.

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Therapeutics of Infancy and Childhood. By A. JACOB, M.D., LL.D. Third Edition. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company. 1903.

Physicians interested in the diseases of children—and who is not?—will feel a real pleasure in referring to the pages of this work. In it one finds many confirmations of views on practice long since entertained, and some novel features due to the author's