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We turn eagerly, of course, to find "the latest" about germicides and their practical application. We have here a very full article on formaldehyde, illustrated by figures of various apparatus. We quote certain summarized statements. "Its powers of penetration cannot be relied upon. . . . It is highly to be recommended as a superficial disinfectant. . . . The methods that have found *most* favor are those in which the nascent gas is liberated from its watery solution and from its solid polymerized products."

The book contains a useful and finely-illustrated chapter on Animal Parasites. The work is a useful and pleasing edition to our hygienic literature.

Minor Surgery and Bandaging. By HENRY R. WHARTON, M.D., Demonstrator of Surgery in the University of Pennsylvania, Surgeon to the Presbyterian Hospital and the Children's Hospital, Consulting Surgeon to the Presbyterian Orphanage and the Bryn Mawr Hospital, Fellow of the American Surgical Association. Fourth edition, thoroughly revised and enlarged. With 502 illustrations. Lea Brothers & Co., Philadelphia and New York. 1899.

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Physician's Visiting List. Blakiston's Sons & Co., Philadelphia.

The visiting list for the coming year appears in familiar form. It in no way differs from the lists furnished by the same firm for so many years. Nothing could be more convenient or better adapted to the purpose it is meant to serve. As in previous editions the opening pages contain Calendar, Metric System, Dosage tables and other useful information. The books are arranged for 25, 50, 75 and 100 patients per week. Price, \$1.00 to \$2.25.