

and by this means he contends that the pronunciation of the most difficult and unusual Latin or Greek words can be easily and correctly made understood to any one. Each word has opposite to it its counterpart written in the phonetic letters, and thus its accentuation and pronunciation are at once arrived at. To all Medical men, and especially those who have not been fortunate enough to have had a good preliminary classical education, this dictionary, we are sure, will be found a useful help in avoiding many of those errors which are indeed only too common amongst physicians, even those otherwise well educated and well read. The fact of its having reached an eleventh edition is enough of itself to show the appreciations which it has already met with. The addition of the abbreviation used in prescriptions, and a short catalogue of all the important poisons with their antidotes, increases still further the usefulness of such a book as a constant occupier of a place on the physician's desk.

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*A Conspectus of the Medical Sciences, comprising Manuals of Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Materia Medica, Practice of Medicine, Surgery, and Obstetrics; for the use of students.* BY HENRY HARTSHORNE, A.M., M.D., Professor of Hygiene in the University of Pennsylvania, auxiliary faculty of medicine: Professor of Organic Science and Philosophy in Haverford College, &c., &c. With three hundred and ten illustrations. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea. Montreal: Dawson Bros., 1869.

The title of the above work speaks for itself with reference to the object that the writer has had in view in bringing it before the medical public. It is, as it professes to be, a conspectus or compendium of all the important branches comprised in the medical curriculum of a college course, and has been compiled, as the author in his preface states, almost entirely for the use of students. The great difficulty to be overcome in the production of such a volume as this is the compression of a vast amount of material into very small space, and at the same time to retain lucidity and avoid omissions. In this the author, who mentions the names of other men of high standing who have aided in his labour, has, we think, very fairly succeeded. Without omitting subjects which the student might expect to find treated of in such a book of reference, no one portion is allowed to predominate over another, and the consequence is that in this book the reader will find a fair digest or essence of all that is known at the present day in any one of the great departments of medical science. We believe that this book may be found of great