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It is impossible in the space of a review to go into the excellencies of this work. The collaborators have been chosen from the best men in the various departments. The great advantage of such a work is its thoroughness and independence. For instance, under Ammonol which has been extensively advertised as a new coal-tar derivative, it is shown that it is simply a mixture of acetanilid sodium bicarb. and ammonium carbonate with a little coloring matter. It is just such information as this that the practitioner wants and should have. The only omission in the book, but to our mind a very glaring one, is that there is no mention under the department of physiological chemistry of the only distinctive piece of work on this subject, certainly from a medical standpoint, to the credit of science for '98. That is, the isolation, purification and analysis of *epinephrin*, the active principle of the supra-renal capsule. It could hardly have escaped the notice of Professor Abel, who has charge of this department, as he did the work himself. We hope, with the publishers' permission, to reproduce selections from this work for our readers' benefit. In the best of books that come to hand, so many of them merely reproductions and rehashes, the work of the reviewer is often