BOOK ON THE PHYSICIAN HIMSELF AND THINGS THAT CONCERN HIS REPUTATION AND SUCCESS. By D. W. Cathell, M. D.. The Twentieth Century edition, being the eleventh edition revised and enlarged by the author and his son, William T. Cathell, A. M., M. D. Pages 412, Royal octave, extra cloth, \$2.00 net, delivered. Philadelphia, F. A. Davis Company, Publishers, 1914-16 Cherry Street.

The latest edition of this well-known book has been carefully rewritten and much new material added by the author, Dr. D. W. Cathell, with the co-operation of his son, Dr. W. T. Cathell. To distinguish it from former editions it has been named The Twentieth Century Edition. This work has gained a wide spread reputation for its sound teachings and practical advice to the medical profession, and naturally the latest production will prove even more profitable to those who follow its precepts. We know of no better guide to the practitioner and it would be expedient for every medical school to see that on convocation day each graduate is fortified with a copy.

OBESITY; the Indications for Reduction Cures.
NEPHRITIS; the Treatment of the Various Forms of Bright's Disease.
Colitis; the Treatment of Colica Mucosa.

These are the first three of a series of monographs on Diseases of Metabolism and Nutrition by Prof. Carl Von Noorden, from the press of E. B. Treat & Co., New York. They have been very well translated from the German by Dr. A. C. Crofton, under the editorship of Dr. Boardman Reed. The first and third volumes are published at 50 cents each; the second at \$1.00.

These monographs are intended to give expression to the teachings of Von Noorden and some of his associates at the City Hospital of Frankfort-on-Main. That on Obesity deals with the subject in all its phases, in health as well as in various morbid states. The subject is dealt with in a general way, and no specific directions are laid down for the treatment of a "suppositious case," as the author finds that many shew a tendency to follow such directions too implicitly and do not give sufficient consideration to the requirements of each individual case.

The article on Nephritis is full and exhaustive, dealing with the customary therapy of kidney diseases, the principle of saving the kidneys in renal diseases, the fact of metabolism as a basis for the dietary regulations to be adopted in the protective therapy of kidney disease, and the principles underlying the dietetic and physical treatment of acute nephritis and of contracted kidney.

The volume on Colitis sets forth the author's reasons for regarding what is commonly termed membranous catarrh of intestines as a non-inflammatory condition for which he prefers the name "Colica Mucosa." He considers that the disorder is due to an excessive irritability and over activity of the mucus producing glands of the large intestine, and that it is not found except in association with chronic constipation. The glandular over activity is due to certain nervous conditions. Based upon the conception of the