

MENTHOL.—In most varieties of pruritis, whether general or local, the following lotion is quite reliable :

R—Mentholis, ʒ j.
 Spts. vini rect., ʒ j.
 Aquæ, ʒ ij.
 M. et add.
 Acid acetic, dil., ʒ v.—M.
 Sig.—Apply with a sponge as required.

In localized skin diseases where an antipruritic ointment is needed, the following is a good combination :

R—Campho-phenique, ʒ j.
 Mentholis, ʒ ss.
 Ung. aq. rosæ, ʒ j.—M.

Books and Pamphlets.

THE POCKET MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS; a *Résumé* of the Action and Doses of all Official and Non-official Drugs now in Common use. By C. Henri Leonard, A.M., M.D., Professor of Medical and Surgical Diseases of Women and Clinical Gynæcology in the Detroit College of Medicine. Cloth 12mo., 300 pages. Price, postpaid, \$1.00. Detroit: The Illustrated Medical Journal Company. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

This volume has been in preparation for the past four years. A description of the drugs of as late an introduction as 1891 are to be found in its pages. The author claims to have operated everything of merit, whether official or non-official, that could be found either in standard works or from many manufacturers' catalogues. The scheme embraces the Pronunciation, Official or Non-official indication (shown by an*), Genitive Case-ending, Common Name, Dose and Metric Dose. Then the Synonyms, English, French and German. *If a Plant* the Part Used, Habitat, Natural Order, and Description of Plant and Flowers, with its Alkaloids, if any. *If a Mineral*, its Chemical Symbol, Atomic Weight, looks, taste, and how found, and its peculiarities. Then the Action and Use of the Drug, its Antagonists, Incompatibles, Synergists and Antidotes. Then follow its Official and Non-official preparations, with their Medium and Maximum Doses, based, so far as possible, upon the last U. S. Dispensatory. Altogether, it is a handy volume for either the Physician, Student or Druggist, and will be frequently appealed to if in one's possession.

SURGICAL BACTERIOLOGY. By N. Senn, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Surgery in Rush Medical College, Chicago, and in the Chicago Polyclinic, etc., etc. Second edition, 1891. Philadelphia: Lea Bros. & Co. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

This book of 270 pages will be welcomed by the profession as coming from one of the authorities of the day, in surgery. Dr. Senn's name is so generally and so favorably known to our readers that we need give the present book no other endorsement than to say that it is worthy of its author. In the preparation of this edition the author has added new facts illustrative of the relations of pathogenic micro-organisms to the various surgical lesions, and eight new illustrations have been inserted in the text descriptive of microbes not illustrated in the first edition. The book has also been divided into chapters, which it is hoped will prove useful for a better classification of the material and for more ready reference.

THE STAINING AND IDENTIFICATION OF TUBERCLE BACILLI.

We notice that a Mr. Baker, of London, has fitted out a small box 8 x 6 x 4 inches, containing all the necessaries for the immediate discovery of the tubercle bacillus. The idea is a good one, and we hope that some enterprising Canadian may follow as a good imitator, if indeed there be not something of the kind already under way. The usefulness of such apparatus in many cases of difficult diagnosis, is obvious.

COSMETICS, a Treatise for Physicians and Pharmacists. Being a translation of Dr. Heinrich Paschke's work. New York: William Wood & Co. Pp. 286, \$1.50. Toronto: Carveth & Co.

The work contains about 300 formulæ for the preparation of all kinds of cosmetics, and will be of service to any one desiring a knowledge of the subject. Dr. Paschke is docent at the University of Vienna, and has made the work a successful one.

THE MODERN ANTIPYRETICS; their Action in Health and Disease. By Isaac Ott, M.D., Ex-fellow in Biology, Johns Hopkins University, etc. Easton, Pa.: Vogel. Toronto: Carveth & Co. 1891.

A useful *résumé* of the properties, doses and therapeutic indications of the coal-tar products.