

Book Reviews.

STUDENTS' EDITION—A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS, with special reference to the Clinical Application of Drugs, by John V. Shoemaker, M.D., LL. D., Professor of Materia Medica, Pharmacology, Therapeutics, and Clinical Medicine and Clinical Professor of Diseases of the Skin in the Medico-Chirurgical College, of Philadelphia; Physician to the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital; Member of the American Medical Association, of the Pennsylvania and Minnesota State Medical Societies, the American Academy of Medicine, the British Medical Association; Fellow of the Medical Society of London, etc., etc. Fifth Edition. Thoroughly Revised. 6½ x 9½ inches. Pages vii-770. Extra Cloth, \$4.00, net; Sheep, \$4.75, net. F. A. Davis Company, Publishers, 1914-16 Cherry Street, Philadelphia.

Professor Shoemaker's work is a volume of over seven hundred pages which is well bound and printed in clear distinct type. In Part I there are the usual introductory chapters found in a volume of this kind, all of which are lucid in explanation, those on prescription writing and the administration of remedies being particularly good. Part II deals with the drugs in *alphabetical* order which in our opinion is the weak point of the work as a *student's* book. It would have been better to have classified the drugs according to their physiological action. Take for example, the belladonna group—in knowing belladonna, one knows, in a sense, hyoscyamus and stramonium. Again, drugs which produce sleep have some actions in common and some more or less wide differences. Classifying and comparing remedies aid the much taxed memory of a student. This change suggested, however, could be easily carried out in a future edition if the author's ideas conform to our own. The metric system of weights and measures is given, as well as the English system, with every prescription—of which there are many valuable combinations, which will prove of much assistance in the course of study. The description of individual drugs is written in a clear, practical way and cannot but commend itself to every reader. Only official drugs are included in this work and practitioners will find it of great assistance particularly as a book of reference.

THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL FOR APRIL.

As usual this enterprising paper contains numerous interesting and instructive articles to peruse in one's quiet moments. "About once a week there comes a man, a vagrant or confidence man of some sort, who would take your order for ten dollars for a set of books you know to be worth a hundred—you paying him five dollars on the order," writes Rev. David M. Steele, of "The Lovers of a Cheerful Giver." "Now and then the woman calls who would take your jewelry and clean it for almost nothing. When you are out a man asks the sexton for your clock, or gun, or bicycle, to repair it, or the tailor (?) comes for 'that dress-suit Doctor So-and-So wants pressed.' He got one from the wife of a neighbor of mine