

affairs of life, are well known. Mr. Cone's book emphasizes these things and sets forth the ways by which anyone may acquire the accomplishments which mark the cultured man. Of course the book is intended for the general reader, but the physician can profit quite as much as anyone by its perusal, for to whom is the possession of the social graces of greater import than to the physician? The work has been very warmly praised by the press generally, and we have pleasure in adding our commendatory word.

**Manual of Materia Medica and Pharmacy.**—Specially designed for the use of Practitioners and Medical, Pharmaceutical, Dental, and Veterinary Students. By E. STANTON MURK, Ph.G., V.M.D. Instructor in Comparative Materia Medica and Pharmacy in the University of Pennsylvania. Third edition, Revised and Enlarged. Crown Octavo, 192 pages, Interleaved throughout. Bound in Extra Cloth, \$2.00 net. F. A. DAVIS COMPANY, PUBLISHERS, 1814-16 CHERRY STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

This is a work resembling somewhat Squire's Companion and is an admirable book of reference for those who use the U. S. P. The first part gives some outlines of botany as a preliminary to description of medicinal plants.

The second part consists of Materia Medica proper, and the third is devoted to pharmacy.

The pharmacology and therapeutics of drugs are touched upon in the briefest way.

Dosage for domestic animals as well as man is given in the work, thus making it useful for veterinarians.

The book is especially suitable for druggists. For medical students and doctors, it is a handy book of reference.

For students of medicine however, we think it is best to combine with the dry details of materia medica and pharmacy, plentiful quantities of the more interesting discussions on the action and uses of medicines.

The latin accidence is dry work until it is illustrated in the work of translation.

Copious interleavings of blank pages furnish room for notes.

One could gather from other sources the most approved doctrines of pharmacology and therapeutics and insert them in these blank spaces.

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## Therapeutic Notes.

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**OPIUM NEUROSIS.**—I am very much pleased with Sanmetto. It is a very valuable preparation and should be in the hands of every specialist who treats the opium neurosis. In such conditions there is always considerable urethral inflammation besides other diseases of the genito urinary organs; but opium users are obliged to take twice the quantity of Sanmetto usually prescribed, to produce good results.

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**NEUROTIC CONDITIONS IN WOMEN.**—Prof. Charles S. Vaughan, Chair of Gynecology, Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons, writes: "Neuralgia constitutes the great cause of danger from the employment of hypnotics and narcotics, which only afford relief by numbing, but effect no cure. On the other hand, the formation of a drug habit rather aggravates the condition