

treatment; under the more important organs, an outline of their structure and functions; under each drug, an account of its action and therapeutic uses, and of all the preparations of it official in the latest editions of the pharmacopœias of the United States, Great Britain (1898) and Germany. The important physiological functions and generic biological and chemical terms receive similar extended explanation. This being the third edition of this work, it contains a vast amount of new material representing the great advances made in all branches of medicine since the previous edition was issued. It has also been revised in every part, and beyond all question is the very latest and best of its kind. The dental and veterinary terms have been supplied by experts in these departments of medical science. To fasten in the memory a vivid and enduring recollection of the meaning of words, no aid is equal to that furnished by derivation. Special care has therefore been taken to state and define the original words from which medical terms are derived. To render this feature of the work available for those unfamiliar with Greek, all such derivations are given in ordinary type. Vowels long by nature have been appropriately marked, owing to the important influence of natural quantity in determining the pronunciation of a word and the form of its derivatives. As the essence of a dictionary lies in its definitions, no pains have been spared to make the explanation of each word clear and sufficient. Where words have several distinct meanings, clearness has been promoted by the use of numerals to emphasize the distinction.

The colored plates appear for the first time in this edition, and have been selected with a view to their practical utility, as illustrating subjects which are of importance and general interest, but which are not portrayed in the ordinary text-book.

The publisher has done his part more than well. The typography is compact, but pleasing. It is truly marvellous what an amount of matter each page is made to contain.

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A Handbook for Nurses.—By J. H. Watson, M.D., Edin. Late House Surgeon, Essex and Colchester Hospital; Assistant House Surgeon, Sheffield Royal Infirmary and Sheffield Royal Hospital. American Edition under the Supervision of A. A. Stevens, A.M., M.D., Professor of Pathology in the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania; Lecturer on Physical Diagnosis in the University of Pennsylvania; Physician to St Agnes' Hospital, Philadelphia. Published by W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, 1900. Can be obtained in Canada from J. A. Carveth & Co., 413 Parliament street, Toronto.

Although there are many works on nursing, the majority fail either to contain sufficient information or contain too much technical knowledge for the average nurse. In this work the author has, we think, written a most valuable work for nurses. There is a great deal of information on almost everything that a nurse should know. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, and never