

We consider this a reliable and complete text-book for the student and a most useful addition to the library shelf of the practising physician, as the articles are terse and comprehensive, and but a few moments are required to brush up on any remedy and its uses, and be informed of the most recent estimate of qualified authorities as to its value in therapeutics.

A Manual of Otology. By Garham Bacon, A. B., M. D., Professor of Otology in Cornell University Medical College, New York; Aural Surgeon, New York Eye and Ear Infirmary; with an introductory chapter by Clarence John Blake, M.D., Professor of Otology in Harvard University; with 110 illustrations and a colored plate. Lea Brothers & Co., New York and Philadelphia, 1898.

This is an epitomized edition of diseases of the ear, adapted to the use of students and the general practitioner. It is designed as a practical guide in the study of the affections and their appropriate treatment most commonly met with.

In the introduction Dr. Blake points out the limitations which exist in teaching otology in a practical manner to other than small classes, owing to the difficulty in demonstrating diseases of the deeper portions of the ear. The short courses taken in post-graduate clinics usually only give a superficial knowledge, and not all realize that it is only after long and earnest study that proficiency is gained.

He urges the mastery by reading and study of sections made by the student of the intricate structures in the temporal bone, as well as a thorough knowledge of acoustics, and, lastly, he impresses the importance of accurate and repeated observation. In the opening chapters the anatomy and physiology of the ear and the methods of examination are described. Besides diseases of auricle, external auditory canal, drumhead and middle ear, adenoid growths, enlarged tonsils, and diseases of the nasal passages are considered and their treatment described. Diseases of the mastoid process is given special attention, as it deserves. The indications for operation are given, and a minute description of the technique of the operation. Then follows an interesting chapter on the intracranial complications, such as brain abscess, thrombosis of the sigmoid and other sinuses, and leptomeningitis. The last chapters consider diseases of the sound-perceiving apparatus and deaf mutism. The book is well illustrated and thoroughly practical in its treatment of the various affections, and will prove a convenient reference work for those who wish to become familiar with the most modern methods employed in caring for diseases of the ear.

A Text-Book upon the Pathogenic Bacteria—For students of Medicine and Physicians. By Joseph McFarland, M.D., Professor of Pathology in the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia; Pathologist to the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, and to the Rush Hospital for Consumption and Allied Diseases. With 134 illustrations. Second Edition, revised and enlarged. W. B. Saunders, 925 Walnut st., Philadelphia, 1898. J. A. Carveth & Co., Canadian agents, Toronto, Ont.