

named, has been issued for some years back, and on the Continent of Europe has acquired a very high reputation. We believe this is the first translation which has been published on the American Continent, and so far as we have been enabled to examine the work, the translator has done his task well, adhering as far as practicable to the text. The selections have been made mainly with a view to the useful information they convey, mere theoretical abstractions we are glad to notice being omitted. In the preface the Editor says: "the work is addressed to the requirements of physicians whose engagements do not permit of their searching over the immense field from which these facts are gathered; to practitioners in the country as conveying the results of the active labours of the "toilers" in our profession, and to medical men generally, in the amount of original information from sources hitherto unavaible." We have much pleasure in recommending the manual to the notice of our subscribers in the country, convinced as we are that many valuable hints of a thoroughly practical character may be gathered from its pages. The translator has added a few foot notes, which give to it an additional value.

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## PERISCOPIC DEPARTMENT.

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### Surgery.

#### COMPOUND FRACTURE OF THE SKULL, WITH LOSS OF A PORTION OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE BRAIN.

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JAMES GIPSON, æt. 19, carter, in the employment of the Marquis of Downshire, of strong, healthy appearance, the youngest but one of eleven brothers, all of whom are living.

July 9th, while driving a horse and empty cart, in which he was standing, the horse became restive, and kicked in the forepart of the cart, getting his hind legs right in; Gipson having lost his balance, fell with his head towards the horse's heels. After a short distance the horse fell; just at this time some men came to Gipson's assistance, and found him lying with his head towards the heels of the horse, which at this time was struggling. They at once lifted him out, and laid him on the ground. Ten minutes elapsed before I saw him. He was then rolling about, complaining bitterly of pain in his right shoulder and arm, and not at all of the head. On examining the arm there was no apparent cause for all this pain. One of the men who assisted in lifting him had several pieces of