

has been given to Surgical Bacteriology and to the most recent methods of treatment, particularly in relation to asepsis and antisepsis and to the newer methods in those departments in which of late such notable progress has been made, as in cerebral, spinal, abdominal and pelvic surgery, etc.

The entire book has been submitted in proof sheets to all of the authors for mutual criticism and revision. As a whole, the book may therefore be said to express upon important surgical topics the concensus of opinion of the surgeons who have its preparation. While it thus represents in general the views of all the authors, each individual author is free from absolute responsibility for any particular statement. Many of the illustrations are original, among these the bacteriological colored plates and the numerous half tone plates which are reproduced with great fidelity from photographs of patients or of specimens, and which add to the value of the work both artistically and surgically. As it contains over twelve hundred pages including over four hundred wood cuts and forty plates, it is not surprising that the various subjects are treated in a very thorough manner, although not exhaustively. It is apparently condensed as much as possible, but this has no doubt been a difficult task where so many as thirteen very able writers have been at work in it together. What strikes us most, looking carefully over half a dozen or more subjects, is the fact that every chapter seems thoroughly up to date. We can find no fault of omission. If there is any fault at all it is the size and voluminousness; but, in the opinion of many, this fault is a good one. That it is a first class book of reference there cannot be the slightest doubt; but whether the student will be able to read it through is very doubtful, life is so short and our art is so long. For teachers of surgery and for surgeons, either specialists or practitioners, devoting special attention to surgery, the work is admirable and well worth the price charged. Messrs. Saunders deserve the highest praise for their success in carrying such a heavy undertaking to completion and for the excellent quality of the mechanical part of the work, such as paper, type and binding. On the whole it is far ahead of any single volume on surgery that we have yet seen.

THE READY-REFERENCE HANDBOOK OF DISEASES OF THE SKIN. By George Thomas Jackson, M.D., Chief of Clinic and Instructor in Dermatology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York; Professor of Dermatology in the Women's Medical College of the New York Infirmary. In one handsome duodecimo volume of 534 pages, with 50 engravings and a colored plate. Cloth, \$2.75. Philadelphia, Lea Brothers & Co., 1892.

The author's large experience as a prac-

itioner and teacher has been brought to bear in producing a work admirably adapted to convey a practical knowledge of Dermatology. It would be difficult to conceive of a work more exactly suited to the needs of both students and practitioners. Richly illustrated, issued in convenient form, and at a price within the means of all, the volume is assured of wide usefulness.

Among its special features may be noted an alphabetical arrangement of diseases, the English, French, German and Latin synonyms, and also the pronunciation. A great deal of useless matter usually found in works of the kind has been left out, only what is thoroughly practical being retained. As usual with Messrs. Lea Brothers, publications, the type and paper make it a pleasure to read it.

LITERARY NOTE.

We are informed that in view of the general interest awakened in the Cholera, Dr. Klein's well known little book on "The Bacteria in Asiatic Cholera," published by Macmillan, has been reduced in price to one dollar. Dr. Klein is lecturer at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and is an acknowledged authority on Bacteria.

LUNCHEON TENDERED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETY AT HOTEL ST. GEORGE, BROOKLYN, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1892.

The following favorite prescription of Prof. A. J. C. Skene of Brooklyn, was ordered for the Fellows of the American Gynaecological Society at its Brooklyn meeting and proved very palatable and exhilarating.

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Extracti carnis in poculis,	℥ ij
Olivæ Hispanicæ,	℥ ss
Amygdalæ salsæ,	℥ j
Raphani,	℥ ss
Panis carnisque varietatis,	℥ viij
Astici cum condimento Auroro,	℥ iv
Vini Burdigaleusi,	℥ i
Crusti glandii vitulini, modo Regino,	℔ ss
Calidi quoddam Washingtoniensis,	℥ iij
Acetariæ e pullis gallinaceis,	℥ ij
Acetariæ e astacis,	℥ j
Solani esculenti cum condimento Mayonnaiseo	℥ j
Vini Gallici	℥ vj
Cremoris glaciis vanillæ,	℥ j
Pastellæ varæi,	gr. ij
Pomæ diversæ,	gr. v
Caffææ,	℥ ij
Spiriti frumenti,	ad libitum
Spiriti vini Gallici,	" "
Aquæ puræ,	q. s
Herbæ Nicotianæ.	

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