

Diseases of Nose and Throat. By C. G. Coakley, A.M., M.D., Clinical Professor of Laryngology, Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York. Lea Bros. & Co., Philadelphia.

This manual devotes special attention to the practical subjects of Examination, Diagnosis and Treatment. The great importance of precise knowledge in this direction does not require emphasis, and the value of the work in this regard is accordingly enhanced. To curtail the large field in this specialty the author has selected what he regards as the best medicinal and operative measures which he deems most advisable in treatment. His large experience enables him to speak authoritatively, and present to the reader reliable measures which he has proved in practice and put to the test many times. This practical scheme of the work as well as its generally condensed form commends itself specially to students and those practitioners whose time admits of little reading, and reference to the volume will prove the author has fully accomplished this desideratum. While the colored plates are few, the engravings and printing are excellent.

Manual of Otology. By Gorham Bacon, A.B., M.D., Professor of Otology in Cornell University Medical College, New York. Publishers, Lea Bros. & Co., Philadelphia.

This is one of the many books prepared for the use of students, and is a short treatise on the subject not too condensed to omit most of the practical work in this field, yet too short to permit the description of operative procedures. The practical feature of the work which the author claims we think is well merited, for just such ear cases as are met with in every-day practice he sets forth clearly, laying much stress on early treatment as preventive of early serious lesions that so often arise. In this way the book also commends itself to the practitioner, but the author admits that no amount of reading can compensate for lack of personal instruction and individual observation even when such reading is the essence of information on any given subject. We think the book especially adapted to students, for the ground to be covered in medical school work is now so extended, by the special branches of the profession, to such a degree that anything representing *multum in parvo* must be ever welcome.

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LITERARY NOTES.

The story of "Dame Fast and Petter Nord," now running as a serial in the *The Living Age*, gives American readers their first opportunity to become acquainted with the brilliant Swedish writer, Selma Lagerlof, as a writer of short stories. "Dame Fast and Petter Nord" is a quaint story, with a suggestion of Hawthorne in its style and theme. It is translated for *The Living Age* by Dr. Hasket Derby.