

With these numerous editorial additions the articles are brought fully up to date. There is perhaps less to criticize in this volume than in any that have yet appeared.

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*Kirke's Hand-book of Physiology.* Hand-book of Physiology, revised by WILL H. ROCKWELL, JR., M.D., and CHARLES L. DANA, A.M., M.D., Professor of Nervous Diseases, at Cornell University Medical College, New York; Physician to Bellevue Hospital; Neurologist to the Montefiore Home. 17th American edition. With upwards of 500 illustrations, including many in colors. New York: Wm. Wood & Co. 1902. Canadian Agents: Chandler & Massey Limited, Toronto and Montreal.

Kirke's Physiology has for many years now been looked upon as one of the most reliable works upon this subject. To this book and the manner in which it elucidates a somewhat difficult subject, a very large number of medical men of to-day can look back for quite a long time as having been the means of assisting them in comprehending what to their student minds proved almost a *pons assinorum*, as it is very often the case that it is not so much the subject itself as the way in which it is presented to the reader that proves the stumbling block. When we looked over the 17th edition of Kirke, it was a very simple matter to recognize what a vast improvement this edition is to that one from which we first studied physiology nearly two decades ago. The 17th edition is what might be termed a thoroughly modern presentation of the subject, and can be looked upon as complete in almost every detail. The authors have revised almost every chapter, though the department to which most attention has been paid and care given is that devoted to physiological chemistry. The 75 or 80 pages on the subject of "Food and Digestion" are well worthy of the most careful perusal, as upon the proper understanding of this department of physiology depends largely the successful practice of medicine.

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*International Clinics.* Vol. I., thirteenth series, 1903. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. Canadian Agent: C. Roberts, 1524 Ontario Street, Montreal. Cloth and boards, profusely illustrated.

This splendid quarterly, edited as it is by men of eminence on both sides of the Atlantic, fully maintains its high standard of excellence in this latest volume. We can, however, only indicate its contents in such a brief review. The leading article on treatment is by William Osler, M.D., on "Aneurism of the Descending Thoracic Aorta." Further articles in this department are: "Treatment of Cardiac and Vascular Fibrosis," etc., by R. Webb Wilcox, M.D.; "Nauheim Methods in Chronic Heart Disease," by Thomas E.