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*A System of Physiologic Therapeutics.* A Practical Exposition of the Methods Other than Drug-giving, Useful in the Treatment of the Sick. Edited by SOLOMON SOLIS COHEN, A.M., M.D., Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics in the Philadelphia Polyclinic; Lecturer on Clinical Medicine at Jefferson Medical College; Physician to the Philadelphia and Rush Hospitals; formerly Lecturer on Therapeutics, Dartmouth Medical College. To be issued in eleven compact octavo volumes. Price for set complete, cloth \$22.00. *Electrotherapy* Vol. I. By GEORGE W. JACOBY, M.D., New York, Consulting Neurologist to the German Hospital, to the Infirmary for Women and Children, to the Craig Colony for Epileptics, etc. In two books: Book I., Electrophysics—Apparatus required for the therapeutic and diagnostic use of electricity, with 163 illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut St. Toronto and Montreal: Chandler and Massey, Limited.

The title "Physiologic Therapeutics" has been adopted for this system by the editor, and those associated with him, in the production of the work. In order to emphasize the fact that the remedial measures: electrotherapy, climatology, prophylaxis, nursing, dietotherapy, mechanotherapy, rest, suggestion, hydrotherapy, pneumotherapy, serotherapy, organotherapy, etc., considered in the work, are in a large degree modifications and adaptations of processes normal to the human body. We think that the name is a good one, but it should not be limited to the foregoing remedies, as there are many drugs which might be placed in the same category.

The subject-matter of the system is a most important part of therapeutics, and one which has been too much neglected by practitioners. Physicians know something about each of the therapeutic methods of this system. They recognise, for example, the use of cold baths in typhoid fever, of the rest cure in neurasthenia, of special climates in pulmonary tuberculosis, of carefully selected diets in gastric affections, etc., but as a rule have not studied the general principles which are the bases of these agencies. We believe that the introduction of this system to the medical profession will supply a distinct want. As far as our knowledge goes there exists no system in English on the same subjects.

The first volume of the series, the one before us, is on electrotherapy. The author presents the subject in a very practical, and readable form. The subject of electrophysics, as presented in some books, is very difficult to understand, but we feel satisfied that very