

introduction there is a great amount of useful information for the guidance of a house surgeon as to his duties. It even goes so far as to point out under what circumstances a house surgeon may secure fees for evidence in legal cases, a *minor* point often left out in the voluminous "rules and regulations" of certain antediluvian hospitals.

The book is profusely illustrated, and full of valuable, explicit information, and should be in the possession of every house surgeon and young practitioner. The chapter on Casetaking is important, and should be well impressed on the mind of every house surgeon, for then he will be the better able to keep track of his cases when he goes into practice.

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*Dr. Costa: Clinical Hematology.* A Practical Guide to the Examination of the Blood with reference to Diagnosis. By JOHN C. DA COSTA, Jun., M.D., Assistant Demonstrator of Clinical Medicine, Jefferson Medical College; Hematologist to the German Hospital, etc. Containing 8 full-page colored plates, 3 charts and 48 other illustrations. Octavo, 450 pages. Published by P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut St., Philadelphia. 1901. Price, \$5.00 net. Canadian Agents: Chandler & Massey Limited, Toronto and Montreal.

It is but recently that much attention has been devoted to the subject of blood examination as a guide to the diagnosis of disease. There is no question that much valuable information can be gained by a careful examination of the blood, and just as soon as it becomes a usual habit on the part of the practitioner to resort to this procedure, we feel that many systemic conditions will be the more fully understood and the cure of many diseases the more readily accomplished. Dr. J. C. Da Costa presents to the profession a work which, to say the very least of it, is thoroughly practical and shows how important a part in clinical work the blood report should form. He shows, however, that hematology is as yet in a transitional stage; but that ere long it must become inseparably associated with the treatment of each individual case and will undoubtedly lead to a far larger percentage of correct diagnoses.

*New Canterbury Tales.* By MAURICE HEWLETT. The Copp, Clark Company, Limited.

The new Canterbury Tales were evidently not written with a view to filling the spaces on the shelves of a Sunday School library. The scrivener's tale of the Countess Abys is a story of an accused and suspected, though innocent woman, who is forsaken by her husband, and he in turn is killed by her brother, disguised, but in open combat. She then weds her children's tutor, and they depart and "live happy ever after."