

to show how unsuited urban methods are for country districts. The time will soon come when each municipality must take care of its own refuse on its own premises, instead of passing it on to be a nuisance elsewhere.

The secret of the system he found for villages and country residences lies in the wonderful power of the soil of turning organic matter into food for plants—turning nature to fight nature, as he illustrated by the story of Brémontier's reclaiming of the French Landes. Each rural house to be securely wholesome, must have a direct connection with cultivable land.

When these methods are adopted the key may be furnished to the solution of the great problems of the unemployed and of the prevailing agricultural depression in Great Britain.

Although written chiefly for British readers, and dealing with questions much more pressing in European countries than in America, the book, which is in most readable style, is of great interest to students of sanitation and of political economy.

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**Portfolio of Dermochromes.** By PROFESSOR JACONI, of Freiburg im Breisgau. English adaptation of text, by J. J. PRINGLE, M.B., F.R.C.P., Physician to the Department for Diseases of the Skin at the Middlesex Hospital. In two parts. London: Rebman, Limited, 129 Shaftesbury Avenue, Cambridge Circus. Toronto: Wingate, 186 Adelaide St. W.

Part I. of the Dermochromes contains twenty-four plates and forty-five illustrations, and Part II. eighteen plates and thirty-two illustrations. These plates are made by a new process called *citochromy*. We are not aware just what this word means, but the results obtained by the process are absolutely unique. We have never seen illustrations of skin lesions their equal, and they are so true to nature, and the coloring is so accurate that a clinic could easily be delivered from these illustrations alone, and the disease easily recognized on the subject. The text is brief, it does not go into old matter, but it accurately describes the lesion, gives the diagnosis and prognosis, and devotes considerable space to treatment. It would be more than superfluous to attempt to pick out any individual lesion to comment on, because the coloring is so nearly perfect that one would have to elaborate on all. Skin lesions occur in the practice of all, and an atlas of this kind with these charming illustrations so true to nature, should be in the possession of all physicians who desire to keep up to date. The illustrations in this volume are so different from those we are accustomed to see that one may be excused from becoming very enthusiastic. We desire to congratulate the Rebman Co., on the publication of this volume, and the accuracy with which the skin lesions have been depicted. The press work and paper undoubtedly add a great deal to the general appearance of the illustrations, and we can see that no item of expense has been spared in the way of presenting the volume in its best form.