

independent treatises by a number of the most prominent clinical teachers in Germany. It is to consist of fifteen volumes, and, we should imagine, the names of the authors, many of whom are eminent in their speciality, will be sufficient to ensure the success of the undertaking. This certainly is an age of bookmaking, but works of this character can hardly be classed under such a heading. When we announce the names as contributors of Merkel, Traube, Rindfleisch, Kussmaul, Schroeder, &c., it should be sufficient guarantee of a work in every way in keeping with the very eminent positions held by these gentlemen in the scientific world. From the announcement it would appear to be a work on the same plan as that of Reynolds, or of Holmes' Surgery. Vol. 1, which is to embrace Public Hygiene, and diseases of special trades or professions, will be edited by Prof. Giegel and Drs. Hirt & Merkel.

Vol. 2, on Acute Infectious Diseases will be prepared by no less than 12 Medical Gentlemen, each man taking up and discussing a separate subject, and so on throughout the series of fifteen volumes.

We wish Messrs. Wood & Co., every success in their undertaking, and can only remark in conclusion that if carried out on the part of the authors with that spirit which their names would imply, it will be a most valuable addition to the literature on the subject. Messrs. Wood & Co., being desirous to publish the work by subscription, request the names of intending subscribers to be sent in to their address without delay.

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We have received from Dr. Wheeler a specimen of his "Compound Elixir of Phosphates and Calisaya, a Chemical Food and Nutritive Tonic," prepared after the formula of Dr. Dusart of Paris. It contains Lactophosphate of Lime, Lactophosphate of Iron, Quinine, Quinidine, and Cinchonine, together with free Phosphoric Acid. It has an agreeable flavour, and cannot be objected to by the most delicate palate, and from its composition it will probably be useful in most cases where a Quinine and Iron Tonic is indicated. The addition of the Phosphates and Phosphoric Acid probably increase its value and efficacy as a nerve tonic and food. Altogether, this is the most satisfactory preparation of the kind, that we have hitherto met with.