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A Brief Manual of Prescription Writing in Latin or English for the use of Physicians, Pharmacists and Medical and Pharmacal Students, by M. L. Neff, A.M., M.D., Cedar Rapids, Ia. Pages v-152. Size, 8 x 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Extra cloth 75 cents, net, delivered. Philadelphia, Pa. F. A. Davis Co., publishers, 1914-16 Cherry street.

This little volume is a compendium of his notes in teaching prescription writing. There was no need of the statement in the preface that he "disclaimed any attempt to teach the Latin language, or such"; the fact is self-evident. Just so long as the matriculation standards of certain schools of medicine are maintained at their present level, just so long will such a booklet find sale. Of its utility after purchase there is room for personal opinion. Like the Biblical description of man, it is "fearfully and wonderfully made." Latin may suffer from the stigma of a dead language, *malgré de foel*, that it is spoken as an every-day tongue by some 30,000 people on the Eastern coast of the Adriatic, but a knowledge of it does polish the mind and broaden the intellect, hence its retention as a matriculation subject for entrance to the study of Medicine—the broadest of all sciences. It is hard to see how a matriculant, passing his latin exam., should need such a help. Should he do so, however, the low price will atone. Verily, of the making of books there is no end.

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A Practical Treatise on Diseases of the Skin, by John V. Shoemaker, M.D., LL.D. Fourth edition revised and enlarged with chromogravure plates. D. Appleton & Co., New York, 1901.

This volume groups in a concise and systematic form all the essentials of dermatology; the hypographical work and engravings are very good.

This edition has been thoroughly revised and contains many important changes and additions.

The author's classification is very complete, and the formulary for internal and external treatment most useful.

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