

Hypertrichosis; IV. Lupus Vulgaris; V. Malignant Disease; VI. Skin Diseases; VII. The X-Ray and Fluorescence, and VIII. General Remarks. The book is gotten up in admirable style, but does not profess to go very deeply into the subject. It is chiefly of value as voicing the personal opinions of one who apparently has done much work in this field, and is very good as far as it goes.

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*Diseases of the Ear.* For Practitioners and Students of Medicine. By JAMES KENHORE, M.D., Aural Surgeon, Glasgow Royal Infirmary. With fifty-four stereoscopic photographs, two colored plates, and many illustrations. Bristol: John Wright & Co. 1904.

Would that medical publishers would give us a few more triumphs of the printer's art such as this. The best of paper, good large print, beautiful illustrations, all add to the pleasure of reading a well-written book. To the functional testing of hearing, more space is given than in most text-books. The suppurative affections of the middle ear and their complications are dealt with most thoroughly. Not the least valuable section is that given up to the beautiful stereoscopic photographs. Along with the book goes an ingenious stereoscope, which enables one to appreciate these the more fully, for they make up a veritable atlas of the anatomy and diseases of the ear.

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*The Social Secretary.*—We have all heard more or less about the important young social secretary, who is especially in evidence in Washington circles, but it has remained for the clever writer who is discussing Washington affairs in the *Delineator* to give us an intimate knowledge of this very interesting product. "In regard to this secretaryship," she says in the February number, "it would almost seem as though a beneficent Providence had especially decreed that most American statesmen and officials who came to Washington should be of the self-made type, for no other reason than to insure a genteel occupation to well-bred, well-born, impecunious young women of blue-blooded families." And with reference to her qualifications—"She must be a sort of social Napoleon in petticoats. She must be of the elect, that is of the cave-dweller class. She must have a rich and sure knowledge of Washington's customs, of its pitfalls and snares. She must be well-groomed, well-gowned. She must be possessed of some of the qualities of a Sherlock Holmes, for she must be mistress of all sorts of tricks for discovering the past, present, future, and, if need be, the hereafter of every person who comes within range of her patroness's eye. It is her duty to divide her patroness's list of friends and acquaintances into lots—job-lots, as it were—in