

and are ready for their chrysalis sleep they tunnel up to the surface, so that they may have a convenient exit by which to make their escape when the pupal sleep is over and they have become perfect moths.

But although so much of their life history was known there still remained one problem unsolved. This knotty question was that no one knew for certain whether these larvae attacked the horns and antlers of the buffalo and deer while the animals were alive or only after death. After many years of speculation and conflicting opinions it has at last been conclusively proved that these insects do infest the horns of living quadrupeds, for the news has just come to hand that both the larvae and chrysalis have been taken from the horns within an hour of the death of the animal to which they belonged.—Ex.

Announcement of Importance to Every Physician.

Messrs Lea Brothers & Co. announce for publication in March, 1899, the first volume of "*Progressive Medicine*," a new annual which will be issued in four handsome octavo, cloth bound and richly illustrated volumes of about 400 pages each. The several volumes will appear at intervals of three months. In this age of unusual progress, so rapid is the advance in all departments of medical and surgical science that the need for condensed summaries which shall keep the practitioner up to date at the least possible expenditure of valuable time has become imperative. Many attempts in the way of Year-Books, Retrospects and Abstracts have been made to meet this growing need, but in nearly all of these the process of condensing has not been preceded by a sifting of the good from the useless, and consequently the reader is presented with a mass of information from which he must select with care and study the items which are useful and reliable.

What the busy physician needs to-day is a well-told tale of medical progress in all its lines of thought, told in each line by one well qualified to cull only that matter worthy of his attention and necessary to his success. He needs material which shall teach him all that the master of his specialty knows of the year's work.

It is with the object of presenting only such readable and useful material that these volumes are published, and every contributor to the pages of *Progressive Medicine* will say what he has to say in an original narrative form, so that every statement will bear a personal imprint, expressing not only the views of the author cited, but the opinion of the contributor as well.

To insure completeness of material and harmony of statement, each narrative will receive the careful supervision of the General Editor, Dr. Hobart

Amory Hare, whose reputation will everywhere be acknowledged as ensuring practical utility in a high degree. Those associated with Dr. Hare in the production of "*Progressive Medicine*," include a brilliant gathering of the younger element of the profession, well representing the class which is so energetically contributing to make modern medical history.

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A dealer in Tonka beans visited some time ago a large perfumery house with a sample of some dirty looking crystalline substance. Being very aromatic he thought it might be useful to the perfumer for flavoring purposes. Upon inquiry it was found he had about a barrel full of this stuff and he was willing to dispose of it for what it would fetch. An offer of 25c. a lb. was readily accepted, and the perfumery house secured a barrel of coumorin containing not over 5 per cent. of foreign matter for a few dollars. Coumorin is quoted in the wholesale lists at about 90c. an oz.

Fortune-teller—You will be very poor until you are thirty-five years of age. Impecunious Man (eagerly)—And after then? Fortune-teller—You will get used to it.