

ment. A curious psychological study, entitled "Earliest Recollections," is contributed by Victor and Catherine Henri. The sketch is of Russell H. Chittenden, of the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, and is accompanied by an extremely good frontispiece portrait. Under the head of correspondence are two interesting communications; one entitled "A Fasting Frog," and the other giving an amusing account of the "Eating of the Heart of Louis XIV.," by Dean Buckland. "An Educational Heretic" and "Realization of a Prophecy of Mr. Spencer" are the titles in the Editor's table.

Cataphoresis, or Electric Medicamental Diffusion, as applied in Medicine, Surgery and Dentistry. By WM. JNO. MORTON, M.D.,
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267 pages; 76 Illustrations. \$5.00.

Enthusiasts in fads and facts are always intolerant to those who are not of their way of thinking, and when they happen to hit upon a fad and a fact of real value there are no epithets too damnatory to apply to those who were distrustful. Dr. Morton is an enthusiast of the first degree. This enthusiasm, however, is not based upon his own amazement at the immensity of his own brain, but upon deep and modest devotion and experimental research. If he is not fitted to give us an authoritative work on Cataphoresis Medication, we do not know who is. The contents are divided into the following chapters: I., Historical; II., Physics and Physiology; III., Apparatus and Outfit; IV., Applications in Medicine and General Surgery; V., Special application to Dental Surgery; VI., Application in Microscopical Work. To some readers the work will be of intense interest, to others of intense mystery. The question and technique in electrical action still remains to many busy men an unexplored region, and yet a fascinating one of most modern interest. At present the value of the cataphoresis is not fully accepted by conservative thinkers and practitioners. Yet it may happen, as it has frequently happened in science, that more ignorant men may stumble into the heaven of truth by virtue of their boldness. Failures, which have been many, and difficulties, which are always delightful stimuli, are no sound argument against the possibilities of this method; neither is occasional success sound argument for belief in its infallibility. Imperfect insulation of a county from the gum tissue; the use of the wrong electrode; too high a voltage on thin dentine over exposed pulps will have their victims; but it is too late to condemn cataphoresis on that account; yet it seems too soon to give it unstinted praise. The work is well worth the money. It will need, as it will merit, deep study. We ask for it a good sale in Canada.