

## Book Reviews.

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**PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.** By Edwin T. Doubleday, M.D., and J. Darwin Nagel. Lea Brothers & Co., Philadelphia.

This is one of the Students' Quiz Series. It is arranged in the form of question and answer, being compiled from most of the well-known authors. It may be of assistance to the student who is anxious to hurriedly review his work.

**ESSENTIALS OF DIAGNOSIS.** By Solomon Salis Cohen, M.D., and Augustus A. Eshner, M.D. W. B. Saunders, Philadelphia.

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**A TEXT-BOOK OF PRACTICAL THERAPEUTICS,** with especial reference to the application of remedial measures to diseases, and their employment upon a rational basis. By Hobart Amory Hare, M.D., B.Sc., Professor of Therapeutics and Materia Medica in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia; Laureate of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Belgium, of the Medical Society of London, etc.; President of the Section of Therapeutics in the Pan-American Medical Congress. Third edition. Enlarged and thoroughly revised. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co., 1892.

This book was first issued two years ago, and the fact that in such a short space of time a third edition has been rendered necessary speaks well for its popularity. It is divided into four parts: Part I. treats of general therapeutic considerations, such as modes of action of drugs, modes of administering them, dosage, idiosyncrasy, indications and contraindications for their exhibition, combination of drugs, incompatibility, etc. Part II. is a compilation of all the drugs now considered valuable, arranged in alphabetical order, presumably for convenience of reference. Each drug is described, and its source briefly mentioned. The physiological action is fully but succinctly set forth, and this is followed by a statement of its therapeutic uses, based both upon its physiological action and the experience of practitioners. A very useful addition to this part of the work is a paragraph on "Administration," which gives the book a practical value to both students and physicians which very few works on therapeutics possess. Another important paragraph is that entitled "Contraindications," in which the factors which render the use of the drug inadvisable are set forth. Part III. deals with remedial measures other than drugs, and gives a list of foods suitable for the sick. Part IV. is an enumeration of diseases in alphabetical order, with an outline of treatment for each. The various drugs