

A Text-Book of Materia Medica, Therapeutics and Pharmacology. By GEORGE F. BUTLER, Ph.G., M.D., Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago, Medical Department of the University of Illinois, etc. Fourth edition, thoroughly revised. Handsome octavo volume of 896 pages, illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co., 1902. Cloth, \$4.00 net; sheep or half morocco, \$5.00 net. Canadian Agents, J. A. Carveth & Co., Parliament Street, Toronto.

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Essentials of Diseases of the Ear. By E. B. GLEASON, S.B., M.D., Clinical Professor of Otolaryngology, Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia; Surgeon in charge of the nose, throat and ear department of the Northern Dispensary, Philadelphia, etc. Third edition, thoroughly revised. 16 mo. volume of 214 pages, with 114 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co., 1902. Cloth, \$1.00 net. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., Parliament Street, Toronto.

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