

the fact that the vocabulary of Webster's International Dictionary is 125,000 and the Century Dictionary is 225,000.

LACTATE OF STRONTIUM IN BRIGHT'S DISEASE.
—According to Dr. Ried, *Lancet*, the lactate of strontium, which is certainly an excellent diuretic, is beneficial in a large proportion of cases of Bright's disease, at all events when no sclerosis of the kidney has commenced. It should not be given in powder, as it is liable to provoke sickness; but when dissolved in the proportion of one to six parts of water, three or four table-spoonfuls can be taken per diem without unpleasant effects. Its diuretic action has induced Dr. Ried to believe that the lactate of strontium may be advantageously used instead of salicylates in the treatment of pleuritic effusions.

LATEST QUOTATIONS IN THE DIPLOMA MARKET.
—A London correspondent says the trade in bogus American academic degrees, which Labouchere broke up by his exposures in London *Truth*, is again booming. "England is a peculiarly rich field for this sort of swindle, for John Bull's pet weakness is his ambition to write a long string of letters after his name. The latest quotations for degrees from the bogus American University are M.D., or LL.D., \$150; any other degree, \$125."

FOR AMENORRŒA.—The following (*Pract.*) promises well:—

R.—Hydrargyri chloridi corrosivi, . . gr. $\frac{3}{4}$
Sodii arseniatis, gr. j.
Ferri sulphatis exsiccatae, . . . gr. xxx.
Potassii carbonatis, gr. xv.
Extracti nucis vomicæ, . . . gr. v.—M.
Divid. in pil. xxx.

Sig.—One pill to be taken before each meal.

CHORDEE.—In a paper on "Local Anæsthesia," Dr. Wm. P. Carr, of Washington, D. C., writes, *Med. Bulletin*: "In this connection I may mention a fact well worth knowing, and I think not generally known, the chordee may be entirely and promptly relieved by putting on a condom containing two or three drachms of a two per cent. solution of carbolic acid, and that any pain in the penile portion of the urethra or pendulous penis may be controlled in this way."

Books and Pamphlets.

THE CARE AND FEEDING OF CHILDREN, a Catechism for the use of Mothers and Nurses. By Emmet Holt, M.D. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1894. Pp. 66. 50c.

A useful little book containing much valuable information in a small compass. The name of the author is a sufficient guarantee as to the quality of the information found in it. We commend it to all nurses both in and out of training, and to mothers having charge of their own infants.

BREAD FROM STONES. A new and rational system of land fertilization and physical regeneration. Translated from the German writings of Julius Hensel. Philadelphia: A. J. Tafel. 1894.

The author's idea is that much that is now used as manure is useless, and goes back to the primeval rocks for the source of the supply of new material which is to regenerate the soil that has been exhausted by constant tillage. The work is interesting to all engaged in agriculture.

A MANUAL OF HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY. By Joseph H. Raymond, A.M.M.D., Professor of Physiology and Hygiene, Long Island Hospital, etc., with 102 illustrations and 4 full page colored plates. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders. 1894.

The work is intended for students, and gives the main facts of the science; such as are necessary to be known if a sound method of treating disease is to be possible, leaving the more abstruse and recondite parts of the subject for future study by those whose inclination leads them in that direction. The idea is that of a practical teacher, and is, we think, well worked out in this book. He avoids what is "the impossible" during a student's life, and deals with the possible and practical.

ESSENTIALS OF DISEASES OF THE EAR; Arranged in the form of questions and answers. By E. B. Gleason, S.B.M.D., Clinical Professor of Otology Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, etc. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders. 1894.

This is the latest of Saunders' Question Compend. It was written mainly for physicians who wish to take a post-graduate course in otology, to enable them, with the smallest amount of reading possible, to obtain a rudimentary knowledge of the essentials of the science, and thus to appreciate what is seen and heard in the actual work of an ear dispensary. It will supplement the lectures which undergraduates receive on the subject, and will be, we think, of great use to students for this purpose.