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The clinical lectures in this volume are of a superior quality. They are exceedingly practical. It is impossible to review the whole number, but one clinic of very practical use we will refer to, "The Treatment of Lateral Curvature of the Spine," by Dr. Edward H. Bradford, Assistant Professor of Orthopædic Surgery in Harvard Medical School, which is graphically described. The common occurrence of this affection makes its importance more appreciated, while errors of diagnosis are frequent. Dr. Bradford has gone fully into causation—faulty position in sitting at school and home, lack of athletic exercise, poor assimilation, etc.; described the *anatomical peculiarities*, and *how to examine cases* and the treatment. The clinic is most carefully illustrated by photos and diagrams that will be of greatest aid in diagnosis. The paper and binding are an improvement on the former series.

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**A TEXT-BOOK OF THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF MEDICINE.** By American Teacher. Edited by William Pepper, M.D., LL.D., Provost and Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine and Clinical Medicine in the University of Toronto. In two volumes. Illustrated. Volume II. Pages 1,046. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 1925 Walnut street.

Volume II. of the text-book of the theory and practice of medicine is fully up to the standard of excellency of the first volume. It opens with a complete article by Dr. William H. Welch on "Bacteria Infection and Immunity." The known facts concerning the toxic products of bacteria are discussed at some length, and here one will find the latest information upon the many pathological questions concerning infectious diseases.

Dr. Henry M. Lyman, in a series of articles, deals with the principal arthritic diseases, biliary lithiasis, gravel, obesity, diabetes, gout, and rheumatism. His article on obesity is a very interesting one, and contains many practical hints to the physician. Bouchard bases the treatment of obesity upon the condition of the urine.

When nitrogenous excreta are present in excessive quantity, the amount of albuminous food should be reduced. When the urea is deficient in the urine the quantity of food should be at first diminished, and then increased as con-