

Ether Death. A Personal Experience in Four Cases of Death from Anæsthetics. By JOHN B. ROBERTS, A.M., M.D., Lecturer on Anatomy and Operative Surgery, in Philadelphia School of Anatomy. (Reprint from the *Philadelphia Medical Times*.

The Illustrated Scientific News. The July number of this highly interesting and instructive illustrated periodical has been received, and presents amongst other valuable matter, an illustrated account of the Dobear Telephone, Glass Grinding Machine, Ancient Pottery from Cyprus, Mechanical Larynx, the Remarkable Palmyra Palm, Curious Fishes, the Bursting of a Fly-wheel, etc. The enterprising publishers Messrs. Munn & Co., 37 Park Row, New York, deserve the support of the profession and the intelligent public generally; and we cordially commend this enterprise which places within the reach of all, this very excellent verbal and pictorial account of many curiosities and inventions of scientific and general interest, for the moderate sum of \$1.50 a year.

Atlas of Gynecology and Obstetrics. Edited by DR. A. MARTIN, Prof. of Gynecology, University of Berlin. Containing 475 black, and 37 coloured illustrations from the original designs of the best known names in Obstetric Medicine and Pathological Anatomy, and supplemented by numerous drawings from J. P. Maygrier's *Nouvelles Demonstrations D'Accouchements*. Cincinnati, O.: A. E. Wilde & Co., Publishers.

The first four numbers of this admirable work have come to hand. The title above cited sufficiently sets forth its character and scope, and the name of Martin, of Berlin, will be a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the production. Many of the plates will be found to be old and familiar friends, having been adopted from such authors as Beigel, Virchow, Hyatt, Nægele, Schroeder, Rokitansky, Busch, Hueter, Duges, Hodge, Blume, Boivin, Dubois, Hunter, Braune, Moreau, Duncan, Wagner, Kiersch, Cruveilhier, Olshausen, etc. Such a collection can nowhere else be had, and the price demanded is absurdly small. The work is sold only by subscription, and we sincerely trust that a long list may amply repay the enterprise manifested by the Publishers.

Atlas of Skin Diseases. By LOUIS A. DUHRING, M.D., Prof. of Skin Diseases in the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, etc. Part IX. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. 1881.

Part IX. of the concluding number of this well-known, and justly much-lauded Atlas of Skin Diseases is now before the public. It comprises two plates of Eczema Rubrum and one each of Pemphigus and Ecthyma. The vocabulary of commendation has been so nearly exhausted in the notices on all hands of the previous numbers of the series, that no meed of praise remains for this final part, other than an iteration of the merits and characteristics of its predecessors, viz.:—truthfulness to life and excellence of mechanical execution. We congratulate the author upon the high standard and sterling worth of the work he has produced; the artists and publishers upon the admirable manner in which their part has been performed and the professional public upon their good fortune in now having, within easy reach, so excellent a portrayal of the most important diseases of the skin, of which, we are sorry to say, so many know so little.

Zoological Atlas, (including comparative anatomy), illustrating a series of Typical Forms, Representing the Chief Divisions of Animal Life by Drawings of Specimens and Dissections, with practical Directions and explanatory Text. By Dr. McAlpine, F.C.S., Lecturer on Biology and Natural History, Edinburgh. Imperial quarto., Full bound cloth, in two parts. Vertebrate, 24 full-coloured plates. Invertebrate, 16 ditto. Edinburgh: W. & A. K. Johnston.

We are in receipt of the first part of this excellent atlas, dealing with the anatomy of the vertebrata, and comprising 5 plates illustrating the anatomy of the skate, 4 of the cod, 1 of the salamander, 3 of the tortoise, 4 of the pigeon, and 7 of the rabbit. The drawings are very well executed throughout, and the colouring good; the whole conveying an excellent idea of the parts and forms depicted. An explanatory text facing each plate and clearly indicating and describing the parts portrayed, of course greatly enhances their value to the student, as do also the accompanying practical directions. We unhesitatingly recommend the work to all who are commencing the study of zoology.