

equally true that in the purely practical they always were, and still remain, in the background. The solution of this fact may be traced partly to the difference in the curriculum of study, and we are free to confess that we have always held the opinion, with the greatest respect for our colleagues in the United States, that of the two systems the former would prove to be the best in the long run. In reviewing contributions to our literature, it is but fair to remember this fact, as a suggestion in tolerance; and it is an unpardonable folly for either side to introduce national predilections and personal satire—as has been done by some of our contemporaries—in judging the merits or demerits of a scientific work.

From the standpoint of practice on this continent, the volume before us may, in several respects, be questioned as an authority; but as a model of concise yet sometimes hasty description, stripped of the verbiage which disfigures so many text-books on dentistry; as a clear and explicit *multum in parvo* one must candidly allow that it is a welcome addition to our literature. We could mention books recognized in our colleges as authorities, so full of literary flatulence, as to remind one of the *savant* mentioned in Moore's Diary, who wrote several folio volumes on the "Digestion of a Flea." One will be struck with the almost laconic style of the authors of this valuable work. There is no *flux de mos*. One has not to blow off a lot of froth before one can drink. There is no inflated nonsense or circumlocution. Perhaps the chief fault is in the other direction. Of the two evils we can spare best the latter.

The authors have adopted the following terms in anatomy—mandible, for inferior maxilla, maxilla being restricted to the upper jaw; temporo-mandibular, as articulation for temporo-maxillary joint; stylo-mandibular ligament, as mandibular artery and nerve respectively, for the stylo-maxillary ligament and inferior dental artery and nerve. The illustrations are mostly original and are beautiful. The list of contents comprises concise chapters on "First Dentition," "Abnormalities and Diseases of the Temporary Teeth," "Second Dentition," "Abnormalities of the Permanent Teeth," "Concussion, Dislocation and Fracture of the Teeth," "Caries," "Treatment of Caries," "The Dental Pulp and Its Treatment in Health and Disease," "Diseases of the Dental Periosteum," "Erosion," "Attrition," "Abrasion," "Diseases of the Gums," "Saliva and Salivary Calculus," "Odontomes," "Replantation, Transplantation and Implantation of the Teeth," "Extraction, Odontalgia and Neuralgia," "Fractures of the Jaws," "Necrosis of the Jaws," "Empyæma of the Antrum," "Trismus, Diseases Due to the Presence of Diseased Teeth," "Affections of the Tongue Met With in Dental Practice," "Diagnosis of Swelling About the Jaws."

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