

*Soluble Compressed Pellets.* A new form of Remedies for Hypodermic use, and applicable to Ophthalmic and General Medication. By H. AUGUSTUS WILSON, M.D. (Reprint from *Trans. Am. Med. Association.*)

*Transactions of the American Ophthalmological Society—17th Annual Meeting, Newport, 1881.* Copies can be procured of the Secretary, Richard H. Derby, M.D., at 9 West 35th Street, New York.

*The Trance State in Inebriety: Its Medical Relations.* By T. D. CROTHERS, M.D., Superintendent Walnut Lodge, Hartford, Conn. With an introduction on the nature and character of the Trance State. By Geo. M. Beard, M.D., New York City.

*Memoranda of Physiology.* By HENRY ASHBY, M.D. (Lond.), Lecturer on Physiology, Owen's College, Manchester. New York: William Wood & Co.

This is the third edition of this little *cram* book, prepared especially for the use of students. It has become quite popular in England, as shown by the fact of the necessity of a third edition within three years. We prefer to see students write their own memoranda. Those unwilling to do so may find this work useful, but we cannot recommend it.

*A Manual of Organic Materia Medica.* By JOHN M. MAISCH, Phar. D., Professor of Materia Medica and Botany, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's Son & Co.

This book, which is intended especially for pharmacists and druggists, gives a very brief but accurate description of the physical, histological, and chemical characters of organic drugs, the classification being based on their resemblance to each other in physical and structural properties, without any regard to their physiological actions. A valuable feature connected with the book is the large number (194) of excellent illustrations, both gross and microscopic. We feel sure that the work will be very acceptable to those for whom it is intended.

*Illustrations of Dissections in a Series of Original Coloured Plates, Representing the Dissection of the Human Body.* By GEO. VINER ELLIS, Professor of Anatomy in the University College, London, and G. H. Ford, Esq. Vol. I. Second edition. New York: Wm. Wood & Co., 27 Great Jones Street, 1882.

This is the January number of Wood's Library for 1882. The drawings are from nature, by Mr. Ford, from dissections by Professor Ellis; and the volume contains "a concise description of a series of anatomical plates with some remarks on the practical applications of anatomical facts to surgery." Of the original plates it is unnecessary to speak since during the last six years the excellence of their execution has been oft attested, and Prof. Ellis' authority as an anatomist is paramount. Of their reproduction here we can only say that the letter-press is, of course, unaltered, and the plates themselves (somewhat reduced) as good and faithful copies as could be expected. The dissections of the upper limb, 12 plates, and of the head and neck, 16 plates, are included in this volume. They cannot fail to be of service to the dissecting student, and to the operating surgeon.

*A System of Surgery, Theoretical and Practical, in Treatises by various authors.* Edited by T. Holmes, M.A., Cantab., Surgeon and Lecturer on Surgery at St. George's Hospital. First American, from Second English Edition, thoroughly revised and much enlarged. By JOHN H. PACKARD, M.D., Surgeon to the Episcopal and St. Joseph's Hospitals, Philadelphia; assisted by a large corps of the most eminent American surgeons. In three volumes, with many illustrations. Vol. II. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea's Son & Co., 1881. Toronto: Hart & Co.

Of this edition of Holmes' system of surgery we have already spoken in the highest terms we could command when noticing the appearance of the first volume, and repetition of that commendation would be superfluous. Vol. II. contains the diseases of the organs of Special Sense, Diseases of Circulatory System, Diseases of Digestive Tract, and diseases of the Genito-urinary organs. Its publication is a great boon to American surgeons, and especially to the younger generation of them, none of whom can afford to be without it. The only article