

charlatans, that the general profession is rather prone to look askance at any claims made for its use even by physicians. Possibly this feeling is being, to a certain extent, fostered by the very enthusiasm of those who have rescued it from the quacks, and who themselves promise great things from the use of an element as yet but little understood. It is time that great and useful discoveries as to its applicability have lately been made, and that it should be given a fair and careful trial in medicine. A work such as this gives an insight into the work being done and the great difficulties which have to be overcome. Being a society's transactions, it shows that the members have faith in their methods and are willing to submit them to the medical public for criticism. The book should be looked into by all who wish to have a broad knowledge of medical topics.

A Treatise on the Acute, Infectious Exanthemata.--Including variola, rubeola, scarlatina, rubella, varicella and vaccinia, with especial reference to diagnosis and treatment. By WILLIAM THOMAS CORLETT, M.D., L.R.C.P. (Lond.), Professor of Dermatology and Syphilology in Western Reserve University; physician for diseases of the skin to Lakeside Hospital; consulting dermatologist to Charity Hospital, St. Alexis Hospital, and the City Hospital, Cleveland; member of the American Dermatological Association and the Dermatological Society of Great Britain and Ireland. Illustrated by twelve colored plates, twenty-eight half-tone plates from life, and two engravings. Pages viii-392. Size, 6½ by 9½ inches. Sold only by subscription. Price, extra cloth, \$4.00 net, delivered. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company, publishers, 1914-16 Cherry Street.

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