

Therapeutics of Infancy and Childhood. By A. Jacobi, M.D., Clinical Professor of the Diseases of Children in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York. Second Edition. J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia, Pa.; Canadian Agent, Charles Roberts, 593 Cadieux st., Montreal.

The first edition of this interesting and useful book was issued in 1896, and, as would be expected from the eminent abilities of the writer as a teacher and writer on pædiatrics, it was warmly received and accorded the fullest praise by the profession and medical reviewers of the United States, Canada and in Europe. The present edition has new chapters and others entirely rewritten, and much additional matter and changes characterize the remaining portions of the work. The volume of over 600 pages represents the results of the author's personal observations, and reflects largely the present state of our knowledge of pædiatrics as expressed by its leading exponents on both sides of the Atlantic. The articles are eminently practical, condensed and pointed, and refer almost entirely to the prophylactic and therapeutic aspect of the subjects treated. Dr. Jacobi is undoubtedly a very conservative investigator. He was one of the latest authorities to regard diphtheria as a local disease rather than a general affection with local manifestations, and, in the discussion of the treatment of the disease in the present volume, the author depends largely on the old forms of treatment, Mercury and Iron, and speaks of the antitoxin treatment as if he had not had any experience of it himself, but grudgingly has to admit the effectiveness of the treatment from the results of other authorities. Dr. Jacobi questions the existence of the disease Rötheln. In his reference to disinfectants, in view of the vast resources available now, the meagre directions here seem insufficient; formalin is not mentioned. While the experience of others is largely drawn from Dr. Jacobi's book is a presentation chiefly of what he observes and does himself rather than what occurs beyond his own horizon. It is replete, however, with practical suggestions, and will prove a useful addition to one's stock of pædiatric literature.

A Manual of Legal Medicine for the use of Practitioners and Students of Medicine and Law. By Justin Herold, A.M., M.D., formerly coroner's physician of New York City and County, late house physician and surgeon of St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City, etc. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Charles Roberts, 593a Cadieux st., Montreal agent.

The subject of this work is not one in which there are as great a number of workers as in other departments of medicine, hence a new book devoted to legal medicine at the present time is especially welcome. Dr. Herold endeavours in this book to give the general principals and leading facts of medico-legal questions as accepted at the present time in a condensed form, drawing his information from the more elaborate and classic volumes now available, as well as from his own personal experience which has been not inconsiderable. The author states that in the present volume everything