

stones. He does not dispute the fact that surgery finds its place in the well selected cases, but argues that it is not the rational treatment in the great majority of cases, and that much more can be accomplished by the physician than the surgeon in this field. The grounds he takes is that the surgeon, by opening the gall-bladder or ducts, or both, and removing the stones, does little towards permanently relieving his patient; whereas, the physician who recognizes and treats, by diet, drugs, hygiene, etc., the causes of the formation, migration of the stones, with their consequent impaction and perforation of ducts, accomplishes much more.

The author quotes many cases, amongst others his own personal experience, having been a sufferer for years from gall-stones. The treatise is divided into the Formation and Migration of Gall-stones, the Morbid Conditions associated with them, their Symptoms, Diagnosis, and Treatment, and will prove to be four or five hours' useful and pleasant reading.

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A Text-Book of Practical Therapeutics, with Special Reference to the Application of Remedial Measures to Disease and Their Employment Upon a Rational Basis. By HOBART AMORY HARE, M.D., B.S.C, Professor of Therapeutics and Materia Medica in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia; Physician to the Jefferson Medical College Hospital; One-time Clinical Professor of Diseases of Children in the University of Pennsylvania; Laureate of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Belgium, of the Medical Society of London; Corresponding Fellow of the Sociedad Espanola de Hygiene of Madrid; Author of a "Text-Book of Practical Diagnosis," etc. Ninth edition, enlarged, thoroughly revised and largely rewritten. Illustrated with 105 engravings and four colored plates. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co. 1902.

This, the ninth edition revised and enlarged, practically represents the scientific and practical therapeutics of to-day. The author, whose whole life has been devoted chiefly in this direction, has compiled a work which no physician or student can do without if he wishes the most ready and up-to-date therapeutical work in his library. Dr. Hare's clear-sightedness and exactness is characterized in his work, and has enabled him to give his confreres a volume that cannot but be fully appreciated by his many admirers.

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The Care of the Teeth. By SAMUEL A. HOPKINS, M.D., D.D.S. Professor of Theory and Practice of Dentistry in Tufts College Dental School. New York: D. Appleton & Company. 1902.

Appropriately dedicated to the mother is this little work on the care of the teeth. How much anxiety and trouble would be spared