

any of the great Fathers of Medicine, suggesting the *examination of the breath*, in order to ascertain the *nature* of an *evident injury of the brain*! It was reserved as the crowning glory of the last days of 1875 to promulgate, thus modestly, this inestimable discovery.

The idea is an original one, and deserves to be "*carefully examined (twice)*!" Of course a particularly acute sense of smell is indispensable; to ascertain the exact nature of the brain injury, and to distinguish between it—and alcoholic "*flavor*!"

I am, &c.,

E. D. WORTHINGTON.

---

## Reviews and Notices of Books.

---

*A Practical Treatise on Fractures and Dislocations.* By FRANK HASTINGS HAMILTON, A.M., M.D., LL.D., Surgeon to the Bellevue Hospital, New York, Consulting Surgeon to the Hospital for ruptured and cripples, &c., &c. Fifth edition, revised and improved; illustrated with three hundred and forty-four wood cuts; 8 vo. pp. 831. Philadelphia, Henry C. Lea, 1875.

This treatise first saw light in 1860, and since that period has deservedly occupied a prominent position as an authority on the subject of Fractures and Dislocations. It is undoubtedly the most reliable treatise on this subject in our language. Throughout it will be seen that the author has been a careful and painstaking observer, a faithful and conscientious seeker after truth. The record he publishes is an accurate and unvarnished tale. In keeping before the professional world this very excellent treatise, the author has been no idler, the subject has been to him one of more than ordinary interest, and from what he has produced we judge that much time has been devoted to the subject. It is no mere book compilation, while the author gracefully gives to