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NEW MEDICATIONS. By Professor Dujardin-Beaumont, Member of the Academy of Medicine and of the Council of Hygiene and Salubrity of the Seine; Physician to the Cochin Hospital; Editor-in-Chief of the *Bulletin Général de Thérapeutique*, Paris, France. Translated by E. P. Hurd, M.D. With Appendices and Illustrations. In two parts. 1886. George S. Davis, Detroit, Michigan.

This is a most interesting and instructive work and is in every sense practical, which latter remark may be taken for granted when we discover the well-known name of the author, Professor Dujardin-Beaumont. The book is devoted to the therapeutics of the more recent remedies, and modes of treating the very many diseases to which human beings fall heir. Chapter first opens with a resumé of the great discoveries of the past fifty years, and takes into consideration the first use of Ether and Chloroform as anæsthetics. It also deals with Chloral and the origin and uses of the Hypodermic Injections. Chapter second takes into consideration the subject of New Cardiac Medicaments, and deals at some length on the physiological actions and therapeutic uses of such important drugs as Convallaria Majalis, Caffeine and Nitro-Glycerine, as well as those of lesser note, such as Adonidine, Sparteine, &c. Chapter third enters into the theories regarding the treatment of certain diseases of the stomach, by Lavage, or washing out the stomach. The fourth section is devoted to New Gastro-Intestinal Medications. The remainder of the work is occupied by items of equally great and absorbing interest, and the various subjects are so arranged as to make their perusal agreeable, and not, as in some cases, wearisome. We can most heartily recommend it to our readers.

A MANUAL ON INHALERS, INHALATIONS AND INHALANTS, and a guide to their discriminating use in the treatment of Common Catarrhal Diseases of the Respiratory Tract. By Beverley Robinson, M.D., Clinical Professor of Medicine at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York. Second Edition. 1887. George S. Davis, Detroit, Mich.

This little work forms a part of series No. 1 of the Physicians' Leisure Library, which was begun some time ago by George S. Davis, of Detroit, Michigan, the publisher's idea being to issue small works at small cost, on subjects of

practical importance to every busy medical man. That the subject here chosen for the initial number of this series is a most important and practical one, no person will deny, for few diseases are more common in this country than catarrhal affections of the nose and throat. The author of this little book says he is convinced that a small work, on the above mentioned subject, is needed by general practitioners of medicine; first, because the text-books for sale are somewhat out of date; second, because those obtainable do not answer actual requirements, owing to their size and completeness. By this criticism he means particularly that many inhalers are described in detail which are no longer employed at all—and, indeed, never were used, except perhaps by the inventors—and views are related at length, which were formerly debatable, but now are settled definitely. Chapter I. is devoted to Medicated Sprays and the description of various instruments employed in spraying the nose and throat. Chapter II. deals with Steam Atomisers, and their utility in the treatment of Acute and Chronic Inflammatory Diseases of the Nose and Throat. Chapter III. describes the manner of using Steam Inhalers, and the advantages in, and objections to, their employment. Chapter IV. takes up Vapor Inhalations, and their utility and comparison with Cold Atomised Inhalations. Chapter V. gives many useful and practical prescriptions for using by atomization and inhalation. It is all through a most interesting little work and is well worthy of every physician's perusal.

THE CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF OVER TWO THOUSAND CONSECUTIVE CASES OF EAR DISEASES at Dr. Sexton's Aural Clinic, New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. By Samuel Sexton, M.D., Aural Surgeon, and W. A. Bartlett, M.D., and Robert Barclay M.D., Assistant Surgeons. 1886. George S. Davis, Detroit, Mich.

The author at the outset informs us that this little work is intended to present a classified list of the aural cases recently seen in the practice of the above mentioned infirmary, and to bring into prominence the more practical features demanding treatment. He adds that the relation in detail of the many cases of interest seen would not be so instructive as the presentation of general conclusions drawn from observations in the large field offered by the aural clinic. The importance of inflammation of the attic of the tympanum seemed to demand the considerable space given to its discussion. The cases have been divided according to the anatomical location of the disease, and the whole subject is included under nine sections, namely, (a) the auricle; the diseases to which this region is subject (eg. Eczema, Erysipelas, Herpes Zoster, &c.) are briefly mentioned, and their treatment given; (b) the external auditory canal; (c) the drum-