

## Book Reviews.

**Saunders' Question-Compends—Essentials of Diagnosis.** By Solomon Solis-Cohen, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine and Therapeutics in the Philadelphia Polyclinic, etc., etc., and Augustus A. Eshner, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine in the Philadelphia Polyclinic, etc. Illustrated. Second edition. Revised and enlarged. Philadelphia, W. B. Saunders, 1900. Canadian agents, J. A. Carveth & Co., Toronto. Price, \$1.00.

This volume, which represents the second edition of "Essentials of Diagnosis," is a neat work of four hundred pages. It is well bound and well printed. It is reliable, concise and up to date.

It opens with a very complete chapter on the general principles and methods of diagnosis. Then follows a special description of each disease by which it may be distinguished. This is followed by the differential diagnosis. The different diseases resembling the one in question, and the points of difference are clearly pointed out.

It is a little book that will be found exceedingly useful to the practitioner as well as the student.

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**Annual and Analytical Cyclopædia of Practical Medicine.** By Charles E. de M. Sajous, M.D., and one hundred associate editors, assisted by corresponding editors, collaborators and correspondents. Illustrated with chromolithographs, engravings and maps. Volume V. The F. A. Davis Company, publishers, Philadelphia, New York and Chicago, 1900.

This volume includes a consideration of subjects between "Methyl Blue and Rabies" in alphabetical order. The editor states that this fifth volume "has proved the most arduous one to prepare of the entire series, involving as it does almost every specialty—otology, laryngology, ophthalmology, neurology, pædiatrics, obstetrics, therapeutics, etc., besides the sections usually classed under general medicine and surgery."

It contains a number of excellent articles; in these and throughout, in all, the chief features are pointed, terse descriptions, giving all the newer aspects of the various questions, and only that which has a practical bearing. Morphomania, by Norman Kerr, is ably treated. The symptoms and treatment are given fully, as well as the bearing of such cases towards life insurance. He is of opinion, contrary to Mattison's view, that heredity has something to do with these cases, and that every variety of inebriant, inherits either the inebriate diathesis or some germane neurosis; myxoedema is exhaustively treated by Chas. E. de M. Sajous, the article being illustrated by a beautifully colored plate showing the physiological importance of the thyroid gland as illustrated by its vascular relation.

"Nursing and Artificial Feeding," by L. Emmett Holt, and Linmaus Edfard La Feira, is an exceedingly valuable article, giving the latest points in regard to modification of milk, sterilization and pasteurization rules, for artificial feeding, etc. Other important articles are: The Disorders of Pregnancy, by Dr.