

A Dictionary of Treatment, or Therapeutic Index, including medical and surgical therapeutics. By William Whitla, M.D., Professor of *Materia Medica* and Therapeutics in the Queen's College, Belfast. Revised and adapted to the pharmacopœia of the United States. In one octavo volume of 917 pages. Cloth, \$4. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co., 1892.

This is an excellent practical book, which ought to become very popular among busy practitioners. Diseases are taken in alphabetical order, the first being "abortion," and the last "yellow fever." In connection with each the treatment is discussed, and the remedies most suitable, in the opinion of the author, are recommended. It will thus be seen that it does not give simply a list of drugs, or a number of prescriptions for each ailment, but rather a complete statement of the best modern therapeutic methods.

Consumption: How to Prevent it and How to Live with it. By N. S. Davis, jr., A.M., M.D., Professor of Principles and Practice of Medicine, Chicago Medical College. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis, 1891.

This valuable little book has gradually evolved from the hygienic rules laid down in brief conversations with patients. Since it is impossible, in a brief consultation, to give a consumptive all the necessary directions, the author has endeavored to make the work one which may safely and profitably be placed in the hands of patients. The object is laudable, and the advice given trustworthy. The details as to the hygiene of the consumptive, his food, the exercise to be taken by him, and the most suitable climate for him to live in, are dealt with in such a way as to be instructive to, and valuable for, both patient and physician.

Saunders' Question Compend, No. 23: Essentials of Medical Electricity. By D. D. Stewart, M.D., and E. S. Laurance, M.D. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders, 1892.

Mr. Saunders will permit us to offer him our sincerest thanks that this addition to his series is not arranged in the form of question and answer. Visions of our childhood's catechism no longer rise up against us as we look at the blue covers. The authors are both experienced teachers, and their knowledge of the difficulties

of students have enabled them to clear away some stumbling-blocks in this difficult subject.

Wood's Medical and Surgical Monographs, December, 1891, contains Modern *Materia Medica*, with Therapeutic Notes. By Dr. Otto Roth.

The alphabetical arrangement of the work facilitates ready reference, and at the same time renders more noticeable any omissions. During a cursory examination of a few moments, we note the absence of any reference to Ouabaine, Jambul, Pichi, Erythroplaine, Chekan, Manaca. An author must, no doubt, be often puzzled what drugs to describe, what to omit, but in a *modern* *materia medica* it certainly does cause some surprise to find that hydrogen peroxide is not even mentioned.

The Complete Medical Pocket Formulary and Physician's Vade Mecum, containing upwards of 2500 prescriptions, collected from the practice of physicians and surgeons of experience, arranged under an alphabetical list of diseases. Collated by J. C. Wilson, A.M., M.D. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co., 1892.

This pocket formulary, besides some 2500 prescriptions, contains a special list of new remedies, their dosage, solubilities, and therapeutic applications, tables of formulæ for suppositories, hypodermic medication, inhalation, a list of common poisons and their antidotes, a posological table, and other useful information, making it a real *vade mecum*.

Pamphlets and Reprints.

Hand Disinfection. Reprinted from *American Journal of Obstetrics and Diseases of Children*. Also, *The Ideal Dressing for the Abdominal Wound.* Reprinted from *American Journal of Obstetrics*. By Howard A. Kelly, M.D., Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics at the Johns Hopkins University; Gynecologist and Obstetrician at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Tubal and Peritoneal Tuberculosis with Special Reference to Diagnosis. By George M. Edebohls, A.M., M.D., Gynecologist to St. Francis Hospital, New York. Reprinted from the Transactions of the American Gynecological Society, September, 1891.