

has been brought about by the statements of Dr. George Wilson, of Edinburgh, in his address on "State Medicine" at the last meeting of the British Medical Association held at Portsmouth. In fact, he has raised a hornet's nest about his ears by some of his statements on bacteriology. In his address he stated that "bacteriologists are not sure of their tuberculous bacillus, and it is a moot question whether the bacillus which is found in milk, and which is labelled as the tubercle bacillus, is not cow dung bacillus. A distinguished bacteriologist has admitted it. I venture to reiterate it." Of course, Dr. Wilson's competency in this special matter is called in question, but, true to his national instinct, he does not seem loathe to take up the gauntlet which has been thrown down to him. Incidentally, Dr. Wilson calls attention of bacteriologists to the fact that, in his opinion, Jenners' great discovery of the preventative power of vaccination has really no proper analogy with many of the serum treatments to which it is sometimes said to bear a real analogy. This question is one of intense interest to the profession, and the fight will be watched with eagerness by both contending parties.

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## Book Reviews.

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**A Treatise on Surgery.** By American Authors. Edited by Roswell Park, M.D., Professor of Surgery in the University of Buffalo, N.Y. New condensed edition in one royal octavo volume of 1262 pages with 625 engravings and 37 full-page plates in colours and monochrome. Cloth, \$6 net; leather \$7 net. Lea Brothers & Co., Philadelphia and New York.

This is a condensed edition of the two-volume form published in 1896, and the author has taken advantage of this opportunity to revise the work to date, making it a thoroughly modern text book reflecting the methods of teaching developed by large experience.

The great demand for the work in its two-volume form which greeted its first appearance in 1896 warranted the belief that a somewhat condensed edition in a single volume, and at a correspondingly lower price, would add to its popularity. It is no small task to gather a comprehensive and authoritative expression of modern surgical knowledge. The labor of condensing this large and exhaustive work has been splendidly performed, for with great discrimination the editor has culled the essential facts without in-