

the time to read the reports of the never ending list of new synthetic drugs placed on the market appearing in the various journals. While the vast majority of these new compounds sink into perhaps a well-merited oblivion, there are always a few that stand the test of time and experience. It is to cull these for the benefit of the busy practitioner that Mr. Wainwright has issued his booklet, and well has he done his work. I note the omission of the cocodyls from the arsenical preparations, and adrenalin from the animal extracts, although the extract of the suprarenals is mentioned. A very welcome addition, and one which may be profitably extended in the next edition, is the department of newer therapeutics—excellent articles, models of condensation, appearing as the Nauheim treatment of heart diseases, general, regional and local anæsthesia both by Schleich and spinal methods. The notes on Nirvanin deserve the consideration of those enthusiasts of the spinal method of anæsthesia. The volume contains 224 pages of printed matter, in clear type, on dull-finished paper, deckled edge, gilt top, and is a credit to the bookmaker. It should be on the desk of every physician.

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A Text-Book of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, or the action of drugs in health and diseases, by Arthur R. Cushing, M.A., M.D. (Aberdeen), Professor of Pharmacology and Therapeutics in the University of Michigan—second edition revised and enlarged, 47 engravings. Lea Bros. & Co., Philadelphia and New York, 1901.

Cushing's work is too widely and favourably known to call for more than the briefest notice. The first edition of his work was fully reviewed in this journal on its appearance over a year ago—and it is gratifying alike to his friends and himself that a work "which endeavours to explain the *reason* for drug action and to offer a corrected and rational body of knowledge concerning "Therapeutics" has met with the measure of success it deserves. The last edition contains a few new articles and some necessary corrections of clerical errors. Not the least pleasing feature of the book is its literary style, a form of writing that finds perhaps its highest expression in the workings of Lauder Brunton, and which makes the reading a pleasure instead of a toil, while the bibliographic index at the end of the sections is valuable to those wishing to delve deeper into any subject than could, of necessity be expected in a text-book of its avowed objects.

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Venereal Diseases. A Manual for Students and Practitioners, by James R. Hayden, M.D. Third and revised edition. Lea Bros. & Co., publishers, Philadelphia, 1902.

Much of the text of this edition has been re-written and many new illustrations added. New sections on Vegetations and Herpes have appeared for the first time and are certainly a valuable addi-