

Books and Magazines.

VETERINARY COUNTER PRACTICE.—This work written especially for chemists and druggists will prove a most valuable aid in counter practice. Hitherto too much of this work has been let slip from our hands and a book of this kind furnishes the main points which can be readily made use of in the treatment of domestic animals. Being the production of qualified veterinary surgeons, entire dependence can be placed in the treatments prescribed. Published at the office of *The Chemist and Druggist*, 42 Cannon st., London. Price 3s. 6d.

THE POCKET MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS: a Resume of the Action and Doses of all Official and Non-official Drugs now in common use. By C. Henri Leonard, A. M., M. D., Professor of Medical and Surgical Gynecology in the Detroit College of Medicine. Cloth, 12 mo., 300 pages; price, postpaid, \$1.00. *The Illustrated Medical Journal Company*, Publishers, Detroit.

This volume, so the preface informs us, has been in preparation for the past four years. The drugs of as late introduction as 1891 are to be found in its pages. The author claims to have incorporated everything of merit, whether official or non-official, that could be found either in standard works or from many manufacturers' catalogues. The scheme embraces the pronunciation, official or non-official indication (show by an *), genitive case-ending, common name, dose and metric dose. Then the synonyms, English, French and German. If a plant, the part used, habitat, natural order, and description of plant and flowers, with its alkaloids if any. If a mineral, its chemical symbol, atomic weight, looks, taste, and how found, and its peculiarities. Then the action and uses of the drug, its antagonists, incompatibles, synergists and antidotes. Then follow its official and non-official preparations, with their medium and maximum doses, based, so far as possible, upon the last U. S. dispensatory. Altogether it is a handy volume for either the physician, student or druggist, and will be frequently appealed to if in one's possession. It is the most complete small book on this subject now issued.

THERE yet remain two months in which new subscribers may enter the great *Dominion Illustrated* prize competition and try for one of the 100 prizes, aggregating over \$3,000 in value which the publishers of that journal offer. The competition closes June 30th, but new competitors may enter at any time provided their answers to the 36 questions are received at the office of the journal prior to the above mentioned date. The questions are published in monthly instalments of six each, and the answers are to be found in the pages of the *Dominion Illustrated* for the

six months ending June 30th. For sample copy and full particulars send 12 cents in stamps to the publishers, the Sabiston Litho. and Pub. Co., Montreal.

THE North American Review for May contains an excellent article from the pen of Bishop Potter, of New York, on "The Gospel of Wealth," also one by Hon. Jos. Chamberlain on "Favorable Aspects of State Socialism." Articles of special interest to Canadian readers by Sir Charles Tupper and the Marquis of Lorne, together with some productions from other prominent writers make this number an especially valuable one.

New Business House.

WE have much pleasure in calling the attention of the trade to the advertisement of W. H. Bleasdel & Co., who have opened in commodious premises at No. 74, York St., Toronto, with a fine display of goods. The firm consists of W. H. Bleasdel, so well known to our readers as the head of the former firm bearing the same name, in partnership with the late Mr. Hickson, J. W. Lester, formerly of the Mitchell & Lester Co., so well and favorably known on the road, and J. E. Thomson, formerly foreign buyer for the firm of Mitchell & Lester Co., and occupying the same position in the present firm, and whose experience and acquaintance with the European markets cannot fail to be a valuable acquisition. We predict a large business from the commencement for the firm, who will always be pleased to see any of the trade at their warehouse.

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