

in fact, is very much more condemnatory than even Mr. Servill's reiterated opinion in our last number. There is a good deal of valuable matter, which we hope to draw upon.

DENTAL METALLURGY: A Manual for the use of dental students, by Chas. J. Essig, M.D., D.D.S., Professor of Mechanical Dentistry and Metallurgy in the Dental Department of the University of Pennsylvania. Second edition, revised. Philadelphia: the S. S. White, Dental M'fg Co., \$1.75; sent by mail on receipt of price.

Any one who has listened to Dr. Essig's lectures would expect to find in this valuable little work, a sensible and practical digest of all that is absolutely necessary for the dental student in this primary part of his studies; and as every wise man is a student, though he may have been in practice half a century, it is a book useful to everyone in the profession.

We believe that very much more attention is given in the mother country to training students thoroughly in this branch, than is devoted by dental colleges on this continent. Students are too much in a hurry to become operators. Most of them have cause to regret it, when the demands of a general practice fall to them. Dr. Essig's book should be thoroughly digested by every dental student.

A CHARMING SOUVENIR.—*The Youth's Companion* Double Christmas Number is a charming souvenir. Its delicately-colored cover encloses a wealth of stories and pictures that are intensely interesting to readers of all ages. Some of the features are:—"Christmas in a Wagon," by J. L. Harbour, a story of pioneer life in the Rocky Mountains; "A Double Decker," by Mrs. Frank Lee, a story for the boys, and another for the girls, entitled "Beth's Memorial Stocking," by Mrs. H. G. Rowe; an interesting description, by Emory J. Haines, of the famous "Minot's Ledge Light;" Arabella B. Buckley's "Sleep of Plants, and What it Means;" "Attacked by Cheyennes," by K. L. O. F. Wolcott, a story of wild western life; "A Christmas Night's Sensation," by Clinton B. Converse, and "Alice's Christmas," both fresh and appropriate to the season; highly beneficial editorials on "Thoroughness" and "Stanley's Return," with a beautiful page for the very young children, together with anecdotes and bits of fun, combine to make a complete treasury for the whole family.