

quite able to maintain the integrity of his bantling germ, but he certainly has in Spina no feeble antagonist.

HEALTH RESORTS—San Remo and the Western Riviera climatically and medically considered. By Arthur Hill Hassall, M.D. Lond., M.R.C.P. Eng. London: Longmans, Green & Co.

For health seekers from our Dominion who are favored with both abundant means and leisure, no more interesting guide book to that delightful resort lying between Cannes and San Remo, a space which includes a sea frontage on the Mediterranean of fifty miles, could have been furnished. In this small area lie the world-renowned health resorts of Cannes, Nice, Monte Carlo, Mentone, Bordighera, and San Remo, sheltered by protecting hills and mountains. Behind these mountains lie the Maritime Alps, reaching an altitude of some 7,000 or 8,000 feet, beginning at Nice and extending as far as Genoa, where the Apennines commence. These resorts are triply protected, by the olive-clad hills, by the mountains next in order, and by the Maritime and Ligurian Alps, acting as ramparts against the northerly winds. The mean temperature from November to April, is 52.8; mean humidity of same winter season, 68.9. This very interesting work of Dr. Hassall is divided into five chapters:—1st. Situation, water-supply, drainage, walks, drives, amusements. 2nd. Food supplies. 3rd. Geology, prevailing winds, sun heat, duration of days of warmth. 4th. Characteristic vegetation of the Riviera. 5th. Effects of climate on functions of the body. Results of treatment of consumption and other diseases. The advantages of the Riviera for consumptives in whom the disease is at an early stage, may perhaps in some measure be stated as resembling the picture of an Atlantis so well drawn by Dr. Richardson: "It should be near the sea coast and sheltered from northerly winds, the soil should be dry, the drinking water pure, the mean temperature about 60° Fahr., with a range of not more than 10° or 15° on either side." To all on this side of the Atlantic contemplating a search after health in European resorts, we would recommend a perusal of this excellent work by Dr. Hassall.

MANUAL OF PRACTICAL HYGIENE—Parkes. By Dr. Chaumont. Second volume. New York: Wm. Wood & Co. Toronto: Williamson & Co. In this the sixth edition of this most comprehen-

sive and valuable work considerable additions, illustrating the advance of the science of Hygiene, have been made and a very excellent American Appendix to the volume attached. An interesting account will here be found of the various State Boards of Health that within the last twenty years have from time to time been established—at the present time twenty-nine in number; of the great work accomplished by these Boards in spreading accurate knowledge concerning the causes of disease and methods for its prevention, and of the great advance that has been made in the collection of Vital Statistics; also very admirable treatises on water, soil, climatology and meteorology, ventilation and warming, removal of house waste, food adulterations, and hints to sanitary inspectors. This edition by Dr. Parkes should grace the shelves of every practitioner of medicine.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE OF THE KIDNEYS. By Henry B. Millard, M.D., M.A., with numerous illustrations. New York: W. Wood & Co.

This is another book of commendable brevity. It contains, in less than 240 large type pages, 25 chapters, illustrated by 24 attractive representations of kidney disease. The author has written as one who not only "has the courage of his opinions," but also as one who, in desirable addition, possesses the faculty of expressing them in clear language, and in a style well deserving of imitation by not a few of the fast bookmakers of this continent. Nor is he afraid to step outside the columns of stereotyped English lexicography, when necessity or fancy calls for the coining of a new word. Why should we not introduce new vocables? Surely our language has been, and should continue to be, a thing of continuous growth. It did not shrink into petrification in the times of Chaucer, Spencer, and Shakespeare, nor even in those of Milton, Addison and McAuley. It must obey the imperative law of evolution, despite all the fetters of the Johnsons, Websters and Worcester's in or out of *distendom*. We most heartily welcome Dr. Millard's contributions of such words as "causology," "lentescent," and "junctional." To ridicule them as rude innovations, would be the very acme of pedantry. More strength to his elbow say we; and we shall long to see more samples of his useful manufacturing.

PRACTICAL PATHOLOGY FOR STUDENTS AND PRACTITIONERS. By G. Sims Woodhead, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Pathologist in the University of Edin-