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In this revised edition numerous additions and changes have been made in the book so that it continues to represent the present state of pediatrics. The book aims to furnish material with which students may lay the foundation for the successful practice of medicine among children. The section on infectious diseases has been re-written, as well as many of the paragraphs on pathology. A number of new chapters have been added, among others one on infant feeding.

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LITERARY NOTES.

The *Edinburgh Review* article on "Unimaginary Love Letters," which forms the leading feature of *The Living Age* for July 6, diverts the reader's attention from certain recent ingenious inventions in the line of epistolary love-making to the real thing as exhibited in the letters of Abelard and Heloise, Mary Wollstonecraft Godwin, Keats and Prosper Merimée. The article is of striking literary and personal interest.

Mr. G. L. Calderon's article on "The Wrong Tolstoi" in *The Living Age* for June 29 is a diverting exhibition of the sharp contrasts between Tolstoi's philosophy and his actions.

Frederic Harrison's "Impressions of America" are reprinted in *The Living Age* for July 13, from *The Nineteenth Century*. Mr. Harrison, as was to have been expected, is an amiable critic, and he is also more discriminating than many Englishmen who have discoursed upon America.