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*Athothis, A Satire on Modern Medicine* by THOMAS C. MINOR, Cincinnati, Robert Clarke & Co., 1887.

This is a cleverly written Egyptological fable, in which the author gives some, perhaps, well deserved hits on the customs of fashionable medical practice in this the nineteenth century. Even the germ theory is not forgotten and comes in for a goodly share of criticism. The various types of successful medical practitioners are very vividly caricatured, and the general style and contour of the book will amply repay the physician's perusal while enjoying a few days' vacation.

*A Treatise on Diphtheria Historically and Practically Considered; Including Croup, Tracheotomy and Intubation.* By A. SANNE. Translated, annotated and the surgical anatomy added; illustrated with a full-page colored lithograph and many wood engravings. By HENRY Z. GILL. St. Louis: J. H. Chambers & Co., 1887. 665 pages. Price: Cloth, \$5; Sheep, \$6.

We highly recommend this exhaustive volume on a subject of such very vital importance to the medical profession in general. The work deals with diphtheria in all its various forms, with its history, prophylaxis and treatment in such an able manner that it cannot fail to be appreciated by our readers. The paper and variety of type are of the best quality, as is also the binding. The translator who has so ably performed his duty as well as the publishers are deserving of all possible success, for not having spared any effort to bring this valuable work creditably before the American public.

*What to do in cases of Poisoning.* By WILLIAM MURRELL, M.D., F. R. C. P., Lecturer on Pharmacology and Therapeutics in the Westminster Hospital, etc., etc. First American from the Fifth English Edition, Edited by Frank Woodbury, M.D., Fellow of College of Physicians of Philadelphia, Professor of Materia Medica, Therapeutics and of Clinical Medicine in the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia.

Published by the Medical Register Co., Philadelphia, 1887.

This little work having gone through five editions in England proves beyond doubt that it must have supplied a long felt want in the medical literature of a toxicological character. The author says he disclaims any responsibility in the matter of the large circulation of this work. That this book has saved some lives is doubtless true, one case being recorded of a gentleman who contemplated poisoning himself, but changed his mind on reading the directions for treatment. The general "make up" of the book is very good, and the various poisons and their antidotes are so arranged (being placed alphabetically) as to make reference easy. A chapter has also been added regarding the fee which should be charged in cases of poisoning. Altogether the work is one of the best for the busy medical man, being very concise and compact, capable of being carried in the pocket or medicine chest.

*Earth as a Topical Application in Surgery.* Being a full exposition of its use in all the cases requiring topical applications admitted in the Men and Women's Surgical Wards of the Philadelphia Hospital during a period of six months in 1869. By ADDINELL HEWSON, M.D. Second edition, with four photographic illustrations. Published by the Medical Register Company, Philadelphia, 1887.

This book contains numerous very concise statements regarding the results of the use of dry earth as a dressing in surgical cases. Although the author in the first edition of this work made several suggestions in regard to the treatment of surgical affections by the use of earth or clay, the medical profession do not, as yet, appear to have taken much interest in the subject, although the results of Dr. Hewson's experimental labors, have been all that could be desired. The writer appears to have used the dressing in some severe and complicated cases, such as fractures, compound and comminuted, ulcerated wounds, involving joints, and in excisions and amputations, and has evidently given the dressing a severe trial with the best results. The author claims the following beneficial results are to be obtained from the proper application of this substance, viz.: Relief of pain, absence of inflammation and putrefaction, deodorizing properties, and promotion of the healing process.