

Perhaps the most interesting contribution is that by the editor-in-chief, Dr. Solomon Solis Cohen, entitled "An outline of the Principles of Therapeutics with especial reference to Physiologic Therapeutics." It treats of therapeutic diagnosis, etiologic-therapeutic diagnosis, pathologic-therapeutic diagnosis, systematic-therapeutic diagnosis, therapeutic means and advantages of physiologic measures. The thirty odd pages by Dr. Samuel G. Tracy, on "Radium, Tharium and Radio Activity" are new and most instructive, dealing, as it does, with the metal radium and its therapeutic properties.

Dr. Frederick Packard, in his chapter devoted to counter irritation, external applications, etc., when referring to the use of the old-fashioned linseed poultice in the treatment of chest inflammation in children, says, "Here then are certain imperative indications to be met, which are not satisfied by the application of moist heat. The temperature is high and must be combated: the child is cyanotic and in constant danger of suffocation, hence remedies calculated to stimulate the respiratory centre and deepen the respirations are called for. The cotton jacket or heating compress must, therefore, give way to the more stimulating and heat-abstracting wet pack, either general or partial, or even to the half bath with effusions of cold water, as set forth in the Volume of Hydrotherapy."

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Saunders' Question Compend.—Essentials of the Practice of Medicine. BY W. R. WILLIAMS, M.D., Doctor on Therapeutics, Columbia University. Double number. Cloth, \$1.75. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co.

A quarter of a million copies of the Question Compend have been sold, and this fact alone shows their value. The present is one of the most important of the series. It furnishes a convenient way of reviewing a student's work or of recalling the main points about any disease. The book is practical accurate and up-to-date, and contains the essentials of the subject in very small space.

Chemical and Microscopical Diagnosis. BY FRANCIS CARTER WOOD, M.A., adjunct Professor of Clinical Pathology College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York. Pathologist to St. Luke's Hospital, New York. With 188 illustrations in the text and 9 colored plates. New York and London: D. Appleton & Co. 1905.

The increasing necessity for the use of the microscope and chemistry as aids to diagnosis is a sufficient excuse for the appearance of this excellent addition to the rapidly growing army of pilations on these interesting lines.

Wood divides the subject into nine parts. Of these blood is given a prominent position, and this chapter alone would well