

be omitted. A clamp in the operation is a nuisance. We could possibly find a few other points that would be better omitted, but on the whole the subject is admirably treated, and the volume so arranged that it is one of ready and reliable reference. The author has had an extensive experience, and has made use of it in writing this work. That the work has passed through three editions in such a short space of time is of itself a most favorable recommendation. It is very neatly gotten up, and of a convenient size for carrying about to be read at odd leisure moments.

A Text-Book of Pharmacology and some allied sciences—Therapeutics, materia medica, pharmacy, prescription-writing, toxicology. By TORALD SOLLMANN, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pharmacology and Materia Medica in the Medical Department of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. Illustrated. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders & Co. Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co. Price, \$3.75. 1901.

The title of a work such as this is usually kills it, as far as the practising physician is concerned. It is a subject given the go-by, as much as possible, in the schools, and therefore not understood, even a little bit, when school days are ended. That this is due to the distinctly medical way in which these subjects are taught there is no doubt, this method of teaching leading to the idea that they are of no practical value. The author has evidently come to this conclusion, and has succeeded in writing a work that reads almost like a Practice of Medicine, as far as ease of reading and understanding what is read is concerned. Students, druggists and physicians will find this an extremely useful book, and if physicians and students of medicine knew how easy and interesting Dr. Sollmann has made these subjects, they would at once proceed to explore what, to them, is usually a *terra incognita*; and, once the first step is taken, they would find so much to interest them and which was unknown, that they would be through before they knew it. It is not often that we wax enthusiastic over any book, but having had experience both as student and teacher, we feel it due to the author to commend this work highly.

A Treatise on Smallpox.

A very timely treatise on smallpox, to sell at \$3.00, is announced for publication early in April, by J. B. Lippincott Company. It is written by Dr. George Henry Fox, Professor of Dermatology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, with the collaboration of Drs. S. Dana Hubbard, Sigmund Pollitzer and John H. Huddleston, all of whom are officials of the health department of New York City, and have had unusual opportunities for the study and treatment of this disease during the present epidemic. The work is to be in