

tion, but upon what action the drug may be expected to have and what untoward effects may be looked for and the emergency procedure pending the physician's arrival in case of an overdose.

The nurse in training who carefully studies this volume and is permitted to have it supplemented by class-room demonstrations of the appearance and characteristics of drugs along the line indicated by the author will bring to the performance of her duties just that degree of knowledge that is most likely to serve the needs of the physician in attendance and the best interests of the patient.

It is seldom that we can commend a work as heartily as we do this one. The engravings are excellent. The volume is well and carefully indexed.

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A TEXT-BOOK OF THE DISEASES OF THE NOSE AND THROAT. By JONATHAN WRIGHT, M.D., Director of the Department of the Laboratories, New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, and HARMON SMITH, M.D., Surgeon to the Throat Department of the Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Hospital; Clinical Professor of Laryngology and Rhinology, Cornell University Medical School. 373 illustrations; plates 14. Philadelphia and New York: Lea & Febiger.

THIS product of the brains and life-work of Jonathan Wright and Harmon Smith impresses the reviewer as being the best work on the subject that America has produced. And this for several reasons: In the first place there is present a wealth of real pathology—pathology that is authoritative, first-hand, and thoroughly digested. This portion of the book could be lifted out and published separately as a splendid epitome of the pathology of the diseases of the upper air passages. In the second place, etiology and therapeutics are correlated with the pathology to a unique and most refreshing degree. And finally, there is running through the entire volume an attractive and very obvious and insistent philosophical note—a note which lifts this book to a plane a bit higher than any publication along similar lines with which the reviewer is familiar. With all of this there is no loss of or neglect of the practical side: no helpful little detail which has occurred to the authors being omitted, no matter how trivial.

Much to be commended is the omission of a section on diseases of the ear. Seldom, if ever, does a single text-book deal with both the nose and throat and the ear and do justice to both. One unpleasant result always follows, and that is a volume of unwieldy size. The day soon should come when, on account of the size of the subject, good text-books on the entire field of rhinology and laryngology can not be written. This tendency is plainly manifest