in future editions, more care is bestowed upon the explanation of the different signs, it will prove a valuable addition to the library of the student. As it is now, it can be regarded as little more than a synopsis of a course of lectures.

The printer and publisher have both done their part in a commendable way; there are very few and unimportant typographical errors, and the diagrams with which the book is illustrated are creditably executed. J. H. H.

ART. XXIII.—*Diseases Peculiar to Women, including Displacements of the Uterus.* By HUGH L. HODGE, M. D., etc. etc. "Nullius addictus jurare in verba magistri." With Illustrations. Second Edition, revised and enlarged. 8vo., pp. 531. Philadelphia: Henry C. Lea. 1868.

UPON the appearance of the first edition of this treatise, we expressed our high estimate of it as an original and practical monograph of the interesting class of diseases of which it treats. In the edition before us, the entire work has undergone a careful revision. Many additions have been made to the original text, the result of further observation and reflection and of the study of the many excellent works which have recently been issued by authors whose opinions and practice are deservedly held in high estimation. The chapter on uterine inflammation has been greatly altered and enlarged. "The object of the author," as he informs us, "was not merely to present what he deemed a more correct theory and practice in inflammatory diseases of the uterus, but also to insist that a very large proportion of the so-called cases of metritis are in reality but examples of irritation, where inflammation has subsided or where it has actually never existed." Indeed, the chief aim of the entire treatise is evidently to exemplify the nature, consequences, and treatment of nervous irritation, as distinct from inflammation.

To the subject of displacements of the uterus especially attention has been given. The author estimating these displacements as of the highest importance, while he believes them to be seldom treated on scientific principles.

The third part of the work is devoted to a consideration of sedation—a condition of the tissues in direct contrast with that of nervous excitement or irritation.

Prefixed to the present edition is a chapter in which Dr. H. has presented a general view of the opinions of many high authorities on the subjects respectively of irritation, congestion, and inflammation, with their sequelæ and treatment, in contrast to those advocated in the work before us; with the view that the difference and practice may be more distinctly observed, and, as the author hopes, some valuable truths elicited.

While, with great deference, we should feel inclined to differ from Dr. H., as to the accuracy of one or more of his deductions, we nevertheless receive the work before us as one embracing the teachings of a faithful, accurate, and cautious observer. D. F. C.

ART. XXIV.—*Materia Medica for the Use of Students.* By JOHN B. BIDDLE, M. D., Prof. of Mat. Med. and Gen. Therap. in Jefferson Medical College, Member of the American Philos. Soc., etc. etc. Third edition, enlarged. With illustrations. 8vo. pp. 384. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston, 1868.

IN the preface the author informs his readers that this, the third edition, has been carefully revised and considerably enlarged. "Besides several substances of established reputation, which appeared to the author to have been overlooked in previous editions, the following of more recent introduction into the materia medica are discussed in the present edition, viz: Calabar Bean,