The book is well up to date in the matter of nerve and tendon-sutures, resections of the intestines, etc.

Several fair wood-cuts are inserted in the text illustrating anatomical or surgical statements.

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UEBER DIE PRINCIPIEN DES ZEITGEMAESSEN KRIEGSWUND VERBANDES. Von Dr. C. LANGENBUCH, Sanitätsrath, etc. Berlin: Aug. Hirschwald, 1887. (New York, G. E. Stechert).

ON THE PRINCIPLES OF MILITARY SURGICAL DRESSINGS AT THE PRESENT TIME. By Dr. C. LANGENBUCH.

A pamphlet, 33 pages in length, containing propositions for the treatment of wounds in time of war founded upon the author's experience at Sofia during the recent Servian and Bulgarian war.

In accordance with other recent writers on the same subject, the author is in favor of the application of an antiseptic dry dressing, or at least of antiseptic tamponade, of all the wounds on the battle field itself immediately after or during action. These dressings should not again be interfered with unless indications arise. Operations, however, on the field should be restricted to primary life-saving ones, to constrictions after Esmarch, and to immobilizing limbs for transportation.

On the other hand, he would not have iodoform or dry dressings used if the wound proves infected, but generous absorbent dressings after free opening and draining of the wounds.

He recommends the use of starched gauze bandages with splints instead of plaster-of-Paris.

The most striking feature in the pamphlet is the admission to military surgical practice of the recent reaction against iodoform begun by scientific experiments.

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DIE CHIRURGISCHE BEHANDLUNG DES KROPFES. Von Dr. ANTON WÖLFLE, Professor der chirurgie zu Graz. Berlin, 1887: Aug. Hirschwald. (New York, G. E. Stechert).

THE SURGICAL TREATMENT OF GOITRE. By Dr. ANTON WÖLFLE, Professor of Surgery at Graz.

This genially-written book, of about 90 pages large octavo, contains a complete history of the surgical treatment of goitre from the earliest ages to 1886. There is not a name connected with a surgical operation upon goitre that is not mentioned or treated of at length, while a complete list of all publications on the subject may be found in the foot-notes on each page.