

is a good one and its execution is commendable. If the editors continue to show the discretion and good sense which is manifested in their choice of material, the books should commend themselves to every physician. The volume is accompanied by four handsome illustrations appropriate to the text. F. R. P.

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APPLETON'S MEDICAL DICTIONARY: AN ILLUSTRATED DICTIONARY OF MEDICINE AND ALLIED SUBJECTS IN WHICH ARE GIVEN THE DERIVATIONS, ACCENTUATION, AND DEFINITION OF TERMS USED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE FIELD OF MEDICAL SCIENCE. Edited by FRANK P. FOSTER, M.D., editor of *The New York Medical Journal* and *Philadelphia Medical Journal*, consolidated; of a *Reference Book of Practical Therapeutics*; and of *Foster's Illustrated Encyclopædic Medical Dictionary*. New York and London: D. Appleton & Co., 1904.

BECAUSE of the rapid advance which has been made in nearly all lines of medicine and surgery during recent years there has arisen a demand for newer and more complete medical dictionaries. It has been the aim of the publishers and editor of this volume to satisfy this demand, and that they have done it there can be little doubt.

The book contains an enormous amount of information, especially regarding anatomy and diseases. It has not adopted some of the newer methods of spelling which have become so prevalent, but for this we can only commend it. The definitions are very clear and satisfactory.

The one criticism we would make is that probably too much has been put under single headings and consequently the person who consults the book for a definition instead of finding the word in large type may have to look through possibly a page of subheadings; as for instance, Littre's hernia, which is indexed under hernia, but not under Littre. Richter's hernia we do not find mentioned at all. Neither Bright's disease nor Graves' disease can be found excepting under the general heading of Disease, there being no cross-reference to the same. We believe it to be wrong to attach proper names to diseases and operations, but nevertheless certain of these have become so firmly fixed in our nomenclature that they should at least be given a cross-reference.

Notwithstanding this criticism, which of course does not depict a serious defect in the work, we believe that this dictionary will be found a most satisfactory book of reference. The illustrations are not so frequent as in most modern dictionaries, but illustrations are not nearly so essential to a dictionary as to a modern text-book.

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