incoherency and inanity of the written communications of insane persons bears a marked resemblance to much of the printed trash which has been uttered by so-called spiritual mediums as coming from the spiritual world—which indicates some relationship between the condition of the mediumistic brain at the time of such utterances and the brains of some insane persons;—and I am of the opinion that all persons who sincerely believe that they hear spirit-voices, see spirit-forms, or feel the touch of spiritual beings, are either imposed upon by the juggling of mediums, or are so seriously impaired themselves as to be in danger of insanity.”

Dr. Everts has succeeded in making a readable little book, and one which presents some matters for reflection in a new and pleasing form.

Report on the Corpus Luteum. By Prof. JOHN C. DALTON, M. D.
[Reprinted from the Transactions of the American Gynecological Society, Session of 1877. Boston: Houghton, Osgood & Co., 1878.]

This is a pamphlet of some fifty pages, giving the result of an examination of the *corpus luteum* in thirty-two sets of ovaries, in which the date of the last menstruation or pregnancy was ascertainable.

The report is illustrated by twelve excellent colored lithographic drawings of the ovaries, showing the *corpora lutea* in different stages, and these add much to the value of the report. In this little monograph Prof. Dalton has made a valuable contribution to the literature of a subject, with which his name is already inseparably connected.

Practical Surgery; Including Surgical Dressings, Bandaging, Ligations and Amputations. By J. EWING MEARS, M. D., etc.
Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blackiston, 1878.

The author has given in this little work the fundamental features of practical surgery. Opening with a section upon surgical dressings, he very naturally passes to bandaging. Following these two sections, parts