

THERAPIE DER HAUTKRANKHEITEN. VON DR. L. LEISTIKOW mit einem vorwort von DR. P. G. UNNA. Hamburg und Leipzig : Leopold Voss, 1897.
TREATMENT OF DISEASES OF THE SKIN.

THIS is a condensed work (of over 400 pages) on the modern treatment of the diseases of the skin, as practised particularly in Hamburg in the clinic of Dr. Unna, so favorably known to the profession the world over for his numerous and valuable contributions to cutaneous medicine. Dr. Leistikow has brought together a vast amount of useful material in the way of tried formulæ, with brief indications for their employment. Short descriptions of the diseases of the skin are given. Authors of various nations are quoted, but the great majority are German. We commend the book heartily to all interested in dermatology.

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ILLUSTRATED SKIN DISEASES: AN ATLAS AND TEXT-BOOK. By WILLIAM S. GOTTHEIL, M.D., Professor of Skin and Venereal Diseases at the New York School of Clinical Medicine, etc. Portfolios I., II., III. New York : E. B. Treat & Co., 1898.

WE are in receipt of the first three parts of this work, which will be issued in quarto portfolios, each comprising twenty-four pages of text, with formulæ and four plates of cases from life, in color and in plain photographs. It is expected that the work will be completed in twelve portfolios.

Portfolio I. takes up the anatomy and physiology of the skin, the former being illustrated for the most part by photomicrographs, some of which (as, for example, the hair and the sebaceous glands) are particularly good. The illustrations in color are obtained through the camera, the color-plates being made from color negatives directly taken from living subjects. The result, in our opinion, is in some cases satisfactory ; in others not at all so, the chief defect being want of sharpness of outline, with blending of colors and blurring. Concerning the plain photographs, it may be said that most of them are good, some being excellent. The author's large collection of photographs, taken with his own well-known skilful and artistic hand, has enabled him to have reproduced the most illustrative cases of the diseases considered. We have no hesitation in saying that the photographs in the part before us will be of great service to the practitioner. Some of them, we would add by way of criticism, might have been larger, even if part of the picture had been sacrificed to accomplish this end. They represent, for the most part, everyday cases. The classification, we are particularly pleased to note, is built upon the lines of the classic and practical work of Hebra, from which students the world over have so successfully studied dermatology during the past forty years. The nomenclature is conservative and satisfactory. The text is written in a straightforward, plain, practical style, is terse and to the point. Many formulæ are introduced in the paragraphs devoted to treatment. The latter is conservative and in accord with the teachings of the day. We shall look forward with much interest to the succeeding parts, which we are assured are soon to follow those under review.

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