

BOOK REVIEW.

Die Krankheiten des Mundes. By DR. J. MIKULICZ and DR. W. KÜMMERL, Breslau, Germany. Large octavo, 250 pages, two chrome-lithograph plates and 62 text illustrations. Published by Gustav Fischer, Jena, 1898. American agents, Lemcke & Buechner, New York. Price, unbound, \$1.75; bound in cloth, \$2.00.

The most practical work on diseases of the mouth yet published. The reputation of the authors and collaborators, and the excellence of the work, characterizes this volume as a valuable book of reference for both the specialist and general practitioner. The class of diseases under consideration are exclusively those of the mouth. These include the general infections involving the mouth; diseases of the tongue, gums, lips and cheek, palate and uvula; an exhaustive section on tumors, benign and malignant; special chapters on diseases of the mouth in children (from the pen of Professor A. Czerny) and the consideration of the syphilitic affections of the mouth (by Dr. J. Schaeffer).

Special attention is devoted to the consideration of diagnosis and therapy. The diseases of the teeth, properly within the scope of this work, are not considered, as this section is classed more directly within the range of dentistry.

The illustrations are excellent and numerous. The volume is exceptionally well arranged and is a valuable addition to its class. M. A. G.

Hygiene of the Voice, with 27 illustrations, 144 pp., paper. By THOS. F. RUMBOLD, St. Louis. Witt Publishing Co., St. Louis, 1898. Price, 50 cents.

A subject of such importance as hygiene of the voice, when treated by so experienced a laryngologist as Dr. Thos. F. Rumbold, must possess unusual interest, and this expectation is fully realized in the work just published.

Being written in a simple style, refraining as far as possible from technicalities, the subject is made intelligible to the ordinary reader, while there is much useful instruction for physicians in general, and even the specialist will find many original investigations of interest.

The latter refers especially to a series of examinations of the soft palate, uvula and the azygos prominence made by passing the mirror through the nasal passage, the author having been fortunate enough to have a number of patients in which this procedure was practicable. The subject of the abnormal curvature of the epiglottis, resulting from disease of the throat in early life, and that of the undeveloped larynxes, due to the same cause, have been carefully investigated and are of much interest.

The care of the voice is described in detail, and the various conditions which have an adverse influence enumerated. The hygiene of the ears is also considered; the subject of the effects of the voice in cases of patulent Eustachian tubes deserves especial attention. The injurious influence of the majority of gargles, troches, "comforts," etc., is pointed out, and a few remedies mentioned which may be entrusted with safety in the hands of the patient. The effect of tobacco on the mucous membrane is carefully considered, and this has evidently been thoroughly investigated by the author, who insists on its injurious influence.

The book is illustrated and has a complete glossary of the technical terms used in the work. It can be heartily recommended to singers and speakers, for whom there is much matter of importance, and to physicians, who will find many points of interest for their practice. W. S.