

recounted, and one chapter is devoted to the identification of bacteria, including both physiological and chemical examinations. A classification of fungi, with a description of the anatomy and physiology of the schizomycetes, is a useful addition. At times the description of apparatus and their use impresses one as being unnecessarily detailed, although this is scarcely a fault in a book dealing with the elements of a subject. On the other hand, the portion devoted to the study of the pathogenic bacteria only suggests certain lines of investigation, and would be of little avail to one unfamiliar with the subject.

It is also to be regretted that some of the special media recently devised for the identification of the typhoid bacillus have been omitted, especially since the separation of the colon bacillus from the typhoid bacillus is dwelt on at some length in the chapter on Water-examination. Altogether the book is valuable, since it comprises the standard and most useful method of general bacteriological investigations. The volume numbers something over 350 pages, and contains numerous cuts which amply illustrate the text.

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ANLEITUNG ZUR DIAGNOSE UND THERAPIE DER KEHLKOPF-, NASEN-, UND OHRENKRANKHEITEN. Vorlesungen gehalten in Fortbildungscursen für practische Aerzte, von DR. RICHARD KAYSER, in Breslau. Berlin: Verlag Von S. Karger, 1903.

THIS little book of 170 pages is one of the most practical guides to diagnosis and treatment of the more ordinary pathological conditions met with in the nose, throat, and ear which it has been our pleasure to read. It is intended for the use of the student, the general practitioner, and the beginner in the specialties with which it deals, and within these limits it is a very complete exposition of them. Its author is to be congratulated upon the wisdom with which he has pointed out those conditions which may be properly treated by the tyro as distinguished from those which require special skill in their management. The illustrations are well chosen, accurate, and graphic.

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THE MATTISON METHOD IN MORPHINISM. By T. B. MATTISON, M.D., Medical Director, Brooklyn Home for Narcotic Inebriates. Pp. vi., 40. New York: E. B. Treat & Co., 1902.

A PHYSICIAN who can sum up the results of thirty years' experience in less than forty pages should attract our attention. In this little book he presents a modern and humane treatment of the morphine disease, consisting in preliminary sedation by sodium bromide, rapid deprivation of the drug, meeting the reflex symptoms mainly with codeine, combating the insomnia by trional, and making use of various agencies for the relief of disquieting symptoms. The book is a strong plea for humane treatment, safeguarded against deception and likelihood of relapse, written in a popular style; also, at the same time, sufficiently explicit for the practitioner having the facilities to successfully follow.

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