

copœia, as it has done, but also to the British Pharmacopœia of June, 1898. Some articles on new drugs have been added and also several illustrations; the most notable picture in the book is a full-page colored plate depicting in glowing colors five roosters' heads and intended to illustrate the action of ergot, which, however interesting it may be from a poultry fancier's point of view, or as a monument of modern lithographic skill, seems a trifle out of keeping with the very practical tone of the book in general.

*A Text-Book of Practical Therapeutics.* With Especial Reference to the Application of Remedial Measures to Disease and their Employment upon a Rational Basis. By HOBART AMORY HARE, M.D., Professor of Therapeutics and Materia Medica in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. With special chapters by DRS. G. E. DE SCHWEINITZ, EDWARD MARTIN and BARTON C. HIRST. New (8th) edition. Philadelphia and New York: Lea Brothers & Co., 1900.

THE appearance of eight editions of a book within nine years means merit of more than an ordinary order and the fact that the present volume has reached this distinction is a sufficient index of its value and the general appreciation it has met. In the present edition no change has been made in the arrangement of the subject matter which is still divided into two main parts, drugs and diseases. In the former there is presented for each remedial agent of accepted utility an adequate and essentially up-to-date *résumé* of its physiological action and therapeutics, the author condensing into a few paragraphs the conclusions of all the observers whose work has bearing on the subject and giving the facts in a nutshell. The section on diseases is no less valuable and at a glance one may run over the different methods of treatment available for any particular affection and select the most appropriate. The value of the work for quick reference is greatly enhanced by the very complete system of cross-indexing. In its new form the text has undergone revision and been made to conform not only to the United States Pharma-