

TWENTIETH CENTURY PRACTICE. An International Encyclopedia of Modern Medical Science. By leading authorities of Europe and America. Edited by Thomas L. Stedman, M.D., New York City. In twenty volumes. Volume VI., "Diseases of the Respiratory Organs." New York: William Wood & Company. 1895.

The next volume in sequence should have been the fifth, but, as the publishers announce, it became impracticable to present this owing to unforeseen difficulties in the line of delayed manuscripts; so that volume six comes to hand at this date, with the promise that the next to follow shall be the fifth.

The present volume is devoted exclusively to "Diseases of the Respiratory Organs," and presents a full consideration of every possible topic connected with this vast subject, and represents the latest knowledge and achievements of no less than eight recognized authorities upon these specialties.

The only two diseases not treated of in this volume are tuberculosis and croupous pneumonia, which, on account of their now well-established microbic origin, have been left for a later volume, to be placed in correlation with the other infectious diseases.

The respiratory tract has been for convenience divided into eight sections, which are treated of by separate specialists.

The opening article is upon "Diseases of the Nose," by Prosser James, of London, who has presented his views in a graceful, literary style. Next comes "Diseases of the Accessory Sinuses of the Nose," by Jonathan Wright, of Brooklyn. Dr. E. J. Moure, of Bordeaux, a leading French authority, treats of "Diseases of the Pharynx and Naso-Pharynx," in one article, and in a second of "Diseases of the Tonsils." Dr. A. H. Buck, of New York, has devoted his effort to "Ear Diseases," while "Diseases of the Larynx" is handled by F. H. Bosworth, of New York.

Then follows the consideration of the "Trachea and Bronchial Tubes," by the conjoint effort of Thomas Grainger Stewart and George A. Gibson, of Edinburgh; and lastly, but of paramount interest, "Diseases of the Lungs" receive ample consideration from Winslow Anderson, of San Francisco.

The book, as a whole, is a most complete compilation, and may be looked upon as a re-

liable reference for the general practitioner in treating this most important class of affections which are so markedly prevalent in this temperate zone.

Numerous illustrations throughout the work have been generously introduced to more clearly elaborate the text.

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