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This well printed and compact volume covers a broad field of recent medical experience, and is an excellent reference book for the practitioner. The list of contributors contains many names of eminence, establishing the authority of the text. The feature that marks the book as of special significance is that the treatment suggested for the long list of diseases placed in alphabetical order is for the most part new or out of the conventional order, and much pains are taken in the discussion of "new remedies," those especially that have sprung into sudden favor—like acetanilide, antipyrin, calcium sulphide, nerium odorum, eserine, securing particular attention. We note several drugs regarded of high value in the "Directory of New Remedies" that our eclectic Homeopathic contemporaries would call old, but we presume that Dr. Wilde who prepared this part of the work deems himself warranted to call them new to general practice. There is an excellent article on Massage that supplies not a little information as to its technical treatment. As for the section on Electricity it is a treatise in itself. The more important ailments are given the space their merits deserve, and in most of the cases an epitome of an older treatment is appended to that favored by more advanced physicians. The experienced reader must note the tendency to simplicity of prescription and the consequent disuse of shot-gun dosage. This intimates an actual advance in medical procedures and is assuming to all who aim at a system of medication that shall deserve the title of scientific.