

grave difficulties, seeing that, of his three sub-editors, one died, and another was disabled from all work by a severe attack of typhoid fever. The type is clear, and the index of references, which in such a work is all important, is copious, and appears most accurate. Dr. Sajous has had the assistance of seventy associate editors, and of no less than two hundred corresponding editors, collaborators, and correspondents, a fact which in itself testifies to the extent and thoroughness of the various synopses which are given of the advances made in every department of medical science during the preceding year. Several of the plates exhibit unusual excellence, notably those illustrating cases of retinitis proliferans, paralysis of the facial and ocular muscles, and the normal human tympanum in Vol. IV. The description of the first judicial execution by electricity is evidently written by an eye-witness, and differs considerably from those reports which appeared in the press at the time, probably on the side of greater truth. The article on hypnotism is remarkably able, bringing together the good and evil of the system in a judicial manner, although the writer clearly agrees with the general opinion expressed by English medical men, that it may do great harm, and, in the hands of unprincipled people, would be a most dangerous agent. The French have wisely made it penal for unqualified persons to practice hypnotism on others, and there can be no doubt that it should be employed only and solely as a therapeutic measure. It would be invidious, where all are so good, to specify any particular articles, but those on brain diseases show wide and careful research and knowledge of the subject. Several curious cases of suicide are given, notably one in which a lunatic stabbed herself in the side with a pin little more than an inch in length. She became collapsed, and, although under treatment she somewhat rallied, she died in three or four hours. The post-mortem showed seven minute wounds on the apex of the heart, with so much extravasation of blood that clots filled the pericardium."

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