ART. IX.—*The Practice of Medicine ; or a Treatise on Special Pathology and Therapeutics*. By ROBLEY DUNGLISON, M.D., Professor of the Institutes of Medicine in Jefferson College.—*Philadelphia*, 1842. Two Vols. 8vo, pp. 572, 750.

THE singular success that has attended Dr. Dunglison's various elementary works might, of itself, be sufficient excuse for his publishing in America a new treatise on practical medicine. He has, however, a still better reason in the fact so well stated in his preface, that "the improvements and modifications incessantly taking place in the departments of pathology and therapeutics, render it advisable, from time to time, to incorporate them, so as to furnish those, to whom the different general treatises, monographs, and journals are not accessible, with the means of appreciating their existing condition."

In the volumes before us Dr. Dunglison has proved that his acquaintance with the present facts and doctrines, wheresoever originating, is most extensive and intimate; and the judgment, skill, and impartiality with which the materials of the work have been collated, weighed, arranged, and exposed, are strikingly manifested in every chapter. The author may truly say that "he is not conscious of possessing any exclusive opinions; and has endeavoured to be essentially eclectic; neither is he aware of having any undue prejudices." The consequence of this is that the different parts of the work bear a more equable proportion to one another than is apt to be the case with treatises compiled by writers of great originality, real or imagined. Great care is everywhere taken to indicate the sources of information; and under the head of treatment formulæ of the most appropriate remedies are invariably introduced. In conclusion, we congratulate the students and junior practitioners of America, on possessing in the present volumes a work of standard merit to which they may confidently recur in their doubts and difficulties.

ART. X.—*The Anatomist's Vade Mecum ; a System of Human Anatomy*. By ERASMUS WILSON. Second Edition.—*London*, 1842. 8vo, pp. 595. With 167 Illustrations by BAGG.

ON a former occasion (*Br. & For. Med. Rev.* vol. X. p. 547), we noticed with high praise, on its first publication, this singularly beautiful and excellent work. The new edition calls for the repetition of our encomiums, and with interest, inasmuch as all the old merits are enhanced by cognate novelties both of text and illustration. "In the present edition," says Mr. Wilson, "I have recorded the investigations of Mr. Bowman, on the minute anatomy of muscular fibre; of Mr. Nasmyth, on the development of the epithelium; of Mr. Curling, on the descent of the testis. I have also contributed some original researches which I have myself made on the minute structures of bone." Additions of importance are also made to the chapters on the ligaments, muscles, nervous system, organs of sense and viscera; and the number of woodcuts is increased from 150 to 167.