better dissector, he will certainly make a better surgeon, the more he knows about cutlery ; he should be able to select the kind of knife likely best to suit his purpose, to know a good knife when he sees it, to keep it in good order, and above all to sharpen it *secundum artem*. And similarly the physician will prove most valuable at the bedside who has the most extensive and thorough acquaintance with the weapons with which he means to fight. He is a poor physician who has to rely entirely on his druggist.

It is hopeless to attempt anything like a detailed criticism of such a work as this. Having indicated above its general scope, we would only add the impression which it leaves of reminding one too much of the laboratory and too little of the bedside. The absence of evidence of much clinical work is very striking. It seems to reveal the hand of a master in the laboratory rather than that of the experienced clinical physician. While, therefore, Dr. Brunton's book does much towards establishing therapeutics on a scientific basis, and so far will be of value to the thoughtful practitioner, it is not likely to be a favourite with the despised but useful "practical man" in search of hints. Its bulk will rather frighten the majority of students ; it is in no sense of the word a "Grind."

An endeavour is made after an "International Pharmacopœia" by the introduction of American as well as British official preparations. It is almost a pity that Dr. Brunton, after postponing publication of his work for fifteen years, as he tells us in the preface, did not wait another month or two for the new issue of the *British Pharmacopœia*.

The book is unusually well supplied with indexes, no fewer than 110 of its 1139 pages being so occupied.

Hay Fever, its Etiology and Treatment, with an Appendix on Rose Cold. By MORELL MACKENZIE, M.D.Lond. Third Edition. London : J. & A. Churchill. 1885.

THE third edition of any work requires but little recommendation from the pen of the reviewer, and this is especially true when the writer combines the literary ability and scientific skill of the author of the work now before us. Of *Hay Fever* little can be said that has not been said already. The present edition seems to have been issued more because the second edition had become exhausted than because Dr. Mackenzie had any methods of treatment more successful than the old to communicate to the medical public. Although all the most recent

methods of managing this distressing complaint are detailed and criticised, it can hardly be claimed that the results as regards the patients are more encouraging than formerly; still it must be confessed that the author hardly gives our American friends as much credit as they deserve for their efforts towards the attainment of a radical cure by surgical means.

The appendix on Rose Cold, a somewhat rare affection seemingly dependent, like Hay Fever, on individual idiosyncrasy, is of little practical value to the physician except in so far as it directs his attention to the disease. It is in fact more a collection of evidence establishing the identity of the disease than a description of diagnostic or therapeutic value.

The essay is written in Dr. Mackenzie's usual clear and agreeable style, and can be strongly recommended to those who have not already studied the earlier editions, and are anxious to do all that can be accomplished for the comfort of those who are so unfortunate as to suffer from this troublesome disease, though it is to be regretted that so little hope of successful treatment by therapeutic means can be held out to the practitioner.

Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics. By J. B. Gresswell, M.R.C.V.S. London: H. K. Lewis. 1885.

THIS work is based on Martindale and Westcott's well known *Extra Pharmacopæia*, and those familiar with the latter will at once recognise the resemblance between the two books. It should prove of great service to those in country and colonial practice, who have often to do a little in the way of veterinary work. The value of the work would have been increased had publication been delayed a couple of months to permit of the embodying of the alterations made in the new edition of the *British Pharmacopæia*.

Ringworm: its Diagnosis and Treatment. By Alder Smith, M.B. Third Edition. London: H. K. Lewis. 1885.

THE favourable notices of the earlier editions of this work which appeared in former issues of this *Journal*, may be held as applying with unabated force to this, the third edition. We observe, however, that the book is increasing rapidly in size, and is losing its character as a "concise guide," which its author intends it to have.