

PREFACE.

THIS little volume is offered to the profession, in the hope that it may meet a demand made known to the compiler by many of its members. In the hurly-burly of every-day work, although we see constant additions to our *materia medica*, lack of time or facilities deters us from utilizing them, and we find ourselves perennially prescribing the same old remedies, though they are in many cases crude, unpalatable, or unsatisfactory.

The want of the present is *crystallized* knowledge. Names and doses of remedies, old and new, are in themselves insufficient. The busy practitioner, the recent graduate, and the earnest student must needs know how best to exhibit them, and how and when to give them. To this end the compiler presents the newer remedies in combination, with a large number of the older "time-tried" formulæ of the best known practitioners, at home and abroad.

He has drawn freely on the therapeutic works of Sidney Ringer, Roberts Bartholow, and J. Milner Fothergill, the formularies of William Aitken, Henry Beasley, and Samuel O. L. Potter, and the pages of the "Annual of the Universal Medical Sciences," and would hereby acknowledge the same.

Through the courtesy of Messrs. Lea Brothers & Company and Messrs. Keasbey & Mattison, the compiler has been enabled to present much valuable matter in the Appendix. He would express his obligations to Mr. F. A. Davis, the publisher, who has spared nothing that this volume might be presented in a pleasing and attractive form.

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