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OF
MATERIA MEDICA AND
THERAPEUTICS
FOR NURSES

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PREFACE.

This little work is intended to simplify the study of therapeutics for nurses by limiting the number of important remedies to be studied and appending a reference list to cover the other frequently used drugs and preparations. The physiological action described in the second part is based on experimental pharmacology, and is, therefore, not in conflict with the therapeutic applications of the remedies considered. In the reference table, the "Pharmacopoeia," "Merck's Index," "The Manual of Therapeutics, Relating Especially to Biological Products," and various other sources have been freely used to make a suitable list.

The more ambitious text-books for nurses are based on a classification according to chemical and botanical groups. This, it seems to me, is needless, and imposes upon the student the task of culling the necessary knowledge from a confusing mass of facts. For this reason the author has considered a list of drugs, necessarily limited, in his lectures to students of medicine and nursing, and these lecture notes have furnished a
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basis for the present work. Special attention has been given to the untoward action of drugs, to aid the nurse in noting and recording these actions when they occur. Acknowledgment is due to Dr. R. M. Le Comte for assistance in preparing the manuscript, and to the Sister Superintendent of Nurses of Providence Hospital Training School for suggestions as to the scope of the work.

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MATERIA MEDICA AND THERAPEUTICS.

PART I.

DEFINITIONS, WEIGHTS AND DOSAGE.

DEFINITIONS.

MATERIA MEDICA (medical material) treats of the natural and commercial history of drugs, their physical and chemical properties, and their doses.

THERAPEUTICS treats of the action of medicines in relieving or curing disease.

A REMEDY is an agency used in the treatment of disease.

A MEDICINE is any substance used in the treatment of disease.

A DRUG is any raw material used to compose or compound a medicine. (A REMEDY may be a drug, a medicine, or an agency such as electricity, sunshine, or bathing.)

A PRESCRIPTION is a written order for a remedy addressed to a pharmacist. (In a prescription the sign R, an abbreviation of the Latin recipe (take), appears first, followed by the names of the ingredients written in Latin and the quantities expressed in a standard system of weights and