have been better if the quackery of those projects had been employed for this purpose, as recom-

mended by Oppen. But the book is pretty and so interesting that we need say no more of it.

Our readers will find it out for themselves.


It is offered by the author to connoisseurs who hold the past thirty years the degenera-

tion of the once famous mon coq of Paris has been making rapid progress, and that the

crowd of Messieurs de France are now women, nourished by Provence, whose various

our families, finds a source of pride in the rapid increase of their kind at the Empire restau-

rants and the ill-fated poire which they serve upon the female corvises hers. Though

the ravishingly taught on this subject in the following

words:

"The formal elegance of a sauce is equal to its color, form and design. The

One in this description of French cooking applies equally to two women writers upon culinaria Subjects. Mme.

Bourget, in her "Constitution des, and Mme. Basies have been praised verbally for

their culinary excellence. They have both been complimented verbally for their culinary

connection to cuisine in private families. Mme. Bourget has done too much for the female

circle, but it has remained for Mr. Charles Ranckoff, in his "Epitome," to combine the

under one cover all the art of the French chef.

In the great general facts of fact tted to the production of foot mail, there is a

single instance where the recipes are given and a truth is handed to the world. But there is
clearness in market fashion to the informed and uncorrected edition of our French pub-

lishers. Here, in the 350 figures compiled, while many are selected for a kitchen

organization of the most complete and most elaborate character, there are many others

which are only within the compass of the most modest household equipment. This being

so, Mr. Ranckoff might well have treated to the admirable alimentation of his perform-

ance to secure him this full recognition of his work, without the unnecessary accretion of

his occupation of the post of chief of a consump-

tion restaurant of the town as indispensable

proof of his experience. While this may

effect an apparent effect upon certain classes of

people who ask but not ask and desire, and those

who blindly follow the fact of the moment-

among gastronomic connoisseurs it will have as

no value or consideration whatever; quite the

contrary. Moreover, it among this facile

inability and discriminating group of people Ranckoff must find for the larger part of his

work, assume as the price of it natural-

ly respect, its general distribution.

There is another feature of Mr. Ranckoff's book which is open to criticism. He has
clearly spoiled in his presentation of the means of private and public dinners which have
been served in the restaurant in question during the past thirty years. These have con-

In the opinion index which accompanies the "Epitome," there is some omission which should be supplied. While under the heading of beef, veal, eggs, etc., the various methods of prepa-
ation are recorded in sequence, in the case of fish they are omitted. To learn the various

names of cooking, it is necessary to look up the individual species. Finally, in the choice of a

hunting, neither art nor science has been consulted.

Elementary Meteorology. By William Morris Davis. Boston: Ginn & Co. 36 pp. Illus-

The slow development of the study of meteorol-

ogy, even in our larger universities, is surpris-

ing, perhaps, for the body of adequate text-

books. That is of reason, and the function of

this department has been to convey to the

students a detailed record of recent find-

ings. In its spirit and in the selection of its

topics, the book is a valuable contribution to

each edition and in the choice of new ones.

The book discusses the origin, nature, and
eventualities of the atmosphere, and, with

its conclusions and its variations, upon which

the winds and snow tend to be dependent. This

lead naturally to a consideration of the whole

subject and the methods which it carry and
distinctions. The large portion of the book is

dedicated to the relation of atmospheric phe-

nomena to each other, with some account of the

practical matter of weather prediction, and to

the probabilities of certain natural events.