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The title of this book sufficiently describes its contents. It is enough for us to say that now it covers the entire United States and presents a very long list of those concerned in the architect's profession and in the building trade.

TWO YEARS' WORK IN AN ARCHITECT'S OFFICE. By Manly N. Cutter. Suburban. New York: A. L. Chatterton & Company. 1894. Pp. 204. Price \$6.

This very attractive work contains a number of architectural designs with short descriptions and specifications referring to country and to suburban houses. The preface, which is short, contains a quantity of good sense and gives points for building which, if carried out, would inevitably result in good work.

THE MINOR TACTICS OF CHESS. A treatise on the development of the forces in obedience to strategic principle. By Franklin K. Young and Edwin C. Howell. Boston: Roberts Brothers. 1894. Pp. 219. Price \$1.

This little work presents an eminently attractive appearance, treating as it does of the game of chess from the tactical standpoint, not by the method of giving merely sample games, gambits and openings. It is illustrated as required and possesses an index. Its treatment of the subject of the single move as altering the entire disposition of all the forces on the board, all of them being potential and active, is excellently put.

LETTERING OF WORKING DRAWINGS. By J. C. L. Fish. New York: D. Van Nostrand Company. 1894. 13 plates. Price \$1.

This eminently useful work is in the direction of obtaining a species of standard of lettering for working drawings. So much depends on the lettering that the man who can draw well but letters poorly cannot rank at all as an accomplished draughtsman. To many the obtaining of skill in lettering is so difficult that they have a special man letter their drawings. This volume is intended to aid draughtsmen to perform this important detail.

QUALITATIVE CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF INORGANIC SUBSTANCES. As practiced in Georgetown College, D. C. New York: Cincinnati, Chicago: American Book Company. 1894. Pp. 61. Price \$1.50.

We would like very much to give more space to the review of this work than we possibly can. It consists of an abstract in tabular or abbreviated form of what is to a great extent the Fresenius separation. In places it seems not very clear, as where, page 7, it directs the filtrate from the ammonio-magnesium phosphate precipitate to be tested for sodium. This, however, is an inadvertence, because, as the author depends on the spectroscopy for the recognition of the alkali metals, they can be tested for them without removing the magnesium. As Table I. now reads, sodium is to be tested for in the filtrate from the magnesium precipitate, which filtrate inevitably contains sodium from the precipitant. It is in Table I. that the confusion occurs, but it is made clear in Table VIII. what process the author wishes to adopt. Nickel and copper are separated by the bromide test. Aluminum, chromium and iron are separated by the fusion process, with sodium carbonate and potassium ni-

trate. We have given some little space to this book, as Georgetown College has long been recognized as one of the leaders in science, and we are glad to see in the present work an indication of the development of a full analytical course in chemistry. We warmly recommend it as a text book for use on the laboratory table.

AIDS TO ENGINEERS' EXAMINATIONS. Prepared for applicants of all grades, with questions and answers. A summary of the principles and practice of steam engineering. By N. Hawkins. New York: Theo. Audel & Co. 1894. Pp. 206. Price \$2.

This is one of the frequent catechisms published, there seeming to be a disposition on the part of many authors to believe that practical engineers require a treatment of their subjects by question and answer, and the large circulation which many of these catechisms have received goes far to prove the correctness of this idea. Steam and electrical engineering are covered in this work, which is very nicely got up in rather a showy style of red binding, with a box to hold it.

UNDER THE CORSICAN. By Emily Howland Hoppin, author of "From Out of the Past," etc. New York: J. Selwin Tait & Sons. Pp. 333. Price \$1.

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