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BOOK REVIEWS.

A Compend on Bacteriology, including Animal Parasites. By ROBERT L. PITFIELD, M.D. Pathologist to the Germantown Hospital, Pathologist to the Hospital for Lung Diseases, Chestnut Hill, Pathologist to the Widener Memorial School, late Demonstrator of Bacteriology at the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia. With four plates and eighty other illustrations. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street. 1907. Price, \$1.00 net.

This is one of Blakiston's well-known Quiz-Compendes. It is well suited for review work by students, or as a convenient reference for the busy practitioner. The more important pathogenic germs are described and illustrated, and a good account is given of their morphology, vital resistance, chemical activities, pathogenesis, modes of growth and staining immunization. Erlich's theory, the opsonic theory, vaccines, toxins and antitoxins are explained. A section is devoted to animal parasites, making it a very complete and useful little work. W. J. W.

On Retro-Peritoneal Hernia, being the "Arris and Gale" Lectures on the "Anatomy and Surgery of the Peritoneal Fossae," delivered at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, in 1897. By B. G. A. MOYNIHAN, M.S., F.R.C.S. Second edition, revised and in part rewritten by the author and J. F. DOBSON, M.S., F.R.C.S. London: Bailliere, Tindall & Cox, 8 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden. 1906.

This is a book of 195 pages and contains valuable information on the forms of herniae which develop from time to time in the various folds and fossae which are found in different parts of the peritoneum. The first chapter deals with the development of the intestinal canal and peritoneum. This is given in sufficient detail to make the relations of the peritoneum to the viscera, as one finds them in the adult, intelligible. The second chapter describes the duodenal folds and fossae. The third chapter is upon the peritoneal folds and pouches in the neighborhood of the caecum and vermiform appendix. The fourth chapter on the intersigmoid fossa and, lastly, the fifth chapter on the herniae into the lesser peritoneal sac completes the work.