

of its usefulness and popularity; and "Seven Hundred Surgical Suggestions" surpasses them all. The originality of its contents is in keeping with its elaborate and attractive mechanical make-up, and every doctor should have a copy in his library.

BLOOD EXAMINATION IN SURGICAL DIAGNOSIS. A Practical Study of Its Scope and Technic. By Ira S. Wile, M.D., New York. Duodecimo; 161 pages; 35 illustrations and one double-page colored plate. New York: Surgery Publishing Company, 1908. Cloth, price, \$2.00; oil-cloth, for laboratory use, \$2.50; de luxe, ooze leather, price, \$3.00.

This is a pioneer book in a wide and useful field, especially so as the diagnostic and prognostic value of blood examinations in surgical as well as medical conditions have been definitely established.

Although written especially as a guide in the diagnosis of surgical conditions, the blood findings in "medical" affections are also described seriatim, in order to present the differing data; therefore, the general practitioner will find much that is valuable and new clearly stated in the book.

The classification of anemia is decidedly original. Basing anemias upon a hematological rather than a clinical basis is a marked step in advance. Particularly startling is the casting out of Hodgkin's diseases, but it appears rational.

The chapter dealing with the surgical interpretation of the total leucocyte count and the differential count is absolutely new, both in material and mode of treatment. "The index of bodily resistance and the index of toxic absorption" are far more important in surgery than one would imagine, and this excellent chapter has no counterpart in text-books on hematology. It is the clearest and fullest discussion of the topic that has appeared.

Lacking in hematological dogmatism, it abounds in a surgical conservatism that makes it a safe authority to follow. The consideration of anti-operative, operative and post-operative conditions affecting the blood is logical and well arranged. The book is a splendid example of the printer's art and the book-binder's ability. The typography is clear and attractive, and the marginal notes in red are as neat as they are useful. The double-page colored plate shows six blood pictures, and in addition twenty-nine illustrations of the various types of cells as they appear with the Jenner stain.