

normal topography, that it requires the hand and eye of a genuine artist, and one who is also a well-informed anatomist and pathologist to represent the morbid condition accurately. The sense of vision unaided often fails to grasp the significance with completeness, and in such a case the true artist will palpate the fresh specimen and then represent the combined illustrations of sight and touch. The artists demonstrates the character of the specimen (1) by inserting lines; (2) by cutting away portions of the surface and thus displaying the depth; (3) by magnifying the organ and drawing it as though translucent; (4) by explanatory diagrams and cross-sections.

The writer of this review is rather a poor artist, but he holds a strong opinion that the illustrations in this book are the best that even Dr. Kelly has produced.

Dr. Kelly quotes the following from Dr. M. H. Richardson: "I am fully convinced that appendicitis is the most important acute abdominal disease of the present time, and that, excluding certain zymotic diseases, it is the cause of more deaths than any other acute abdominal lesion."

We accept this statement as true, and consider, therefore, that appendicitis should be studied most carefully by the physician, the surgeon, and the obstetrician, including both the specialist and the general practitioner.

It is, perhaps, needless to say in connection with this book, that the text is equal to the illustrations, particularly those portions which deal with the clinical side of the subject. We think, therefore, that every physician should obtain the book.

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**Gall-Stones and Their Surgical Treatment.** By G. A. MOYNIHAN, M.S. (Leeds), F.R.C.S. (Leeds). Fully illustrated. Philadelphia, New York, London: W. B. Saunders & Co., 1904. Canadian Agents: J. A. Carveth & Co., 434 Yonge Street, Toronto.

We are told by some recent visitors to Great Britain, that Dr. Moynihan, of Leeds, is the most skillful operator in England, and he happens to be as good a writer and teacher as he is an operator. This book is a very interesting and useful one, containing as it does the material upon which the author based a course of lectures delivered at the Medical Graduates College, in London, during April and May, 1904. It contains an account of the etiology, pathology, clinical manifestations and operative treatment of gall-stones. The chief feature as to the increasing importance of this subject, is the almost certain fact that in the future, as the author states, surgical treatment will be adopted more frequent, and in an earlier stage of gall-stone disease than has heretofore been customary. The book is an excellent one in all respects, and is published in the Saunders' best style.