

### OPTIMISTIC MEDICINE

On the Early Treatment of Simple Problems rather than The Late Treatment of Serious Problems. By a former insurance man. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company, Publishers, 1921. Price, \$3.00 net.

This book has been written by a wise, experienced and observant person, possessed of a keen sense of fine humour. Throughout its pages there are paragraphs and sentences that sparkle with wit. The book is written to fill in the gap between the learned doctor on the one hand, and the overage citizen on the other. This the author speaks of as a sort of "No Man's Land." The burden of the book is that the physician should carry on a "program of general enlightenment." We have only words of high praise for this volume.

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### THE ANATOMY OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

The Anatomy of the Nervous System, from the standpoint of development and function. By Stephen W. Ranson, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Anatomy in Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago. Octavo volume of 395 pages with 260 illustrations some of them in colors. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1920. Cloth, \$7.25 net. Canadian Agents, The J. F. Hartz Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

To many medical men the anatomy of the nervous system is as little known as the topography of Central Africa. This should not be the case, for a knowledge of the nervous system is a most valuable aid to diagnosis. The study of the nervous system is a difficult affair, but will well repay any physician who spends upon the subject the time and thought required to master its details. The volume before us is a very handsome one indeed, and is well calculated to rouse an interest in this department of anatomy. It is so well got up that one can call it an edition de luxe, and is all that could be sought for as a guide on this subject.

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### THE SYMPATHETIC SYSTEM

The Sympathetic and the Associated Systems, Clinical Anatomy, Semiology, and General Pathology of the Neuro-Glandular System of the Organo-vegetative Canal. By A. C. Guillaume and Pierre Marie. 396 pages with 40 figures and several plates. Masson and Company, Paris, Editors. Price, 18 francs net.

In this book there is a very fine exposition of the influence of the sympathetic nervous system over the organs of the body, and especially over those concerned in digestion and growth. It is a matter for regret that a treatise so valuable has not been translated into English, as it should be in the hands of every practitioner.

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### THE JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL REPORTS

The three fasciculi before us cover pneumonia and tuberculous salpingitis. The first fasciculus is on Pneumonia in the Army, and the