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This series of clinical lectures and observations, emanating from so well known an authority as the author, must be expected to contain something of value; nor is the reader disappointed. The observations on insomnia are very pertinent, dealing practically with a subject that often taxes our resources; so also are the remarks on constipation and intestinal obstruction. The value of inspection as a means of diagnosis in