



## BOOK REVIEWS

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*Diagnostic Therapeutics.* A Guide for Practitioners in Diagnosis by Aid of Drugs and Methods other than Drug-Giving. By ALBERT ABRAMS, A.M., M.D. (Heidelberg). Consulting Physician to the Mount Zion Hospital and the French Hospital, San Francisco; formerly Professor of Pathology and Director of the Medical Clinic, Cooper Medical College (Medical Department of Leland Stanford Junior University), San Francisco. *Naturam Morborum Curationes Ostendunt.* With one hundred and ninety-eight illustrations. New York: Rebus Company, 1123 Broadway.

This work is perhaps one of the most interesting that has reached us in quite a time. As the author says in his preface, "This is neither a work on Therapeutics nor on Diagnosis, but an attempt has been made to conciliate both subjects with a special object in view." The volume is "A guide for Practitioners in Diagnosis by aid of drugs and methods other than drug-giving." The book covers in all over one thousand pages, and contains 198 illustrations. It is divided into six chapters as follows: "Diagnosis and Treatment," "The Interfering Action of Drugs in Diagnosis," "Diagnostic Pharmacotherapy," "Methods other than Drug-Giving in the Diagnosis of Disease," "Etiologic-Diagnostic-Therapeutics," and "The Diagnosis of Visceral Sufficiency."

The author shows himself to be "neither a therapeutic optimist nor a pessimist, and believes that more accurate clinical observations by means of objective signs would more surely establish a rational system of therapeutics." The author goes on to state that, in the presence of a sick man, there are two questions to be answered, as Sir William Jenner said: What is the matter with him? and What will do him good?

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