

embraces what is usually included under the head of principles of surgery. Special attention is given to the subject of inflammation from the surgeon's point of view, due consideration being accorded the influence of traumatism and bacterial infection as the predisposing and exciting causes of this condition. Then follow sections on the injuries and diseases of separate tissues, gunshot injuries, acute wound diseases, chronic surgical infections (including syphilis), tumors, surgical operations in general, foreign bodies, and bandaging. The second part of the work is really the clinical portion, devoted to regional surgery. Herein the author especially endeavors to emphasize those injuries and surgical diseases that are of the greatest importance, not only because of their frequency, but also because of the difficulty of diagnosis and the special care demanded in their treatment. Throughout special attention has been given to diagnosis, the section on laboratory aids being unusually excellent. The text is elaborately illustrated with entirely new and original illustrations, and evidently neither labor nor expense has been spared to bring this feature of the work up to the highest standard of artistic and practical excellence.

*The Ophthalmoscope and How to Use It.* By JAMES THORINGTON, A.M., M.D., Professor of Diseases of the Eye in the Philadelphia Polyclinic. 73 illustrations, 12 colored plates. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co. 1906.

After all, the way to learn to use the ophthalmoscope is to use it. No amount of theory can take the place of practice, but theory can smooth over some of its rough places. Necessarily a knowledge of the use of the ophthalmoscope implies the interpretation of the appearances of the eye-ground both in health and in disease. It is somewhat difficult to preserve a just balance, not to say too little or too much, and in this Thorington has succeeded.

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*Urinary Analysis and Diagnosis by Microscopical and Chemical Examination.* By LOUIS HEITZMANN, M.D., New York. Second revised and enlarged edition, with one hundred and thirty-one illustrations, mostly original. New York: William Wood & Co. 1906.

The second revision of this work appears after six years. In it the author has endeavored to simplify the methods and tests in the chemical examinations, leaving out the more complicated ones.

He has laid great stress upon the microscopical examination, and especially microscopical diagnosis; the especial feature of this most important branch of the subject is the numerous full-page