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For Students and Practitioners. By Astley Paston Cooper Ashhurst, A.B., M.D., F.A.C.S., Instructor in Surgery in the University of Pennsylvania; Associate Surgeon to the Episcopal Hospital; Assistant Surgeon to the Philadelphia Orthopedic Hospital and Infirmary for Nervous Diseases. Handsome large octavo, 1141 pages, with 7 colored plates and 1032 illustrations, mostly original, in the text. Philadelphia and New York: Lea & Febiger, 1914. Cloth, \$6.00 net.

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