

clusions drawn, as far as possible, from the results known up to the present. We most heartily congratulate the authors on their production.

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THE ETIOLOGY AND NATURE OF CANCEROUS AND OTHER GROWTHS.

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The above is a preliminary analysis of the results of the author's investigations, both original and bibliographical. It is embodied in a neat volume of about 100 pages, and will prove of peculiar interest, especially to pathologists. The various etiological factors, such as local irritation, the results of various occupations, decomposition products, the neurotic hypothesis, etc., have received full attention, as has also the effect of arsenic in regard to the results of its local action on the skin, in addition the X-rays, sunlight, and extremes of temperature, as possible causes of cancer, are dealt with. The author has not confined himself strictly to the consideration of carcinoma, but has included in his researches the benign growths, thus widening the field and taking a more comprehensive view of the whole subject of tumors.

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A banquet given at Philadelphia some time ago in honor of Dr. John B. Deaver, the well-known surgeon, was unique enough to satisfy the most exacting lover of novelty. All the 113 guests were physicians, each of whom had been operated on by Dr. Deaver either for appendicitis or some other serious disease. The fifteen waiters were laymen who had also been patients of Dr. Deaver. The waiters were dressed as Red Cross orderlies, and the punch was served in mannikins, each of which had a miniature knife stuck in it at the spot where the incision for an operation had been made. The banquet hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and plants. Many of the guests came from a long distance to pay their respects to the great surgeon, eleven States being represented. The occasion was a delightful one, and not one of those present regretted the experience that had qualified him for attendance.—*Ex.*