

forms of cataract is excellent, and the change in nomenclature quite justifiable.

There is another great merit in this work, which is that the mind of the author has been quite openly judicial throughout, and thus he has avoided many pitfalls of previous writers. His operation, which especially applies to the immature cataract, is to insert a hollow needle inside the capsule of the lens and inject a weak saline solution. Then the capsule is ruptured. As much of the lens as will easily come out is first removed as in the mature cataract by the ordinary way of pressure outside the cornea, and the remainder by irrigation. The apparatus used is minutely described with many illustrations. It may also be mentioned that the illustrations throughout are numerous and good.

The author prefers as a rule the extraction with iridectomy as it gives more surely good average results with less fear of after complications.

The whole book fairly consolidates our previous knowledge. That which is original is put forward in a way which shows so plainly the singlemindedness and knowledge of his subject of the writer that we feel we most undoubtedly have in this work a valuable and trustworthy contribution to this most important branch of ocular surgery.

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*Practical Handbook of the Muscular Anomalies of the Eye.*

By HOWARD F. HANSEL, M.D., and WENDELL REBER, M.D.  
Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Sons & Co., 1899.

This is one of the first text-books in handy form which has been compiled to deal exclusively with muscular anomalies. It has the advantage of conciseness, clearness and brevity. The presswork has been well done and the illustrations are excellent.

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