

## Book Reviews.

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**SURGICAL DIAGNOSIS.** By Edward Martin, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Pennsylvania. Illustrated with 445 engravings and 8 plates in colors and monochrome. 772 pages. Lea & Febiger, Publishers, Philadelphia and New York.

The general tone of this volume is exceedingly good. It has covered the whole range of surgical diseases, some not surgical, and endeavored to compress its many parts and descriptions into too small a space. There are so many admirable points about the work that it is probably unfair to point out what we consider the weak points. As an instance, the chapter on the upper extremity is quite worth the price of the volume and of the utmost importance to the general practitioner. It deals with the injuries to the hand and wrist that are common in everyday practice, and also with the more obscure. But where there is a chapter on surgical skin diseases we think that it would have been better to have dealt with the skin lesions in that chapter rather than mix them up in different portions of the work. The chapter on the skin is not a great addition to this book, because so many of the diseases described are not truly surgical, and as we mentioned above skin lesions are mentioned in the chapters on the face and the extremities.

In Chapter IV. the definition and description of Shock we consider altogether too indefinite. It dismisses the subject with too little consideration, because Shock is one of the most important and least understood conditions that we meet in surgery. The diseases of the nervous system are most admirably dealt with by Dr. Weisenburg, and from a clinical standpoint is as concise and accurate as it possibly could be in the space allowed for so important a subject. The illustrations and diagrams lend very materially to the understanding of the conditions.

We congratulate the publishers on the great success of this volume from a typographical and illustrated standpoint. They certainly have spared no expense to illustrate this volume completely, and the illustrations are of a very high order.

Those of our readers who are interested in the various forms of physiologic therapeutics (including hydrotherapy, electrotherapy, massage, hyperemia, etc.) will be glad to know that it is proposed to shortly inaugurate a new journal devoted solely