

Studies in the Psychology of Sex.—The Evolution of Modesty. The Phenomena of Sexual Periodicity. Auto-Erotism. By Havelock Ellis. 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ x 8 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches. Pages xii-275. Extra cloth, \$2.00 nett. Sold only to Physicians and Lawyers. F. A. Davis Company, Publishers, 1914-16 Cherry Street, Philadelphia.

This is a work on a subject which is surrounded by difficulties in its investigation which seem unsurmountable. It is also so thoroughly scientific that the facts, which the author seems to have unearthed, have to be considered with much more than usual thoughtfulness. Still it has much in it which is of absorbing interest to the student of those peculiar instincts, which we find developed in such varying degree of intensity in our race. The present volume contains three studies. The first sketches the main outlines of a complex emotional state which is of fundamental importance in sexual psychology; the second, by bringing together evidence from widely different regions, suggests a tentative explanation of facts that are still imperfectly known; the third attempts to show that, even in fields where we assume our knowledge to be adequate, a boarder view of the phenomena teaches us to suspend judgment and to adopt a more cautious attitude. Their special use is that they bring very clearly before the reader under varying aspects a characteristic, which, though often ignored, is of the first importance in obtaining a clear understanding of the tendency of the sexual impulse to appear in a spontaneous and to some extent periodic manner, affecting women differently than men. There is much in the book which will rivet the attention of the reader, but, to clearly take in its often ultra scientific deductions, the mind requires to devote itself entirely to what is before it.

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Sexual Debility in Man. By Frederic R. Sturgis, M.D., formerly Clinical Professor of Venereal Diseases Medical Department University of New York. Ex-Visiting Surgeon to the City Hospital and Blackwell's Island. E. B. Treat & Co., Publishers, 241 and 243 West Twenty-third Street New York. \$3.00 nett.

The author of this work has, for many years, devoted his attention exclusively to Venereal and Genito-Urinary diseases. He has long been considered by the medical profession in this country as an authority in this specialty, and his distinguished ability has received ample recognition abroad. This work is a noteworthy one, for in it Dr. Sturgis gives the results of his extensive experience covering the observations of many years.

"The principal reason for writing this book is to introduce to the reading medical public sundry opinions the writer holds upon sexual weaknesses in men, which, although they may be at variance with ideas generally received in this country, he is convinced from experience are correct.

"Thus in the chapter on Masturbation he has combatted the old and time-honoured belief that indulgence in this habit is the necessary prelude to both physical and mental degeneration, and, while