

its forms, which he subdivides into five classes, viz.: 1. That due to congenital malformation and defects of the sexual organs. 2. That due to acquired defects. 3. Consecutive impotence. 4. That due to inherited predisposition. 5. Neurasthenic impotence. The diagnosis, prognosis and prophylaxis are next treated of in separate chapters, and finally the subject of treatment is dealt with in a most exhaustive manner in all its phases. This section is especially "up-to-date."

In conclusion, will say that the volume before us deals very ably with one of the most important subjects connected with our social and our pathological existence; and that, accordingly, its contents should be mastered by every conscientious medical practitioner.

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The fact that five editions of this work have been called for in nine years is sufficient proof that the efforts of the authors have met with the success which they deserved. The author writes with particular clearness on the examination of the respiratory apparatus. It is very difficult to express in words the pathological sounds and signs which are encountered in percussing and auscultating the chest, but a careful study of Dr. Vierordt's remarks will greatly aid the student in understanding the alterations from the normal in both methods of procedure.

The chapter on the examination of the circulatory apparatus contains a vast amount of information; the description of the variations in the rhythm and character of the heart sounds is facilitated by some simple diagrams. The modern requirements of the examination of the digestive apparatus are met by full directions as to the chemical and microscopical analysis of the digestive juices.

The chapter on the examination of the urinary apparatus is also marked by the judgment exercised on the selection of the chemical processes required.

The directions for the examination of the nervous system form one of the best chapters in the book, especially that part of it which deals with electrical tests.

The work will hold its place as one of the most valuable and creditable treatises of its kind, and is in every way worthy of the success it has attained.