

unpleasant, as he may have to "damn with faint praise" the work of a friend, and so it is a relief to meet a work like this. We say without fear of contradiction that Gould's Year-book is absolutely the best published on this continent to-day.

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THE Macmillan Company announces the early publication of "Surgical Technique: A Hand-book and Operating Guide of all Operations on the Head, Neck and Trunk." With five hundred illustrations, by Fr. von Esmarch, M.D., Professor of Surgery at the University of Kiel and Surgeon-General of the German Army, and E. Kowalzig, M.D., late First Assistant at the Surgical Clinic of the University of Kiel. Translated jointly and edited by Prof. Ludwig H. Grau, Ph.D., formerly of Leland Stanford University, and William N. Sullivan, M.D., formerly surgeon of U. S. S. *Corwin*, and Assistant of the Surgical Clinic at Cooper Medical College, San Francisco. This work, now for the first time translated into English, has been thoroughly revised and enlarged by the translators, who have brought every operation up to date. It is a book which has for some time been of much importance to all surgeons who can read it in the German. The translation has been undertaken under the authorization of the German publishers, Messrs. Lipsius & Fischer, and the text used is that of the latest German edition, the sheets of which are now going through the press. There are upwards of five hundred illustrations of operations upon the head, neck and trunk. The translators have also embodied the best American instruments in the illustrations, and have omitted such German illustrations as are of little or no value for the American surgeon. In a word, their reproduction will form a complete practical operating guide for the American surgeon.

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A BOOK for boys is announced for publication by the Macmillan Company. "Ben Comee: A Tale of Rogers' Rangers," (by M. J. Canavan) is its title. Ben Comee tells his story himself. He gives in a healthy, stirring way a description of his boyhood and youth in Lexington in the middle of the last century, the coming on of the Old French War, and how he and two companions enlisted in the winter of 1758-59 in Rogers' Rangers. With this celebrated corps, "the eyes and ears of the British army," they served two years near Lake Champlain and Lake George against the French under Montcalm, going in dangerous scouting parties and taking part in the battles. In the course of the story we meet with Lord Howe, John Stark and Israel Putnam, and the adventures end with