

The style is simple and incisive, showing that the authors have learned to condense their statements without becoming obscure. Many of the names of the authors are familiar to readers of the English and Scotch medical journals. There are 53 illustrations. The editors deserve to be complimented on the good appearance and completeness of their fourth edition, which deserves a large patronage.

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*The Causation of Sex.* A new theory of sex based on clinical materials, together with chapters on The Forecasting of the Sex of the Unborn Child, and on the determination or production of sex at will. By E. RUMLEY DAWSON, L.R.C.P., London; M.R.C.S., England, Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, late member of the Council of The Obstetrical Society of London, formerly resident Obstetric House Physician to the Westminster Hospital. With twenty-one illustrations. London: L. K. Lewis, 136 Gower St., W. C. 1909.

Mr. E. Rumley Dawson has ventured to place this small book before the profession only "after prolonged and careful study." His subject is undoubtedly a most difficult one, and one that has mastered most scientists up till the present date. A great many have looked upon The Causation of Sex as an almost unsolvable problem, and it is to the credit of the author of this book to have opened the subject and placed before the profession clinically facts that pretty well establish his contentions.

*Surgical Diseases of the Abdomen with Special Reference to Diagnosis.* By RICHARD DOUGLASS, M.D., formerly Professor of Gynecology and Abdominal Surgery, Medical Department, Vanderbilt University, Nashville; Ex-President of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association; Fellow of American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists; Member of the British Gynecological Association, etc. Illustrated by 20 full page plates. Second edition, revised and enlarged. Edited by Richard A. Barr, B.A., M.D., Professor of Abdominal Surgery, Medical Department, Vanderbilt University; Late Major and Surgeon, First Tennessee Infantry, U. S. Volunteers. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut street. 1909.

The first edition of this work appeared in 1903, and in the present book there have been made only the necessary alterations which were required to bring the subject up to date. This edition is edited by Dr. Robert A. Barr of the Vanderbilt University, and his work has been well done. One special advantage of the method he has employed is that the reader is supplied with a very complete bibliography as an appendix to each chapter. The