

heart's mechanism which are met with in everyday practice can be identified by simpler means.

Reflections of this kind influence me in offering to medical men a small handbook, which I trust may inform them of the new facts and conclusions which are of chief service at the bedside.

I have confined the reproduction of graphic records almost to such as illustrate what may be seen and felt, for many disorders of the heart can be identified by sight and touch when these senses are aided by hearing. A single and portable piece of apparatus may be used in cases of doubt and difficulty, to supplement the observations so obtained. The Dudgeon sphygmograph is probably familiar to most medical men; fitted with elastic bands of attachment, and preferably with a time-marker also*, it readily allows a short strip of radial pulse curve to be obtained. Such a curve, alone, will usually place the observer in possession of facts, which are sufficient for an analysis of the common disturbances of the heart

* The complete apparatus is supplied by S. Shaw, Esq., of Padiham, Lancashire, at a moderate cost.