

and the injured one are made side by side, so that one is able to refer to the normal condition without having to turn up a text-book on Anatomy. There is nothing dogmatic about the work, but everything is stated tersely, and without any uncertain meaning. The chapter on X-rays is written by Dr. Codman, who has had a great deal of experience in this field, and illustrates beautifully the most practical method of taking X-ray. The concluding paragraph of that chapter puts the case in really the best form that we have seen it, and we therefore quote that paragraph: "This chapter has been mainly devoted to warning of the dangers of the Rontgen ray, and may in a measure discourage practitioners from its use. It should be stated, however, that when the limits of error are kept clearly in mind, the actual value of the discovery to surgical science is very great. When there is doubt of the detailed diagnosis of a fracture, no physician has done his full duty by his patient if he can command skiagraphic examination and has not used it. This is particularly true in medicolegal cases where there is a question of liability."

We would strongly recommend this work to the general practitioner and believe that he has in it alone a work that will tide him through any emergency in the treatment of fractures. The paper, press work and binding are of a most excellent quality.

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The eccentricities of the index-maker are sometimes almost as amusing as the vagaries of the printer's "devil." The following, even if it be not new, is good enough to be repeated: A learned clerk of Oxenford, who was interested in the subject of the Immaculate Conception, wished to consult a rare work on that theological dogma, which he had been told was in the library of a certain college. The catalogue, however, gave no clue, and, after exhausting his ingenuity in the matter of possible entries, the divine was driven to apply to the custodian, who, with the weary smile of one who has had long experience of human stupidity, at once directed him to the subject heading "Obstetric Anomalies," where, sure enough, the elusive tractate was found:—*The Practitioner*.

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A NEW LITERARY DRINK.

One tumbler of Byron's rhetorical splash,  
 One dram of Macaulay's heroical dash,  
 A smack of old Campbell (for flavoring this is):  
 Mix all up together, and drink while it fizzes.  
 Can you doubt what the beverage is that you're tipping?  
 It's capital, first-rate, in fact, R-dy-rd K-pl-ng.

—*Literary Digest*.