

the Skin, by A. H. Ohmann-Dumesnil. We can most cordially recommend this system to our readers. Knowledge of these subjects treated of would appear to be absolutely essential to every man who in medical practice desires to be honestly considered "up-to-date."

A Manual of Otology. By GORHAM BACON, A.M., M.D., Professor of Otology in Cornell University Medical College, New York. With an introductory chapter by CLARENCE J. BLAKE, M.D., Professor of Otology in Harvard Medical School, Boston. New (3rd) edition. In one handsome 12mo volume of 437 pages, with 120 engravings and 7 plates in colors and monochrome. Cloth, \$2.25 net. Lea Brothers & Co., publishers, Philadelphia and New York.

This manual is favorably known to all aurists, and the demand for it has been such that the third edition is just now issued.

It is a book written by a specialist for the student and for the general practitioner. The author has succeeded admirably in his effort to include in a compact volume the essentials of otology. To accomplish this he has left out theoretical discussions, and has made every part of the book as practical as possible. The author's wide clinical experience has enabled him to seize upon those points most likely to come to the notice of the family physician and to properly emphasize them. While written for the family physician, however, it is a book which no specialist can read without profit.

If one may be allowed to suggest, the index should be improved when the next edition is called for. It seems unaccountable that such subjects as "Finnitus" and "Vertigo" should not appear in their usual places. The subjects are, of course, properly considered in the body of the work.

The scope of the manual may be judged by the titles of the chapters, which are: I, Anatomy and Physiology; II, Methods of Examination; III, Diseases of the Auricle; IV, Diseases of the External Auditory Meatus; V, Diseases and Injuries of the Drumhead and Middle Ear; VI, Acute Purulent Otitis Media; VII, Adenoid Growths, Enlarged Tonsils, Diseases of the Nasal Passages; VIII, Chronic Catarrhal Otitis Media; IX, Chronic Purulent Otitis Media; X, Granulations and Polypi, Caries and Necrosis of the Temporal Bone; XI, Diseases of the Mastoid Process; XII, Intracranial Complications; XIII, Diseases of the Sound-Perceiving Apparatus; XIV, Deaf Mutism.

The book may be warmly commended for its conciseness, its clear descriptions, its excellent illustrations, and because in its methods of treatment it is modern and thoroughly practical.

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