

RECENT WORK BEARING UPON THE PATHOLOGY AND MORBID AN- ATOMY OF SHOCK. *

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I recollect one of my teachers in Pathology quoting in full Johannes Müller's lecture upon the functions of the spleen, the full text of which is alleged to be as follows: "Gentlemen: We will consider to-day the functions of the spleen. As nothing at all is known about the functions of the spleen we will therefore pass on to the next subject." The pathology and anatomy of shock appear to be treated in much the same summary manner by those who write on the subject. Pearce Bailey, "Accident and Injury in Relation to Diseases of the Nervous System" (p. 202), writes as follows:

"The belief which was at first systematically formulated by Page has now become general, that in by far the larger number of litigated

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