

tarily yield, the deepest portions of the belly may be searched. After the muscles have become familiarized with the pressure of the flat hand, the palmar surfaces of the fingers and the finger-tips



FIG. 1.—TOPOGRAPHY OF THE THORAX AND ABDOMEN.

A, mid-sternal line; B, side-sternal line; C, parasternal line; D, nipple line; E, anterior axillary line; F, right hypochondriac region; G, epigastric region; H, right lumbar region; I, umbilical region; J, right iliac region; K, hypogastric region; T, Traube's semilunar space; ii, iii, iv, v, on the left ribs of the same numbers.

The shaded areas are the absolutely dull regions of the liver, heart, and spleen.

may be used to investigate deep-seated regions. In cases of peritoneal effusion (ascites) tumours or enlarged organs may escape