

quite one of the best on this subject. The problems are carefully discussed from a scientific aspect, and expounded in a specially lucid style. For to those who wish to acquaint themselves with this important branch of psychology and education no better book could be recommended.

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THERAPEUTIC NOTES

VARICOCELE.

Nilson (*Zeit. für Chirg.-Leipsic*) gives his technic as follows, having operated in sixty-five cases: "The stumps of the vein are drawn such a distance apart that there can be no question of regeneration of the blood canal later, while the testicle is safely suspended from the internal abdominal muscle. The long, lower stump of the vein is drawn through behind the lower fibres of the common aponeurosis of the internal and transverse oblique muscles which are separated from the front of the rectus without disturbing the lay of the fibres or cutting them. The operation requires fifteen minutes to complete and is done under local anesthesia.

TIC-DOULOUREUX.

T. H. Weisenburg (*Ther. Gazette*) has had unfailing success with deep alcohol injections in the treatment of tic-douloureux. He employs Patrick's method of injection. A solution of 85 per cent. alcohol is used with 4 grains of cocaine to the ounce. He injects 2cc. In subsequent injections 90 per cent. alcohol is used.

COLDS.

The following ointment for colds of the throat, nose or chest, applied warm with warmed hands, rubbing well in over the bridge of the nose, throat or chest, is recommended by the Medical Council:—Mutton suet, lard, aa 1 teacup; gum camphor, $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce; spirits turpentine, ammonia water, mild, aa 3 tablespoonfuls; oil nutmeg, tablespoonful. The tallow and lard are put on stove until hot; gum camphor is then added. When dissolved take from stove and let cool a little, then add the rest of the ingredients and beat until cold. Keep in jars.