

of the rectum or pelvis, the diagnosis is surrounded by many imaginary difficulties." He also states that, "The secret of successful diagnosis of these diseases consists in taking nothing for granted. Every affection of the lower ten inches of the bowel, and most of those of the other pelvic organs, can be either seen or felt, if the practitioner will only take the necessary trouble to go about it in the proper way. The man who fails to detect the nature of a rectal trouble is generally the one who has either refused to employ the necessary and yet simple methods by which alone a diagnosis can be reached, or else has not sufficient skill and experience to interpret the physical conditions found." The author's methods of examining his patients are fully described in this chapter. Subsequent chapters deal with the various diseases of the rectum. The one on hemorrhoids is especially interesting, and will be found very satisfactory to the general practitioner. Several methods of treatment for internal hemorrhoids are described, but Kelsey himself prefers the clamp and cautery in most cases. The latest edition of this most excellent work is sure to meet with the cordial reception which it so well deserves.

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*Jacobson—the Operations of Surgery.* By W. H. A. JACOBSON, M.Ch. Oxon., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to Guy's Hospital; Consulting Surgeon Royal Hospital for Children and Women; Member Court of Examiners Royal College of Surgeons, etc.; and F. J. Stewart, M.S., Lond., F.R.C.S., Assistant Surgeon Guy's Hospital and to the Hospital for Sick Children; Surgeon in charge of the Throat Department, Guy's Hospital. Fourth Edition, Revised, Enlarged, and Improved. 550 illustrations. Two Volumes. Vol. I.: Operations on the Upper Extremity; Operations on the Head and Neck; Operations on the Thorax. Vol. II.: Operations on the Abdomen; Operations on the Lower Extremity; Operations on the Vertebral Column. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street, 1902.

Upon opening this new Jacobson, the first thing that strikes one is the large number of new illustrations, so helpful toward a perfect understanding of the text. It is impossible to go fully into a description of this fourth edition in the space allotted, but a few of the points that strike one may be enumerated. The portion dealing with mastoid disease is much more exhaustive, as well as the whole subject of cranial surgery. A more complete description of the various operations on the uterine appendages is given, as well as on the uterus, vaginal hysterectomy being dealt with in such a manner as to make the literary "gynæpods" jealous.

Several additional pages are given to operations on the stomach. Beraud's operation for tumors of the nasopharynx is given. In addition to the Davies-Colley and Fergusson operations for cleft palate, described in the last edition, Lane's is here described.