

The newer features of surgical otology, such as operations on the labyrinth, on the blood vessels, on the facial nerve in post-operative paralysis, lumbar and ventricular puncture have been given particular attention. The careful summing up of the opinions of many eminent surgeons, American and European, and a very complete bibliography, should render this book of great value to teachers and to those preparing articles for medical societies.

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*"Orthopedic Surgery for Practitioners."* By Henry Ling Taylor, M.D., Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and attending orthopedic surgeon, New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital; assistant surgeon, Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled, New York. D. Appleton & Company.

The purpose of this book is set forth in the preface, "an outline of the essential facts in regard to deformities and crippling affections, for daily use in general practice." It is a concise, thoroughly up to date manual and deals with the subject from the point of view of the general practitioner rather than the specialist, believing, as the author does, that it is the general practitioner rather than the specialist who has the privilege of detecting crippling affections in their incipency, when the application of comparatively simple methods of treatment may save many from deformity and death.

For convenience as a book of reference, the work is divided into general, special, and technical parts. In the general part the author describes the more important crippling affections. In the special part the affections of each part of the body are discussed, special attention being given diagnosis, prevention, prognosis and treatment. The technical part is devoted to the theory and practice of splinting.

The book is profusely illustrated, containing 254 illustrations founded on the work of the author, Dr. Virgil P. Gibney, Dr. Royal Whitman and other eminent orthopedists. Taking it altogether the book fulfils a long felt want, of the general practitioner, and no doubt will find its way into the libraries of many who have avoided orthopedic study for want of time to devote to the many extensive complicated works on the subject.

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