

outside influences that may directly or indirectly affect the heart. He reviews the methods of diagnosis up to the present, and describes carefully "Inspection and Palpation" of the Precordial Area. These descriptions are very fine, and stimulate one to improve his own methods. We were especially pleased with the method of inspecting the chest in cases of pericardial adhesions. He favors a solid cedar stethoscope and describes the one he uses.

In the third lecture we were most struck with his remarks on "Pulmonary Accentuation," the causes and dangers of the condition.

The work closes with some very practical remarks on treatment, mentioning exercises and giving the indications and contraindication for digitalis, of which drug he prefers the powdered leaf and the infusion.

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