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Before going into the pathology of each organ, the authors give a brief, but very carefully prepared statement of its histology. The functions of the various organs are also given in such instances as may be required to make clear the pathology. We can recommend this work in the very highest terms of praise. We think every practising physician should study it carefully.

CLINICAL MEMORANDA.

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This little book of upwards of 200 pages, makes no pretense at being a treatise on clinical medicine, but merely a series of condensed notes on a great variety of interesting topics. These notes are divided into medical, surgical, obstetrical, gynecological, and therapeutical—the diseases most frequently met with in practice. This is one of those little books that contain many useful suggestions and observations in condensed form, which can be read by a busy doctor in his spare moments. This is the real purport of the book. All through the book there are useful tips and tests. The book is got up in a very neat form.