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Volume III. certainly maintains the high standard of this system. The distinguished authors who write here cover the surgery of the head, neck and abdomen most minutely. Mr. Monaghan devotes two chapters to the pancreas and the spleen. In these chapters it is striking to note the great advance that the surgery of these inaccessible and important organs has reached. The distinguished author certainly ranks highest on these subjects, and has reduced the matter to a very small space.

The surgery of the liver is very ably discussed by the Mayo brothers, than whom no surgeons in America have had a wider experience.

Mr. Mayo Robson writes a chapter on the surgery of the stomach. That particular portion of the chapter referring to gastric diagnosis is exceedingly concise and up-to-date. He depends a great deal on the X-ray as a means of defining the outline of the stomach, and there is no doubt about it that this particular method of examination is most important for the diagnosis of stomach displacement and enlargement. When one sees the X-ray picture of the displaced stomach that it was impossible to determine by auscultation and percussion, it must carry conviction that the X-ray has been relegated too largely to unusual conditions and other than routine practice.

It is a practical impossibility to thoroughly review any one volume when that volume comprises so many chapters, each of which is a complete monograph in itself.

There is no chapter in this volume that is not worth the price of the whole work, and it is so thoroughly up-to-date that it should be, and we believe it is, exceedingly popular. The illustrations are largely new and exceedingly good, and the publishers have spared no expense in presenting the work in its most attractive form.

THE FREQUENT, URGENT DESIRE TO URINATE in old men, with some mucus discharge, is relieved by a teaspoonful of sanmetto every three or four hours.