

Section III. gives a succinct account of the surgery of the conducting apparatus, including its clinically important mastoid operation, whilst Sections IV. and V. deal respectively with the surgery of intra-cranial complications of aural suppuration, and diseases of the perceptive mechanism, and Section VI. closes with a clear account of the complicating aural affections. Altogether the book is a safe and reliable guide for the practitioner and student, and should retain in an eminent degree its previous popularity. The book is handsomely gotten up and well printed on good paper.

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**Scheme for the Differential Testing of Nerves and Muscles for Use in Diagnosis.** By J. MONTGOMERY MOSIER, A.M., M.D., Clinical Professor of Insanity, Neurology and Electro-Therapeutics Albany Medical College; Attending Specialist in Mental Diseases and Physician to the Out-patient Department for Nervous and Mental Diseases, Albany Hospital. Illustrated. Albany, N.Y.: Brandow Printing Co., Fort Orange Press, 1903. Price, \$1.00.

We have before us this little volume on Electro-Diagnosis. It is a very concise and accurate description of the diagnostic value of the electric current, the development of the muscle change, the determining of the degree in which that change has taken place, and its cause. Since tendon transplantation is becoming a factor in surgery, the usefulness of muscles and groups of muscles must be determined before the tendons should be transplanted. This can only be done by the electric current, and the little volume before us shows us the many points at which we can determine the action of muscles and groups of muscles and nerve action. Illustrations indicating the points at which the poles of the battery should be applied are very clear and distinct, and in fact are rather unique. It is a book that has opened up a somewhat new field, and has the first publication in English language with the diagrams. We heartily recommend the book.

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**Essays on Rural Hygiene.** By GEORGE VIVIAN POORE, M.D., F.R.C.P., Consulting Physician to University College Hospital, etc. Third Edition; 426 pages; 12 illustrations. Cloth, 6s. 6d. Longmans, Green & Co., Publishers, London, New York and Bombay.

The author laments, in these essays, that our large cities and towns are making Augean stables of our rivers and lakes, (which must serve succeeding generations for a water supply) leaving to posterity the task of Hercules. At present, the brunt of this evil is borne by the rural districts. Millions of dollars worth of manure is wasted each year by this foolish and extravagant system of sewerage which has largely arisen from the selfishness of the town-dweller, who cares little for agriculture, so long as the refuse is disposed of in the cheapest way, and the "city rates" are low.

Against the danger that village sanitation should follow "the fashion," the voice of the writer is lifted up and he endeavors