

have evidently been constantly before Dr. Sluss while writing this book.

It is very well illustrated, written in a clear style, easy to read, and carrying in every word of it the conviction to the reader's mind that the author is telling him exactly what he wants to know. No man who has the possibility of being asked to do average surgical work in his practice can very well afford to be without this in his library. The book is of a size and a shape that is easily carried in the pocket, and being bound in soft leather, is never awkward to handle.

A. J. J.

*Writing the Short Story.* By J. BERG. ESENWEIN. Publishers: Hinds, Noble & Eldredge, West Fiftieth St., New York.

This book embodies "the practical principles of short story structure as recognized by American and British magazine editors." Half the people nowadays read magazines half the time and crave for the short story, even newspaper accounts of occurrences must savor of a story, or the public vote them dreary reading. How necessary then that all who indulge in or work over any form of journalism, as we inclusively call it nowadays, should carefully study the construction and rules of story writing from the pen of the gifted editor of Lippincott's magazine.

W. A. Y.

*A Synopsis of Surgery.* By ERNEST W. HEY GROVES, M.S., M.D., B.Sc. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.); Assistant Surgeon to the Bristol General Hospital; Surgeon to the Cossham Hospital; Senior Demonstrator of Anatomy at the University College, Bristol. Bristol: John Wright & Sons, Ltd. London: Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co., Ltd.

Nowadays students are almost staggered at the amount of reading they find necessary to get all the essential points on any surgical topic. The author of this small volume has attempted to make an epitome of the salient facts in surgical practice, and to place these facts in such a manner that they may most easily and rapidly be referred to or revised.

The matter has been compiled almost entirely from notes made by the author in preparing students for examinations.

The general practitioner will find the work of very great value, in that it permits him, in a short time, to get the pith, as it were, of the subject he is considering.

The student will find it practically a complete notebook on surgery, and one invaluable during not only his pre-examination stage, but throughout his entire practice.

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