

applied without the aid of a dental expert, and every student should be trained so that he is able to manipulate a piece of wire so as to form, when adjusted to the fractured jaw, a most efficient splint. In justice to the author, however, one must agree that occasionally it is extremely difficult to reduce and hold the fracture in good position, and, in such cases, one gladly resorts to the aid that is afforded by an expert dentist, who can fashion a splint of much more general application than can be provided by the general surgeon.

The author's pronouncement upon the treatment of fractures of the vertebræ is thoroughly in accord with the views of those who have had experience in such cases. We fully endorse the views which he expresses by saying: "In almost all complete lesions, operations are contra-indicated." On page 77, figure 72 is far from being helpful, as it conveys a misleading and erroneous impression. The shading on the figure of a man is purported to indicate the height of anesthesia in a case in which the second lumbar nerve is involved, whilst, as a fact, the shading is carried high enough to involve the eleventh dorsal.

The sections dealing with the fractures of the bones of the extremities are handled in a masterly manner, and many most useful hints are given which should prove of great value to the surgeon who has the advantage of being able to consult this author. The book throughout is illustrated lavishly, X-ray photographs have been utilized in an effective fashion, and excellent diagrams of anatomical relations and apparatus form one of the most valuable parts of this thoroughly up-to-date treatise on fractures.

It is always a treat to find, as one does in this book, good paper, good illustrations and good printing, the publishers having certainly done their work well in this respect. Messrs J. A. Carveth & Co., Limited, 413 Parliament Street, Toronto, are the Canadian agents.

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