

BOOK REVIEWS

TABULAR DIAGNOSIS.

An Aid to the Rapid Differential Diagnosis of Diseases. By Ralph Winnington Leftwich, M.D., late assistant physician to the East London Children's Hospital, author of "An Index of Symptoms" (Fourth Edition), "A Pocketbook of Treatment," etc. London: Edward Arnold, 1913. Price 7 & 6 net.

This small volume arranges the salient features of the diagnosis of diseases in tabular form. The points of resemblance and difference are well set out, and put in such a form as to speedily appeal to the eye and to be readily fixed upon the memory. The first table contrasts acromegaly and criticism; the second, acromegaly and osteitis deformans; the third, acromegaly and pulmonary osteoarthropy; the fourth, actinomycosis and dental abscess. These are samples of the plan of the author. Two diseases head the page. On the left-hand side of the page are the signs and symptoms, while under the disease is stated what to expect. Take, for example, the table differentiating myxœdema from obesity.

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| Swelling | Hard, extends to ears... | Soft ears, except lobe unaffected. |
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| Sex | Females chiefly | Either sex. |
| Age | 35 to 50 | Any age. |
| Speech | Slow, thick and monotonous | Unaffected. |
| Mind | Dull | Unaffected. |
| Tongue | Swollen | Unaltered. |
| Temperature | Often subnormal | Normal. |
| Hair | Rough, brittle, and scanty | Unaltered. |
| Expression | Stupid | Little altered. |

The book can be recommended to those who wish to study diagnosis in this most interesting form.

MALINGERING AND FEIGNED SICKNESS.

By Sir John Collie, M.D., J.P., Medical Examiner, London County Council; Chief Medical Officer, Metropolitan Water Board; Consulting Medical Examiner to the Shipping Federation; Medical Examiner to the Sun Insurance Office; Central Insurance Company, London, Liverpool and Globe Insurance Company, and other accident offices; late Home Office Medical Referee Workmen's Compensation Act. Assisted by Arthur H. Spicer, M.B., B.Sc., Lond. D.P.H. Illustrated. London: Edward Arnold. Price, 10 and 6. 1913.

There are very few medical practitioners who have not had their troubles with the malingerer. This book sets to work to put the earmarks upon such, and to enable one to surely detect such a person. The various diseases and states that are likely to be feigned are set forth in