

BOOK REVIEWS.

The Cerebro-Spinal Fluid. Its Spontaneous Escape from the Nose; with Observations on its Composition and Function in the Human subject. By STCLAIR THOMSON, M.D., M.R.C.P., London, F.R.C.S., England, Physician to the Throat Hospital; Surgeon to the Royal Ear Hospital, London. One octavo volume, 147 pages, bound in muslin. Cassell & Co., London, Price, 5s.; American agents, Wm. Wood & Co., New York; \$1.50 net.

In this original monograph the author desires to establish a hitherto unrecognized pathological factor in the matter of the cerebro-spinal fluid.

The escape of the cerebro-spinal fluid from the nose as a result of traumatism has long been known and occasionally recorded; the *spontaneous* escape of cerebro-spinal fluid from the nose, however, is the special feature of this monograph.

In the description of nasal hydrorrhea by recent writers, the cerebro-spinal fluid has received but little recognition and has been indifferently analyzed.

The author has had exceptional advantages in minutely recording his observations in a case of this character, where the profuse discharge from the nose existed for over five years.

A valuable adjunct of this monograph is the careful description of the chemical and microscopical analysis of the cerebro-spinal fluid, which was discharged from the nose.

Nine cases have been collected, described and tabulated, where the discharge from the nose was undoubtedly cerebro-spinal fluid.

In a second table twelve cases of rhinorrhea are recorded where the fluid discharged was probably cerebro-spinal fluid.

The monograph is a valuable contribution, not only to physiology generally, but to the pathology and identification of various forms of nasal hydrorrhea.

On the Prevention of Eye Accidents Occurring in Trades. By SIMON SNELL, F.R.C.S., Edinburgh. Published by John Bale & Son, Oxford House, 85, 87, 89 Great Fitchfield Street, London, W. Price, 1s. net.

This attractive monograph is reprinted from the *British Medical Journal*, contains a series of excellent illustrations of various industrial pursuits in which the eye of the mechanic is unusually exposed.

The author offers the results of his large and most valued experience in this special line. His conclusions are put forth in a most concise and interesting manner, and are of particular worth to physicians living in large manufacturing districts.

Over 1,000 Prescriptions or Favorite Formulæ of Various Teachers, Authors and practicing Physicians. The whole being carefully indexed, and including most of the newer remedies. The Illustrated Medical Journal Co., Publishers, Detroit, Mich. Cloth, 300 pages, postpaid \$1.00.

This is the second edition of this handy manual, and is just from the press; it has nearly 100 pages of new matter added. The practical worth of this kind of a book consists in its having a handy and complete index. The book has some 16 pages of small type devoted to this object, and some of the lines have as many as 20 different references to as many different formulæ; this would go to show that there are about 2,000 different prescriptions given in the volume. We notice that many of the newer remedies are among the prescriptions, thus bringing the treatment of many of the diseases down to date. Both old and new writers of both home and foreign countries are represented among its formulæ.

Blank pages are frequently introduced, so that a handy place is furnished for recording any new prescription that one might wish to preserve.

Progressive Medicine—Volume IV. A Quarterly Digest of Advances, Discoveries and Improvements in the Medical and Surgical Sciences. Edited by HOBART AMORY HARE, M.D., Professor of Therapeutics and Materia Medica in the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. Lea Brothers & Co., Philadelphia and New York. Octavo, handsomely bound in cloth, 398 pages, 51 engravings and 5 plates.

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