

Many of the illustrations are to be commended; they have been brought together from a variety of sources. We recognize, of course, our old friends from Wilson; we doubt if it is possible to prepare a handbook of anatomy for the student without the use of such venerable figures as those seen on pages 186 and 224. The latter is a frank piece of ingenuity on the part of the draftsman; nothing like it has ever been seen in nature. Among the best illustrations in the volume are those drawn by the author. The only one appearing to us as imperfect is fig. 30, in which the pharyngeal orifice of the Eustachian tube is absurdly incorrect.

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ART. XLIV.—*Six Months under the Red Cross with the French Army.* By GEORGE HALSTEAD BOYLAND, M.D., Ex-Chirurgien de l'Armée Française, 12mo. pp. 232. Cincinnati: Robert Clarke & Co., 1873.

AFTER carefully reading and profoundly reflecting upon this book, we are tempted to hope that perhaps after all it is not meant as a serious production, but as an innocent, though feeble and somewhat laborious effort at pleasantry: should this surmise be correct, we would gently dismiss the author with the words addressed by Imaum Ali Zade to his "illustrious friend and joy of his liver," Mr. Layard's correspondent: "Oh my soul! oh my lamb! seek not after things which concern thee not . . . go in peace. Of a truth thou hast spoken many words, and there is no harm done."

Should this volume, on the other hand, really contain a veracious narrative, we can only regret that the American medical profession should have been misrepresented in the French army by such an one as the author paints himself. Gross ignorance of surgery and an utter want of that personal dignity which is traditionally supposed to characterize military officers, are revealed in every portion of the volume, and examples might be largely taken from any chapter; we shall, however, note only, as illustrations of the former quality, the author's remarks about amputation of the foot "according to Byrogoff" (p. 48), the "sigmoid flexor" (p. 52), and the "tourniquet, as made by Dupuytren, and improved upon by Pardoleben" (p. 149); and as illustrations of the latter, the accounts of the osculatory and pig-stealing adventures commemorated on pages 160 *et seq.* and 218.

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ART. XLV.—*Ideal Characters of the Officers of a Hospital for the Insane.* By I. RAY, M.D. Philadelphia, 1873. 18mo. pp. 45. Read before the Association of Superintendents of North American Hospitals for the Insane at its annual meeting in Baltimore, May 29, 1873.

IN this brochure Dr. Ray has most intelligently and graphically delineated the characters which should be possessed by the different officers of hospitals for the insane, and we earnestly commend it to the attention of those connected with the administration of such institutions.

It has been very shrewdly suggested that the author, in delineating the character of the good superintendent, has unconsciously drawn his own picture, and, we must say, that we fully recognize the faithfulness of the portrait. We