Book Reviews

DIE PHYSIOLOGIE UND PATHOLOGIE DER COÖRDINATION. EINE ANALYSE DER BEWEGUNGSSTÖRUNGEN BEI DEN ERKRANKUNGEN DES CENTRAL-NERVENSYSTEMS UND IHRE RATIONELLE THERAPIE. VON DR. OTFRID FOERSTER, Assistent der Psychiatrischen Klinik der Universität Breslau. Gustav Fischer, Jena. G. E. Stechert, New York.

We believe this to be the first attempt at a monographic treatment of that most interesting of physiological functions, coördination, and of its pathological corollary, incoördination. Surely the importance of this subject has merited its separate treatment long before this.

The separate phases of incoördination, in varying nerve affections, have been but illy analyzed or brought into relation with each other. The present most excellent volume is worthy of the warmest praise. It is not only a credit to its author, as an evidence of his scientific acumen and energy, but is intrinsically of great value to the practitioner in all fields of activity, especially in those in which questions of neuro-muscular functions are involved.

The author first considers Physiology of Coördination, considering coördination of the muscles and their strength and the coördinating functions of the central nervous system; spinal, cerebral, and cerebellar coördination, and compound, or mixtures of these. In a separate chapter the general pathology of coördination is discussed.

The major portion (78-305) of the pages is taken up with a most careful and thorough study of coördination in *tabes dorsalis*, in which the entire musculature and its activities are utilized in affording abundant important facts.

The work is of great merit, even if largely taken up with the study of one diseased state, and will be welcomed by all students of neurology.

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THE DRUG HABITS AND THEIR TREATMENT. BY T. D. CROTHERS, M.D., Superintendent Walnut Lodge Hospital, Hartford, Conn. G. P. Engelhard & Company, Chicago.

Coming as does this small brochure from the pen of an observer as well as literary man, the result is both of practical value and of readable merit.

Dr. Crothers treats, in a very simple manner, the alcohol habit, dipsomania, opium inebriety, and cocaine and other drug habits. Altogether there are but some 90 pages in this small volume, but there is much food for reflection contained therein.

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