NUOVO CONTRIBUTO CASUISTICO ALL' PSICOPATOLOGIA FORENSE. NOTE DI ANTROPOLOGIA CRIMINALE. Per il Dr. G. Sanna Salvaris. Cagliari-Sassari.

The author here contributes a series of short notes on some fourteen cases of medico-legal interest from the alienist view-point. In brief they deal with legal questions arising from arrest of mental development, 3 cases; melancholia, 2 cases; paranoia, 5 cases; alcoholic dementia, 1 case; epileptic insanity, 2 cases; and three miscellaneous cases representing homicide and parricide. JELLIFFE.

LE TRAITEMENT DES NÉVRALGIES ET NÉVRITES. Par A. F. Plicque. Ancien interne lauréat des Hospitaux, Ancien Chef du Laboratoire d'Electro-thérapie de Lariboisière, etc. J. Baillière et Fils., Paris.

This small volume is another of this excellent series of "Les actualités médicales," published by the well-known firm of Baillière et Fils.

Large numbers of contributions have been put forward both from the surgical and medical standpoints, bearing on the treatment of the neuralgias, and yet at the present time they present numerous points of difficulty in the practical management of many cases. The present volume, though short, is a practical résumé of the most recent studies and is deserving of special commendation. ELY.

HANDBUCH DER GERICHTLICHEN PSYCHIATRIE. Unter Mitwirkung von Prof. Dr. Aschaffenburg, Privat docent Dr. E. Schultze, Prof. Dr. Wollenberg, herausgegeben, von Prof. Dr. A. Hoche 8vo, 732 pages. August Hirschwald, Berlin, 1901. 20 marks.

A handbook of legal psychiatry which includes within its covers so much material of vital interest to the alienist, cannot fail to be appreciated in this country where the laws may be different, but the principles enunciated are the same.

With an increasing complexity of social relations the legal status of the mentally-afflicted citizen becomes more and more involved and as the general average of intelligence rises there is made apparent an increase in the interest in and stress laid upon matters which ten years ago were not thought about.

For the American alienist the first half of the book will prove of more interest. In it the authors present a series of clinical descriptions of diseased mental types that are characteristic of the forms which involve legal complications, and especial stress is laid upon detailed modes of examination for those symptoms which bear directly on the medico-legal sides of the problem.

For the jurist the complete exposition and the Prussian legal forms will be invaluable although largely incomprehensible for the non-legally trained physician.

A special portion of the volume deals with the clinical types of insanity. This by A. Hoche is to be commended most heartily. The work is a masterly one and deserves a wide recognition.

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