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INJURIES AND DISEASES OF THE BONES AND JOINTS. Their Differential Diagnosis by Means of the Röntgen Rays. By FREDERIC H. BAETJER, M.D., and CHARLES A. WATERS, M.D. New York, 8vo. 394 pages. Paul B. Hoeber, 1921.

This book, from the standpoint of the röntgenogram, concerns itself with the differential diagnosis of injuries and diseases of the bones and joints. The literature on this vast and important phase of medicine and surgery—literature that is easily understood, readily comprehended, and pleasant to read—is, indeed, scarce. True, there are numerous books on röntgenology, the majority of which, however, are so highly technical, or whose contents are devoted so largely to the actual technic of röntgenology, or in which the clinical aspect of the case, as the doctor sees it in his office, is neglected, that they are of but little value to the clinician. Such, indeed, is not the case with the book under review. In its preparation, it is very evident that the authors were in close and constant touch with the operating surgeons at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

In the text, one reads the main clinical points in the diagnosis. In the accompanying plates, of which there are 332, one sees illustrated, the differential points under discussion. The entire subject is presented thoroughly, systematically, and completely. To be brief, the authors consider normal bones, epiphyses, fractures, dislocations, bone infections, joint lesions, bone tumors, abnormalities, dystrophies, and present a separate chapter on the spine.

The reviewer predicts, for this book, a wide range and a useful future.

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